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EDITORIAL.

"WE WANT YOU TO GET MEMBERS THAT CAN PAY."

We were once sent to a large city Church whose expenses were rather heavy. At the depot we were met by one of the officials and taken to his home for the night. The conversation naturally turned to the condition of the congregation and their special needs. After canvassing these phases of the subject, we asked him if there were many unconverted people within the range of the Church and what was the outlook for saving them. He replied: "Oh, there are many poor people living near us who never go to Church service, but we are anxious for you to get somebody into the Church who can help us pay." That was a poser! He was not specially interested in the salvation of the people. Their conversion was a matter of no moment, but getting a few rich men into the Church was of supreme importance. He wanted money in the Church, but cared nothing for the salvation of the common herd! This led us to some serious reflections. There we were, in a new field and in the home of a prominent official, whose idea of a successful ministry was bringing men of wealth into the membership, whether they were converted or not converted. That indicated the temperature of his spirituality. We knew that if such an idea as that obtained among the officials in general, our work would be up-hill from start to finish. And such we found it as the year progressed. Since then we have often wondered to what extent this idea prevails among other leading congregations. While it may not be general, nevertheless we fear that there is too much of it. As we increase in prosperity, we increase in expenses. We want a finer edifice, a larger organ, a higher type of music, and then it follows that we want a finer preacher—one who will draw and increase the moneyed ability of the congregation. Following this state of things is the dominance of the finances of the Church and the depreciation of the evangelical and the spiritual. After this it does not take long to become secular and worldly, and to begin to imitate other denominations, and our members soon learn the ways of society. At this stage the pastor tries to hold his own and discipline becomes lax, and formality is the order of the day. Sunday morning finds a good audience out on dress parade, but the evening service and the prayer-meeting go by default. This is always the result with any congregation whose members lose all interest in the salvation of the unsaved. Therefore, the most hopeful indication in any congregation is the desire to see sinners brought to repentance and mourners converted. This is the normal state of Methodism. When the spirit of saving the people prevails among the membership, that congregation will not drift into dead formality in their worship and in their enterprises. It is all right to work for the conversion of rich and well-to-do people and to bring them into the Church on profession of a vital experience, but we ought to seek them for themselves and not for their money. The gospel as Christ preached it does not know men either because they are rich or poor,

but as sinners in need of salvation. As such it goes to them and calls upon them to repent and believe and come to the Savior for deliverance from sin. Give to the Church people who are saved from the power of sin, and her work will prosper. The desire expressed in the heading of this article, to whatever extent it may prevail, is indicative of a very incorrect idea of the purpose and aim of the ministry.

OUR METHODIST CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

We maintain that the form of government adopted and practiced by our Church is not only Scriptural, but it is also administered with equity and justice by those to whom it is committed. This could not be otherwise when we take into account the fact that the ministry and laity alike have a hand and a voice in all of our legislative enactments. In matters of this character, our chief source of authority is the General Conference. This body is a delegated gathering made up of an equal number of ministers and laymen from the several Annual Conferences. The clerical members are elected by the clerical members of the Annual Conference and the laymen are elected by the lay members of the Annual Conference. In the General Conference these two classes have concurrent and equal rights, and they constitute one law-making body. Our Bishops have no voice in this body. They are, in turn, the presiding officers of that body and decide questions of law. Beyond this they take no part in the proceedings of the General Conference. We lodge with them the right of veto, but their veto can be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the body. Next to the General Conference is the Annual Conference, and its business is carried on under the authority of laws enacted by the General Conference. This body is composed of all the traveling preachers within the bounds of the conference territory who have been regularly admitted as members of the same, and four laymen from each presiding elder's district. The latter are elected by the laymen of the District Conferences. And they have equal rights with the clerical members of the Annual Conference. Then comes the District Conference, which is composed of all the traveling and local preachers, together with a given number of delegates from every Quarterly Conference in the district. In this body the laity are in a large majority; and this is the body where all applications for license to preach are taken up and passed upon. No man can get into our ministry except through the vote of this body. And as the laity are in the majority, it follows that our laymen are more largely responsible for the grade of men who make up our ministry than any other class. Next to the District Conference comes the Quarterly Conference. This body is composed of all the official members of each pastoral charge and has charge of the official work of the local congregation. This body is largely composed of laymen, and they elect the delegates to the District Conference and also recommend to that body suitable candidates for the ministry. Then at the last comes the Church Conference, composed of all the members of the congregation in a given pastoral charge. All matters pertaining to the interest of the congregation are taken

up and passed upon at this meeting. All of these conferences are so correlated that the work of one does not in any way conflict with the work of the other. They are in perfect harmony because they work as integral parts of one great system. And in all of these parts the laity and the clergy work in fellowship and upon equal footing. If the action of a lower conference does not give satisfaction, it can be appealed for a final hearing to the conference next above it in authority. In the final hearing the question at issue is settled once and for all, and the Church has no further disturbance concerning it. Therefore, we can not have permanent trouble within our Zion as to men or measures, for our system of jurisprudence brings them to an end; and it does it with justice properly administered to all concerned.

AN EXCEPTIONAL COURTESY.

We spent last Sunday in Marshall and saw it announced that Bishop I. W. Joyce, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, would deliver a missionary lecture or sermon at night in the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church. This was something new under the sun in Texas, and so we determined to go out and witness that strange sight. So we did. The Rev. T. W. Jones, the rector, was in the pulpit in his robes, and along side of him was the old Methodist Bishop in his plain black clothes. The contrast was superlatively refreshing, and we felt very much at home. The rector conducted the preliminaries according to the rules of the Church, and then, in very befitting language, introduced the venerable Bishop to the audience. He spoke for more than an hour, in which time he gave many graphic accounts of the progress of the gospel in heathen lands, as they had come under his own observation in China, Japan, Corea, and other distant parts of the world. At the close of his address he thanked the rector for the courtesy of the invitation, and pronounced the benediction. The people enjoyed very much the strange sight of a Methodist Bishop in those environments, and his words thrilled them in a way that was very perceptible. We congratulate the Protestant Episcopal Church in Texas in having one rector who is large enough to set aside a ridiculous rule, and invite a Methodist Bishop into his pulpit. The Methodists in the State do not stand in need of such courtesies, and they are not specially benefited by them; but the Episcopal Church needs them, and their occasional extension would greatly benefit that communion. The Rev. T. W. Jones, of Marshall, is just about twice as large as the average Episcopal clergyman in Texas. True, his house of worship is a very small one, about one-third as large as the Methodist church in the town, but the rector was anxious to have his handful of people get the benefit of the experience and wisdom of this apostolic man of God, and he opened the door to him in a brotherly fashion, and thereby helped his congregation, and did honor to his own liberality and fraternal spirit. What a pity that the Episcopal Church in Texas is not filled up with men of this stamp, but we have never heard of but one, and his name is the Rev. T. W. Jones, of Marshall.

RAILROADS AND MINISTERS.

All of the railroads in Texas have now made half-fare permit concessions to all ministers engaged in regular Church work. This we are assured would have been done long ago but for the fact the privilege was open to abuse upon the part of many pretended and so-called preachers who are always ready to take advantage of favors of this kind. But now the Passenger Association has adopted a uniform system of half-fare permits and thrown around it such safeguards as to lessen the opportunity for these abuses. Still, with all of these precautions, these abuses will, in a measure, occur. Rascals and pretenders are very hard to head off, despite these safeguards. And as a result, out of the hundreds of these half-fare permits granted as a compliment to the ministry, numbers of them are found in the hands of scoundrels. How this occurs we do not know, but as to the fact there can be no doubt. And as a result, men who are not ministers and never were in the ministry have now and then been caught traveling on a clergyman's permit. The other day the Cotton belt passenger train came into Dallas, and among the passengers was a bum who had traveled all the way from Memphis on one of these permits. He had gotten it through some hook or crook, and was making use of it. Then one of the agents of this same road told us the other day that a red-eyed, swollen-faced drunkard came up to the ticket office and threw down one of these permits and called for a half rate. Therefore, it becomes important that our ministers handle their permits carefully, lest they lose them or have them stolen and they fall into the hands of the unworthy. Of course no regularly accredited minister would sell or give his away. Such conduct would be dishonest and lamentably mean. Were a preacher to be guilty of such a thing he ought to be expelled from the ministry. But we do not believe such a degrading piece of conduct as this possible. But when these permits do fall into unworthy hands, all reputable ministers to some extent have to suffer. Now that the roads have been so generous toward us, it becomes our duty to guard with scrupulous care these sacred trusts. If we hear of any man carrying one of these whom we know not to be entitled to it, we ought to report it to the proper authorities, so that it can be outlawed. Let us co-operate with the roads in our protection.

"WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO, WE CAN DO."

A half century ago a dissent college student, sketching the wonderful career of the first Napoleon, said: "Days grouned beneath events, the weight of which had made centuries to tremble." This was his way of saying that great results are often crowded into short periods of time. Francis Asbury was in the city of Charleston in January, 1800, and wrote in his diary: "January 1. Slow moved the Northern post, on the eve of New Year's Day, and brought the heart-distressing information of the death of Washington, who departed this life December 14, 1799." Charleston is six hundred miles from Mt. Vernon, but Washington had been dead two weeks before the sad news reached that city. When Garfield died in twenty-four hours the daily newspapers in England and Europe told millions of readers, and the flags in leading seaports of the world were at half-mast. In 1846, when the telegraph was in

its infancy, Mr. Calhoun, in a play of fancy not common with the great logician, said: "Magic wires are stretching themselves in all directions over the earth, and when their mystic meshes shall have been united and perfected our globe itself will become endowed with sensitiveness, so that whatever touches on any one point will be instantly felt on any other." To-day our men of science dare to talk of doing without the help of the "magic wires!" It is now as though the great world had been lessened in bulk, and the nations were crowded together. A great impulse may spread as a conflagration in a dry prairie.

John Wesley (1703-91) did not touch the first or last year of his century. If he had lived to see the year 1800, he would surely have planned some worthy movement. A few years ago astronomers saw the planet Venus pass across the face of the sun. They knew that more than a century must pass before this would occur again. This thought must have given peculiar, even solemn, emphasis to the hour. The incoming century is memorable not so much because it is the twentieth century, but it is our century. It gives us a good position from which to look far backward and forward. The great Wesleyan movement has a wonderful history. Beginning in our country with a very few it has grown so that, broken into a dozen divisions, the larger fragments rank among the most extended branches of the Protestant Church. We may easily be interested in the ministers heated intercourse between the two. We may lose sight of the vast whole, that is much greater than any of the parts. We ought not to pass the critical years just ahead of us in a tame, commonplace mood, without adding to the parts or to the efficiency of our extended plant. Let something attempted, something done, be the fit offering of the dying century.

Just how can any great movement of plan be brought near to the mass of our quiet, hard-working people? This can be done in two ways—by the pulpit and the press. Or, to state it more definitely, it must be done by personal appeal or by the printed page. If a person catches a new thought or impulse, he may speak of it to others privately or publicly. The itinerant or visitor has access to many homes which never hear from the editor directly. Yet the newspapers have a wide sphere of usefulness that cannot be measured. These two agencies, in fanciful shapes and degrees, have been employed recently among us with marked effect. Let them still be worked with increasing emphasis and power. Let Methodist tracts and Methodist ink be used freely. If our people can be brought to throw their hearts into any worthy design, their money will most probably follow in good time and in good measure.

It has taken all the past to make the present. Our use of the present, or our neglect to use it, will make the future of our Church. Let the children of to-day grow up familiar with large designs as they are discussed and enforced in table talks, in public or private circles, and in our religious newspapers. This may be a good preparation for the still wider designs and greater achievements that may fall to their mature generation.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

A man thoroughly educated for the ministry is all right and in demand, provided he is possessed of other qualifications. But education within itself is not sufficient. He must have a good quality of brain material, he must be thoroughly consecrated, he must have excellent adaptation to the work of the pastorate, and then he is the man for whom the Church is looking. If he is lacking in these particulars, all the education that the colleges can give him will not make him available for the ministry. If he is possessed of these qualities of mind and heart, his education will make him a very valuable man and he will be in demand. But the ministry is a very poor place for educated fools.

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subject, which is desired to lead to a more satisfactory and consistent understanding, if possible, of the real status of the infantile world.

I do not propose writing in a controversial spirit, or dogmatically, but rather inquiringly.

I have an idea that sin involves action upon the part of a moral, accountable, intelligent being. Where there is no such being, can there be sin? If we say sin can and does exist apart from such being, it might be asked, Where does it reside? It must have a place, occupy so much space, being so large and of such shape and color. This is true of all entities in the material world.

We know that there are other entities than material—magnetism, electricity, etc. These are real forces in the material world, and to destroy them no less personage than a scientist could indicate the result. Doubtless disaster would follow. But the destruction of sin in the human family would never work disaster. That this is the object designed to be accomplished by what God has and is doing will not be denied by any evangelical mind.

The processes of the Divine Being leading to such achievements will doubtless remain a mystery to the finite mind.

God has processes in the development of every form of life from the lowest to the highest. While this is true, we are not justified in saying he arbitrarily develops any form of life. I mean independent of predetermined conditions. Hence it is that certain environments must obtain before any form of life will develop to its intended perfection. This we think is universally true. If so, soul or spiritual life will not be admitted as an exception.

So, may we not conclude that the germ of eternal life is a constituent element, or rather the gracious heritage, of every child born into the world? and that by a proper exposure of the principles of life to the rays of the Sun of righteousness, and the makes himself the subject of all the appliances of the gospel, that this life of the soul will as certainly develop if he voluntarily responds to the motives and incentives excited by this character of influences as the principles of life in the acorn will develop by the environment suited to its nature?

Again, does not spiritual life have its incipient stages? Is it not an evolution of a hidden principle within? Is not the only difference between spiritual life in man and the life in the vegetable kingdom (as to their development) found in this, that man must accommodate himself to the laws ruling in the spiritual realm?

And when such an adjustment as is required by the gospel has been effected and is continued, will not the soul as unavoidably develop into its conscious union with the great Father of Spirits as any character of life will develop when surrounded in such way as its nature requires? (God giveth the increase.) This seems natural and by no means contradictory to a rational interpretation of any portion of the Book of God.

In accordance with the above inquiries, we will, by permission of the editor, make further inquiries.

West, Miss. R. A. ELLIS.

CIRCUMCISION AND BAPTISM.

1. There are two circumcisions—that of the flesh, performed by man, and that of the heart, performed by the Lord. Gen. 17:11: "And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you." V. 12: "And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you." Deut. 10:6: "And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live." This is as plain as language can make it. Two circumcisions—one of the flesh, the other of the heart; one performed by man, the other by the Lord; one a token of the covenant betwixt God and man, the other in order that man may love God with all his heart and soul, that he may live. No comment can make this plainer.

2. There are two baptisms—that of the flesh, with water, performed by man, and that of the heart, with the Holy Ghost, performed by the Lord. Matt. 3:11: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Acts 1:5: "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Here we find the same thing as in circumcision. Comment is unnecessary. Now, "things that are equal to the same thing, are equal to each other." We will give a simple illustration of this axiom: I hold in my right hand a piece of gold and in my left a piece of silver. You ask, "What is that gold equal to?" Answer, "One hundred cents in American

coin." "What is the silver equal to?" Answer, "One hundred cents in American coin." Then, if they are each equal to one hundred cents, they must be equal to each other. Now, are circumcision and baptism equal to the same thing, and therefore equal to each other? Certainly they are, if they produce the same results. Let the word of God answer. To that alone we, as Methodists, need appeal on this as all other questions pertaining to doctrine. And (1) circumcision puts us in Christ, Col. 2:10, 11: "And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power, in whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." Now, here is a statement, as plain as can be made, that we are circumcised in Christ, that circumcision is the "putting off the body of the sin of the flesh." Baptism puts us in Christ, or we are baptized into Christ. Gal. 3:27: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Rom. 6:3: "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death." Here we find the same said of baptism that was said of circumcision—i. e., it puts us in Christ. But what circumcision is it that puts us in Christ? The circumcision of the heart—i. e., the circumcision of Christ, made without hands, Col. 2:11. What baptism puts us in Christ? The baptism of the heart—that baptism which John said Christ should perform (Matt. 3:11), and which Christ promised the disciples (Acts 1:5). Wherefore Paul says, "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." I Cor. 12:13. So we see from these Scriptures that circumcision of the heart and baptism of the Holy Ghost are equal to the same thing, and therefore must be equal to each other. Now, we know that circumcision of the flesh was a seal of the righteousness wrought in man by the circumcision of the heart, for, mind you, the circumcision of the heart was in order that man might love God with all his heart and soul, and thereby live. Hence Paul, speaking of Abraham, says: "He received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of faith which he had, yet being uncircumcised." Rom. 4:11. Hence the circumcision of the flesh was a sign or token of the circumcision of the heart. Now, if circumcision of the heart and baptism of the heart with the Holy Ghost are equal to the same thing, and therefore equal to each other, may we not—yes, must we not—conclude that circumcision of the flesh and baptism of the flesh are equal to the same thing, and therefore equal to each other? If so, baptism of the flesh with water is a sign or token of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. But, again, the Bible comes to our support, and Peter tells us that baptism with water is not the "putting away the filth of the flesh." The baptism of the Holy Ghost does that. But the "answering of a good conscience," and, mark you, not to make the conscience good. "But the answer of a good conscience." I Peter 3:21. So we see that circumcision of the flesh and baptism of the flesh are equal to the same thing, and therefore equal to each other. Hence it must follow that those who had a right to the one have a right to the other. Infants had a right to circumcision; therefore they have a right to baptism. J. M. PETERSON, Farmersville, Texas.

THE BOOKS ON WHICH I WAS RAISED.

Upon one of my visits to father's I thought of and sought for a box of old books which had been hidden away upstairs, and bringing them into the light proceeded to look them over. How battered and tattered and torn! How pencil-marked and yellowed with age! And what memories they renewed! First, there were "Rollo in Switzerland" and "Walter in Constantinople," which were relics of one of the earliest visits of Santa Claus within my remembrance. How familiar they looked in the old blue and green coats! "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" came next. Then some prizes that Mr. Huddle gave us at Sunday-school—one of which was "Jane Eyre." There was somebody's "Voyage Round the World" and a weather-beaten copy of "Ivanhoe." The "Waverleys" and "Major Jones' Courtship," "Way Down East" and the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." "David Copperfield" (and others of Dickens' works, with whom we passed many pleasant hours) was a favorite. "The Leatherstocking Tales," which mother read aloud one winter caused dreadful dreams of Indians in war-paint and eagle feathers, ready to scalp us with tomahawks of great length; yet we always wanted "more" and never cried enough; and Nathaniel Bumpo is still my hero in American fiction. Father read aloud to us the History (I don't remember whose, but do remember that the binding was red) of the United States, and it seems to me now that we spent months on the Civil War, and that father knew a great deal more about it than the book; so that if we fail in a

proper appreciation of the Southern soldier and understanding of why the "battle was lost," 'tis not the fault of our father. There was "Tom Brown" in his school days and at Oxford; there was "Rienzi" and the "Arabian Nights" in a home-made leather jacket, which was an endless source of amazement, and yet I wonder how Morgiana disposed of the bodies of the forty thieves whom she killed with boiling oil, none of them making the slightest resistance or least noise. From a "Child's History of England" I could never get anything but a conglomeration of beheadings and burnings, in which the Plantagenets, Stuarts and Tudors took part. In the "Life of Benjamin Franklin," he is pictured as munching his roll of bread as he walked past a house, in the doorway of which stood a beautiful maiden. I found some flame-marked hymn books, which were saved when grandmother's house was burned during the war; and then my mother's Discipline, which, I think, had been given her by her pastor forty years ago. There was also an autograph album, containing some original verses, which had been given mother as a "token of love" by somebody who never came home from the war. I could find but few of the poets, nor do I remember that we had read poetry extensively. Byron, Tennyson, Jerusalem Delivered" we had, and uncle would read or quote Shakespeare to us all day and half the night, if possible, and always feelingly referred to him as my "near relation." But, alas! it had but little effect, for I never even feel sure that I am spelling his name right. At the early age of nine I remember myself reveling in the alarming situations, but entrancing sensations, of Mrs. Southworth's "Bride of Llewellyn," but to my great indignation and lasting regret it was unceremoniously taken from me, and I am still in doubt in regard to the fate of "Gladys," the heroine. Of course, they did it for the best, but I always like to see the end of all I begin. We doubtless read many other books, though these are the plainest on "memory's walls," and many of them have been re-read with pleasure. Of course, there was a grandmother's Bible.

SUNSET MUSINGS.

The sun is slowly sinking in the west. The clouds, all silver-lined, drift by, just as the shadows come and go across the checkered pathway of our lives. For truly this life is an ever-varying scene of light and darkness, sunshine and shadow. To-day we are buoyant with hope; to-morrow cast down by disappointment.

To-day we are vigorous with the glow of health on our cheeks; to-morrow stricken down by the dread hand of disease. To-day we bask in the smiles of prosperity; to-morrow adversity's frowning visage greets us. To-day the bright, beaming eye of a cherished one answers back to our fond glance; to-morrow that eye is glazed, the cheek grown pale, the loved form rigid in the embrace of death.

"Roses bloom, and then they wither, Cheeks are bright, and fade and die."

And yet, life is worth living, if lived aright, and sweet, if love-crowned. Joys, unmingled with pain, would become insipid. Our Father takes back the jewel he lent us, yet he places it "on high," to shine in greater brilliancy, "to allure us to heaven."

Sorrow in our heritage as the children of a fallen race; yet He has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Then may we, while the new year is so young, with the future holding its unlocked store of joys and sorrows, and its fields for usefulness, renew our energy in the Master's cause. And when trials come, let us remember the promise, "As ye have borne the image of the earthy, so also shall ye bear the image of the heavenly." And as the fitting shadows come and go, we shall have an abiding hope that

"Like the clouds at even" driven Over the many-colored west, Years are bearing us to heaven— Home of happiness and rest."

MAGGIE A. CANNON, Weatherford, Texas.

IT WAS GOOD TO BE THERE.

In response to the call of Bro. Wright, the pastors of Waco District met in conference at Fifth Street Church, Waco, January 3-5. The anticipations of this conference were pleasant, the realization was immense, and the remembrance is blessed.

Wholesome ideas were exchanged, helpful plans were suggested, and various ways and means were devised for the wisest prosecution of the work committed to our hands.

Beginning with a very forcible talk by Bro. Geo. Clark upon "The Preacher's Call to the Ministry," the questions discussed touched upon almost every phase of a pastor's life and work. As we talked of the preacher himself in his closet of prayer, in his study, in the pulpit, and in the homes of his people, our hearts were strange-

ly warmed, and we felt more than before the magnitude of our calling and our absolute dependence upon Him whose we are and whom we serve.

A genuine sympathy was expressed for that preacher who, for any cause, is detained from attending these conferences. The inspiration of a preacher's life comes in no small degree from the social and religious association with his brethren.

This meeting was sufficiently informal to forbid embarrassment, yet thoroughly systematic and orderly. There was ample diversity of opinion to provoke animated discussion, yet beautiful harmony throughout. There was no want for jokes and pleasantry, but we all were impressed with the deep religious fervor, and with the unmistakable presence of the Divine in our midst.

Our presiding elder was eminently at home and master of the situation. Courteous in ruling, suggestive in discussion, winning in social conversation and more than hospitable in entertaining, he has endeared himself more than ever to his preachers, and proven himself eminently capable of the position he holds.

The "from 2 to 5 o'clock" banquet tendered by Bro. Wright at the close of the conference session beggars all description. Only those who have been entertained in this home and have eaten the cookings of Bro. Wright's daughters can begin to appreciate the genuine worth of this much enjoyed and happily recollected affair. Beginning with the fish of the sea, and followed up by the fowls of the poultry yard, and whatsoever passeth through the modern grocery store, it was cooked and served in every imaginable style and fashion except the wrong one. Those always hungriest ones of us who ate sufficient at the first dash were a little embarrassed, but not wholly outdone, when the first change of plates was made. But when the second change, which meant the third dinner for some of us, came, and with it the command "The cooks expect every man to do his duty," there was a feeble hesitancy, a mighty effort, and a reaching of the conclusion with all, save Bro. Chambliss, who let on like he didn't want to keep the train waiting, and pulled out. Of the two large turkeys and all else in proportion, these sixteen guests ate only the choicest portion, and left the choice of the dwellers and servants of the household to enjoy through the day, which were to follow. It was with a look of disappointment, of defeat, that Bro. Nelson ran up the white flag as he surrendered, surrounded by the most tempting that modern cookery can afford.

In unwritten resolutions we resolved and re-resolved and resolved to resolve again that all our ransomed powers we would consecrate to bring up in full the collections ordered by the Annual Conference; to press with vigor the claims of the Twentieth Century Fund; and yet, more than all, to endeavor to be used of "the God that answereth by fire" to kindle a flame of revival burning that will sweep the entire district.

May God bless these faithful preachers. May he bless them daily, as according to agreement they approach the throne of grace, that heaven may to each of them

"Give tongues of fire and hearts of love To preach the reconciling Word; Give power and unction from above, Whene'er the joyful sound is heard."

E. R. BARCUS, West, Texas.

FROM REV. G. E. CLOTHIER.

I notice in Texas Personals in the issue of January 11, 1899, something relative to a certain brother who left the Methodist Church and went to the Baptist Church and then had the bad taste to criticize and vilify those who no longer had work for him. It is a pity a man will be so indiscrete, for such action harms only the man himself. A man five years in the Methodist itinerancy should have learned enough of the system of government to understand the Methodist Church is of all Churches less troubled about a fellow who gets on and off as she moves along, whether it be a Bishop or a circuit rider. It is the easiest Church to get into and get out of perhaps on earth. She will labor earnestly in the effort to bring a man to salvation and to enlist him in the Master's service. Nevertheless he will never have the least trouble about getting out if things do not suit him. When a man goes into another Church and fires into the people he has left it is just to infer, to say the least, he is small caliber. Even suppose it true, while I believe it is rare that a man is badly treated by his brethren, we may learn from the great brained, big-hearted St. Paul how to bear and meet the unjust treatment of brethren. Railing and vituperation are the weapons of a small soul. If God be for us, who can be against us? A good man may well trust in God to vindicate and defend him. Not only is this true, but a man lowers himself in the estimation of the best people of any denomination when he seeks such cover to vent his spleen against those brethren from whom he has separated. Changing Churches (unless for the glory of God or a more profitable field in which the Master may have the credits is not best, and if when this is done by a person he displays bitterness and is revengeful, the Church he enters will be the sufferer in the end. I love the Church I have chosen too sincerely to wound them by a word aimed at a sister Church, we all love and honor. A man happy and contented in his Church relations will have little disposition to decry the shortcomings and faults of a sister Church. Charity is kind and suffereth long and is not puffed up. Next to the Presbyterian Church the Methodist Church is close to my heart. So kindly have I been received and cared for by the Presbyterians that I felt at home at once. So much so that I ask myself at times how can it be possible? Its leaders are not furious orators like John, but she is the steadiest moving organization on earth. Never any shipwrecks or tumbling into washouts. She moves right on. We are like you are, Doctor—do not fancy fellows in our pulpit that lick out their tongues and cut up monkey skins. We believe in doing things in decency and in order. I take the Advocate and read it for three reasons. First, because I love the editor; second, because I love the publisher; and third, because I love the Church and Methodist preachers. All I am under God I owe to my mother and the Methodist Church. Strange as it may seem to say it, I believe it was providential that I am where I am; yet I would be an ingrate to wag my tongue or use my pen against my mother. I say providential because the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church suit me exactly. Long before I left the Methodist Church my theological trend was toward Calvinism. Never since I left the Methodist Church have I harbored any bitterness, nor have I had the least doubt as to the propriety of my course. Not in all my life before has my conscience been at such rest and peace.

If any brother in your personal is troubled with his new relation in the Baptist Church, and if he is at all comfortable as a preacher, he should remember that he was cared for and given a field by the Methodist in which he could learn how to preach. This fact ought to inspire him with gratitude. I am entering my second year as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Waxahachie. My relations with Bros. Bishop and Bourland are genuinely cordial and brotherly. And to all of my brethren of the Methodist fraternity I extend greetings and pray for their enlargement and success in the Master's vineyard, and to you, Doctor, and Louis Blacklock, allow me exceptionally and specially to say that I bless you.

Waxahachie, Texas. G. E. CLOTHIER.

BISHOP McCABE. The Famous Minister's Experience with Coffee. The well-known bishop said to one of his friends, some years ago, "I was a great sufferer from severe headaches, and at times after traveling many miles to dedicate a church or perform some other important duty, found myself confined to a bed when the time came and was unable to carry out my work. I finally discovered that when I left off coffee for a few days the headaches disappeared, and by further experiment discovered that the coffee was undoubtedly the cause of the difficulty, which finally entirely disappeared when I left off coffee altogether."

The person to whom this remark was made is Mrs. Amy K. Glass, wife of a Methodist minister at Rolfe, Ia. She says, "My own experience with coffee was very convincing. I was grown up before I ever drank coffee, but was advised by a friend (who meant it kindly) to use weak tea and coffee, because a warm drink aided digestion. I soon thereafter commenced to have nervous and sick headaches; could not believe it was the coffee. "My husband, who had suffered from dyspepsia while a young man in college, and found relief by leaving off coffee, often told me he was satisfied my headaches were caused by coffee, so I gave up the coffee and took up Postum Cereal Food Coffee. The change taught me in a most convincing manner that coffee was the cause of the headaches, but now I have an equally good coffee in Postum, and its health-giving properties are simply undeniable. Our little children use Postum regularly and go off to school as healthy and happy as children should. If ever husband or myself take a drink of weak coffee at an evening gathering or church social, we are kept awake until past the middle of the night. Yours for health."

Waxahachie, Texas. G. E. CLOTHIER.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

North Texas Conference.

BELCHER CIRCUIT.

Charlie Martin, Feb. 4: Never have the church-goers of our community listened to a more impressive sermon than the one which fell from the lips of Rev. W. H. Brown to-day.

NEVADA.

S. W. Miller, Feb. 5: I wish to state, in reply to the many inquiries made to me last week as I took a pleasant tour through my old works, Weston and Bethel, that on returning home I found my wife much improved.

DENISON MISSION.

M. A. Cassidy, Feb. 5: Our city mission is still running every night, and from the very first God has blessed our work. For the month of January we had 2171 total attendance.

CAMPBELL.

J. T. Bludworth, Feb. 2: Miss Flora Fowlkes, of Friendship Church, being present at the pounding the Campbell people gave up last week, went home and said to her people: "Why can't we do as well as Campb-"

RHOMIE.

Frank M. Sherwood, Feb. 5: First Quarterly Conference for Rhomie Circuit, Bowie District, North Texas Conference, embraced February 3 and 4.

the ministry, and we had collected \$30 for repairs on church and parsonage. On Sunday we collected for district parsonage furniture \$10. Last, but not least, on the night of January 30, about fifty or sixty of Rhomie's young people and children gave us a nice pounding.

KEMP.

C. C. Davis, Feb. 5: Our charge seems to be improving. Congregations are increasing and the interest in the services is good. There was a falling off in the congregations here Sunday and Sunday night.

HENRIETTA.

L. S. Barton: The work is progressing at Henrietta. This is our second year here. Bro. Patterson served the Church last year, and his excellent sermons are frequently mentioned.

CUMBY.

S. L. Ball: I am now in my second year on this work. Everything is moving smoothly along. Many kind words and good deeds have been manifested.

FAIRLIE.

J. W. Beckham, Feb. 6: I was returned to this work by the good Bishop from the conference at Honey Grove in November. We came home from conference and began to plan and pray for a great revival.

DETROIT.

J. A. Oel, Jan. 28: As to secular enterprise and progress, Detroit is on a boom. Five brick stores are being erected; an electric plant is almost ready for operation.

GREENWOOD.

Ransom Johnson, Jan. 29: Our first Quarterly Conference has gone off. It was a perfect success in every sense of the word.

Northwest Texas Conference.

CISCO. E. Hightower, Jan. 31: Cisco station is all right. The pastor was in the pulpit the Sunday after conference and has been at work since.

HARMONY.

A Member, Feb. 4: Sunday was a good day at Harmony. Bro. Geo. W. Lewis, who has been preaching for us for the last twelve months every first Sunday, came out Sunday and preached us a very fine sermon on the visible and the invisible kingdom.

made the statement that God had always had a Church; but the Church, in its visible and organized form, began with Abraham's family, which developed into the twelve tribes as branches of Israel.

HANGS.

W. A. Manly, Jan. 31: Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 20th and 21st. The weather was fine, the congregations good and the services most excellent.

OGLESBY.

R. M. Morris, Feb. 5: At the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference, through the providence of God, I was taken away from the West, where I had been preaching for eleven years.

ALLEN.

J. M. Bond, Feb. 6: Our first Quarterly Conference was the 27th of January. Bro. Morris was on hand. It showed us out on Sunday, but Bro. Luther B. Tinsley came Monday and continued our meeting.

BRECKINRIDGE.

I. E. Hightower, Feb. 5: We are serving well on this charge. We received a warm welcome on our return from conference. Our congregations have been large and attentive.

KILLEEN.

H. N. Banks: We have at Killeen one of the best Sunday schools I ever saw. We have between seventy-five and a hundred regular attendants. We have the best Superintendent I ever saw in Texas.

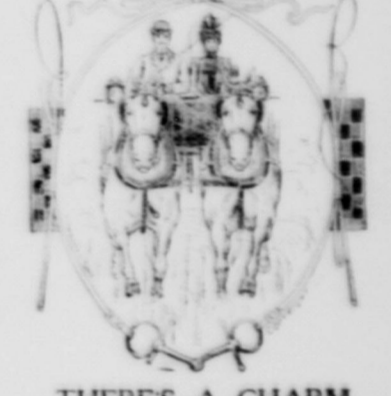
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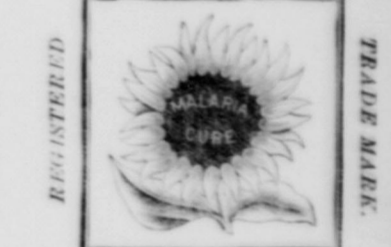
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Our Young Folks

IF PAW COULD HAVE HIS WAY.

If paw could have his way, I bet that purty sudden there would be some changes what would make the people stop and stare; They wouldn't be no heroes then, exceptin' only paw, And this would be the greatest world a-buddy ever saw; They wouldn't be no bills fer gas, nor tax fer folks to pay, And cars would jist be run fer fun, if paw could have his way.

If paw could have his way I guess the grass would grow so quick I'd have to mow it every day to keep things lookin' slick, And every time my shoes wore out they'd be another pair, Begin to sprout right off to keep my feet from gittin' bare, And maw, she'd set around and smile, without a word to say, But only listen all the while, if paw could have his way.

If paw could have his way, the men that's holdin' office now would never start to do a thing till paw had told them how; They'd never go to war unless he said they ought to go, And they'd depend on him to show them how to beat the foe; The millionaires would every one be workin' by the day, And purty glad to have the chance, if paw could have his way.

If paw could only have his way, the winters would be hot And in the summer time the snow would fly, I tell you what! The dry spells always would be wet, the wet spells they'd be dry, And when the sun was shinin' clouds would spread across the sky; Then March would be October and December would be May, And they'd be more Sunday mornings, too, if paw could have his way.

If paw could have his way, the crowds would cheer for him, I bet, And all the fashionable folks would want him in their set; The people that we know would all have less than we had then, And wouldn't leave us cut when they got parties up agen! We'd have the best house on the street and all the folks would say That they'd be glad if they was us— if paw could have his way. —S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Times-Herald.

OIL AND WATER CONVENTION.

I was sitting in a reading room of a public library in a distant city, and had just finished reading '097, that story in which Rudyard Kipling makes locomotives talk to each other so intelligently. I yawned, threw the book on the table, remarked aloud to myself (there being no one else in the room) upon the absurdity of making inanimate things carry on a conversation, and, picking up my hat, was in the act of leaving, when I was arrested by a remark addressed by the Water Cooler to the Oil Can:

"Oil, we are living in a most liberal age."

"Sure!" said the can of oil in a soft, lubricated voice.

"The most liberal age the world has ever seen."

"And no mistake," assented the oil. "An age in which narrowness and bigotry are being relegated to the rear."

"Exactly!" with evident relish.

"Now," continued the Water Cooler, "don't you think it is time you and I were settling our differences and beginning to mix a little better than we have been doing?"

"This was getting interesting; I resumed my seat.

"I don't know," said the can of oil, slowly and thoughtfully, but kindly; "What set you to thinking about it?"

"Why, not long ago I was in a room where a certain board of Y. M. C. A. directors met, and they had before them the request of some Christian Scientists to be allowed to use the Y. M. C. A. lecture room for the purpose of giving some public Christian Science lectures."

"Well?"

"Well, there was one rather stern-looking director who objected."

"And what did he say?"

"He asked if the Christian Scientists did not deny the existence of sin, and consequently the atonement and regeneration; (I thought I never heard anything more ridiculous than this cooler of water stating a theological argument) and if the Y. M. C. A. was not evangelical and did not stand for all these?"

"And what were the answers to his inquiries?"

"Oh! they were answered in the affirmative, of course, for the Y. M. C. A. does stand for these doctrines as fundamental to Christianity."

"And then?"

"Then the director said: 'I am opposed to letting out our hall for the purpose of aiding in the dissemination

of this foolishness, and the attempted overthrow of vital principles which we represent.'"

"Well!" said the can of oil.

"Then," continued the cooler, "a number of voices exclaimed: 'Oh! it doesn't matter. Why, man, you are so narrow and bigoted. This is an age of breadth, freedom and tolerance, when people of all creeds mix and stand on the common ground of love and sympathy.' 'What are principles? Bah!' and they snomed him under."

"Granted the request?"

"With a whoop."

"And so that set you to thinking about our differences?" said the can of oil meditatively.

"Yes! I think we ought to be ashamed of ourselves, and I propose that in future, whenever we are brought in contact with each other, instead of making mediæval donkeys of ourselves, we proceed to mix."

"Bravo! Agreed!" exclaimed the can of oil; and thus these bigots of old fell in with the spirit of the age.

I arose again to go.

A thought occurred to me: I seized the tumbler that was near the water cooler and drew it half full of water. I then walked across the room to the oil can, poured some oil on the (recently) troubled water, and placed the glass containing the oil and water on the table.

"They did not mix! The mediæval donkeys, and this is what I thought: 'To put emphasis on what a man is rather than on what he thinks is right; and the union of those who agree on vital questions is desirable; but to go too far in the right direction is wrong.'"

As I stepped out on the pavement, people stared at me because I could not repress a broad grin which was due to my recalling at that moment what a negro once said about his dog which was, at his command, chasing a hog from the field: "Dat dawg done run clean by dat hawg." The dog had gone too far in the right direction.—Western Recorder.

THE CREDIT MAN'S COSTLY ERROR.

Sometimes a credit man goes all wrong, but not often. A country merchant came up from Indiana with a written list of the things he wanted. He said he was new to the business, but he meant to have a partner who was wise. After he had picked out goods amounting to eight thousand dollars he was introduced to the credit man, and he looked so uncouth and inefficient that the credit man wondered how good clerks had been wasting their time on him.

"What terms do you want, Mr. —?" He stopped, and the visitor supplied the name.

"Well, down in our country we always pay after harvest."

"But harvest is past. You don't mean next harvest—in 1900—do you?"

"Well, that's when my people will pay 'em."

"Oh, we couldn't do that. Ninety days is the very best I could give you. And even at that he wanted to know a great many things about his visitor's prospects.

"How much if I pay all in sixty days?"

The credit man quoted the terms. "How much in thirty?"

A discount was mentioned. "How much for cash?"

"Spot cash? Money down?"

"Yes—currency."

It was a wild question. The credit man knew that he had no chance to get eight thousand dollars out of that man, and he quoted a beautiful discount.

"Well, receipt the bill," was the countryman's rejoinder. And out from the folds of a three-dollar suit of clothes he dragged money enough to buy a yacht and run it all summer.

He didn't put on much style, but he "figures" he saved the expenses of his Chicago trip.—Chicago Evening Post.

HIS FIRST HUNDRED DOLLARS.

The late Mr. Massey, of Toronto, who was a successful business man, is quoted as having said that the hardest money to acquire of all the wealth he had accumulated was the first one hundred dollars. This has been the experience of numerous others, several hundred of whom have said the same at different periods during the past fifty years, or so. Mr. Massey, like those others, was wont to add that the young man who could get ahead that amount, possessed the qualities necessary to succeed in life.

There is a lesson of great value in the fact mentioned by Mr. Massey. Young men themselves know how true it is, if they have the quality of self-examination. They have small salaries, and after living expenses are provided for there is little left at the end of the week or the month. It seems such an insignificant amount that they do not think it worth while saving it, and so it goes in some:

perfluous pleasure or gratification. It is burning a hole in their pockets until they hurry to get rid of it. They find it impossible to hold the saving of one week or month until that of another could be added to it. Mr. Massey had this difficulty just as hundreds and thousands had before him. But he resisted the temptation, no doubt at great sacrifice of desire, and in course of time accumulated what to most young men starting out for themselves on small salaries is a fortune; he was the proud possessor of one hundred dollars, all his own, made by himself, and free from claims of all kinds. He was a capitalist, and in his circumstances a very considerable one. He got with his money his first idea of the power of it, and he learned the lesson, which he could never forget, that it was only by saving the pennies that the pounds accumulated. It was the lesson that he and all others had, and have, to learn to make business success possible.—Manitoba Free Press.

HOW PATTI IDENTIFIED HERSELF.

On her recent marriage to Baron de Cederstrom, Patti left orders at her home that her mail should all be forwarded to the Cannes postoffice. On her arrival there she went to the post-office and asked if there were any letters for the Baroness Adelina de Cederstrom Patti.

"Lots of them."

"Then give them to me."

"Have you any old letters by which I can identify you?"

"No, I have nothing but my visiting card. Here it is."

"Oh, that's not enough, madam; any one can get visiting cards of other people. If you want your mail, you will have to give me a better proof of your identity than that."

A brilliant idea then struck Madame Patti. She began to sing. A touching song she chose, the one beginning, "A voice loving and tender," and never did she put more heart into the melody. And marvelous was the change as the brilliant music broke through the intense silence. In a few minutes the quiet postoffice was filled with people, and hardly had the singer concluded the first few lines of the ballad when an old clerk came forward and said, trembling with excitement: "It's Patti Patti! There's no one but Adelina Patti who could sing like that."

"Well, are you satisfied now?" asked the singer of the official who had doubted her identity. The only reply which he made was to go to the drawer and hand her the pile of letters.

FORAGING OR STEALING.

The prosecuting attorney sat down. As he mopped his brow he gazed triumphantly at the judge and at the lawyer who represented the prisoner.

The prisoner was an old darkey. His face was as black as the ace of spades and as wrinkled as a piece of crinoline. In his kinky hair strands of white numbered those of black.

During the trial of the case his eyes had never left the judge. "Fo' de laud, ef dat ain't Marse Jim!" he had exclaimed when brought into the court room by a stalwart deputy. And two long, regular rows of white teeth had been revealed by his pleased smile.

The testimony of the witnesses had been of no interest to him. He laughed scornfully when the young lawyer who had been appointed by the court to represent him poured forth college rhetoric. The prosecuting attorney had been ignored. "My ol' Marse Jim gwine ter fix hit," he whispered softly to himself.

The judge straightened himself and wiped his glasses solemnly. "The prisoner is found guilty as charged," he said, as he adjusted his gold-brimmed affairs on his nose. "Has the prisoner at the bar anything to say to show cause why he should not be sentenced?"

In his turn the darkey straightened up. The stern look of the court caused his face to fall. Then he stood up. His eyes were sparkling with indignation.

"Yes, sah," he said, "I has somepen ter say, an' I use gwine ter say hit. Ef dey's trouble comin' down, you blame me 'ca'se you ast me ter talk."

"Now looky heah, Marse Jim, you knows me jes' as well as I knows you. I've known you eber since you was knee-high to a duck, an' you ain't nebber done nothin' right mean till jes' now."

"Dey brought me in heah an' tole me I stole a shoat. But I didn't 'tink rothin' ob dat; an' you nebbeh did befoah tell jes' now. I come heah atfah justice. I thought I was gwine ter get hit 'ca'se you was judge. But I fin's I is mistaken. If I'd er known I'd got ter make er fight fer hit, I wouldn't 'er had nothin' ter do wid dis heah piece of pizen-faced white trash ober heah— I'd er got er lawyah. He ain't none ob de quality, I knows, 'ca'se my folks befoah de wah was de right kin'. But I d'dn't know dat, an' now you axe me if I use got anything ter say. Yes, sah! I use somepen ter say, an', as I tole you, I use gwine ter say hit."

"Marse Jim, does' you 'member dat

I was yo' body servint durin' de wah? Didn't I use ter ruffle fer grub fer you an' yo' chum when de ration got sho't? An' didn't you use ter smack yo' lips ober my cookin' an' say, 'Jim's er powerful good forager?' Why, I stole chickens an' turkeys an' shoats fer you clean from Chattanooga ter Atlanta Georgy! An' ebery time you got er squah meal, which was most generally 'casionally, you en yo' chum 'ud say 'Jim's er powerful good forager!' You didn't say nothin' agin' hit then. No sah! An' I wants ter know, if hit was foragin' then, huccome hit steallin' now?"

An' doan you 'member, Marse Jim, when you was shot an' de Yanks took you prisoner at Chancellorsville? Didn't you gib me yo' gray uniform en er lock ob yo' hah en yo' sword, en didn't you say kinder honse like, 'Take 'em ter her?' An' didn't I take 'em? I toted dem things through de bresh a hun'ed miles, an' when I come to de front gate dah stood Miss Em'ly. She's dah now, an' God knows, Marse Jim, dat dare ain't no purer nor whiter an' jil up erbove de clouds dan her! En when she saw me, didn't she hug dat little baldheaded baby dat you was so proud of, up close an' cry: 'He's dah, he's dah; my Gawd, he's dah!' En didn't de tears of grief come rolling down ober dese old black han's an' wash de stains ob trabbel erway? En when I ups an' says, 'No, he ain't dah, Miss Em'ly, de Yanks jest got him an' he'll be home bimeby,' didn't de tears of joy come poun' down an' wash de tears of grief erway?"

"Now, looky heah, Marse Jim, my ole woman an' er three pickaninnies is ober heah in er log cabin in de woods near Jim Wilson's pasture. Dey hain't got nothin' ter eat. An' when I comes by Sam Johnsing's hog-pen de yuther day en sees dat skinny little shoat dat, honest ter Gawd, was so poah dat ter er knot in his tail ter keep him from slippen 'tween de pain's, I jest began foragin' agin. You can't call it stealin', nohow, 'ca'se I use gwine to pay Marse Johnsing back jes' as soon es my ole sow has pigs. You haint gwine to sen' yo' ole body servint to de pen for dat, is you Marse Jim?"

There was silence in the court room for a moment. The stern features of the old judge had relaxed. There was something moist in his eyes. He wiped them furtively and vainly tried to hide the movement by vigorously rubbing his bald pate with his handkerchief. Finally he said: "The court has considered the motion for a new trial, and the same is hereby granted. The prisoner is released upon his own recognizance. Mr. Sheriff, adjourn court. Jim, you come up to the house with me."—Dallas News.

TRAVEL BY TORNADO.

A recent article in The Century Magazine describes in a scientific yet vivid manner the cause and phenomena of great atmospheric storms. The experiences of three persons carried for a considerable distance by a Missouri tornado are presented, partly in their own language:

"I was conscious all the time I was flying through the air," said Miss Moorehouse, afterward, "and it seemed a long time. I seemed to be lifted up and whirled round and round, going up to great heights,—at one time far above the church steeples,—and seemed to be carried a long distance.

"I prayed to the Lord to save me, for I believed He could save me, even in the wings of a tornado; and He did wonderfully preserve my life.

"As I was going through the air, being whirled about at the sport of the storm, I saw a horse soaring and rotating about me. It was a white horse and had a harness on. By the way it kicked and struggled as it was hurled about, I knew it was alive. I prayed God that the horse might not come in contact with me, and it did not. I was mercifully landed on the earth unharmed—saved as by a miracle.

Young Webster, too, saw the horse in mid-air.

"At one time," he says, "it was directly over me, and I was very much afraid I should come in contact with its flying heels."

After a fight of nearly a quarter of a mile, Miss Moorehouse and the two Websters were let down so gently that not one of them was seriously injured, although Mrs. Webster had slight cuts about her head, and her son had one arm fractured.

It is interesting to know that the white horse also survived. Its mate

was found dead near the wrecked barn in which the animals had been standing.

The white horse was caught up and carried a mile through the air, and according to the accounts of reputable witnesses, was at times more than two hundred feet high, passing over a church steeple. Beyond being plastered with mud, the animal was uninjured.

FUN.

"We're in a pickle, now," said a man in a crowd. "A regular jam," said another. "Heaven preserve us," exclaimed an old lady.—Columbus State Journal.

Learned by Experience.—Daughter: "What is the dead-letter office mamma?"

Mamma: "Your father's pocket."—Brooklyn Life.

A Father's Will.—She: "I trust, Jack, our marriage will not be against your father's will."

Jack: "I'm sure, I hope not; it would be mighty hard for us if he should change it."—Brooklyn Life.

Slow and Safe.—"You are too leisurely for this office. I advise you to go into some other business." "What kind of business?" "Well, you might hunt a job to unload dynamite."—Chicago Record.

One day Tommy accompanied his mother on a shopping expedition, and, seeing a large candy man in a confectioner's window, he paused in front of it with a wistful look; then, turning away regretfully, he said:

"Mamma, I could lick that fellow with both hands tied behind me."—Troy Times.

Not Surprising.—Uncle Amos: "They say the young minister is going in for the higher criticism."

Uncle Reuben: "I don't wonder at it. They're only payin' him six hundred a year fer the other kind."—Punch.

He Got a Relic.—"And did you shake hands with Dewey when you were in New York attending the reception to him?" "No, but I succeeded in buying a rose that is warranted to have been run over by his carriage."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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The Home

KEEP UP TO

One day when I was the painter, I saw of high-colored stones, what they were for. I to keep his eye up to was working in pig his sense of color was by having a pure color brought it up again, clean, by his test-fork to the right pitch. men need to have a subtle God. No nature I tude that it does not i be tuned, chorded, bor of a pure and lofty l Beecher.

IT'S BREAKING

The newspapers no more pitiful story than "A wretched mother about four weeks ago—row who had been a b row to her. This son years old, instead of l er, spent his wages last the mother conce mitting him a an h might lead to his r was called to the r swear to the complai was to great for her, with the words on breaking my heart!" ing or dead, ever del ane lecture equal to t eloquence.

YOUR INFLUENCE IS

Remember, too, that in the community is importance. As a ru are looked to for ad who are depended upon are educated men, m ligence, whose hori broadened by exten far-reaching observat You will be of no the community if you is bounded by your place of business. Y the community. You and duties and obliga side world which yo if you would reach th it should be the an young man to be pu known in the commu ideas and progress. millions in your bus you are narrow in y and confine yourself i ner, the world will ca Success.

WHAT ARE YOU

To the church? H time and energy? H best thought in plan you exhaust your str so that you are almo Sabbath to think c "giving money." We of Christ needs conse ergy and personal se To the unfortunate number of our brothr crippled in one way than physical blindr Crippled by sinful h appetites and sins, or row, cramping enviro you feeling for th Well; but what are you found some ge can help which re these unfortunates? To the great, wide ting closer together, now the needs of Ch the Philippines. We stunned by awful r are you doing? Get relations with work and materially help for them daily? What can we do? us ask the Lord, H concerning it. He w of usefulness, and if will be real work we

THE SIN OF I

There is one sin y me, everywhere and derestimated, and qu looked in valuations the sin of fretting. I air, as speech, so co it rises above its usu not even observe it. nary coming togeth see how many minut somebody frets—tha or less complaining t thing or other whic one in the room, or street corner, it ma and probably nobod say anything about l hot, it is wet, it is d broken an appointm meal; stupidly or ba has resulted in disco There are plenty about. It is thoug

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The editorials on "Church Government" found from time to time on the first page of the Advocate are not written for the benefit of men well versed in the intricacies of Church law, but for people who do not have the time to give close and systematic study to the question.

The man whose feelings are always in a position to get hurt is to be deeply pitied. He is so sensitive that he is abnormal, and even those who know and appreciate him are never certain of his friendship and good will. When they least intend or expect it, he is offended as some supposed neglect or fancied wrong toward him upon their part. He thinks about himself and needs so constantly over his own interests that he is prepared to suspect the motives of those with whom he associates. In his way of thinking some one is always striving to take advantage of him and do him or his feelings an injury. All of which exists in his own imagination, and nowhere else.

A genuine experience is essential to the existence of religion. A high-toned morality is all right, and a clear intellectual perception of duty is not to be lightly esteemed, but these can not take the place of a conscious sense of divine acceptance. This comes as a result of repentance, justification, regeneration and adoption, the Holy Ghost testifying to this spiritual state of the mind and heart. This divine anointing is an abiding evidence that our names are written in the Lamb's book of life. With this experience we are prepared to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Therefore, no one ought to be satisfied with his relation toward God until he is possessed of this conscious assurance.

No Christian man can afford to permit an aggrieved state of feelings toward a brother to abide in his heart. The gospel provides a rule for the adjustment of all such conditions. If the two men want to do what is right, then both of them ought to be anxious to come together, talk their differences over, make such amends as duty suggests and come to an amicable agreement. If they are Christian men, such a result as this can be easily accomplished. But for any man to carry around for months, and even years, a grievance toward his brother, pour over it, talk to others about it, grow sour, and make no effort to have it amicably settled, is simply un-Christian and execrable. There is something radically wrong with the man who practices that sort of a habit.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

A sermon on forgiveness from one who never forgives is a misnomer.

Pious looks do not pass muster unless backed by a life of piety.

The preacher who looks upon his calling as a profession will become professional in his ministry.

Anybody can do the pleasant things of life, but it takes real religion to look after the things that are irksome.

If you do not want the serpent to bite you, then you had better not go near it, much less take it into your bosom.

There are a great many people in this world who do not need lessons in the art of making themselves and others miserable.

When a man becomes so self-centered that he overrates himself, it will not take him long to underrate everybody else.

People who form the habit of thinking good of their fellows are invariably good themselves.

If you make up your mind on insufficient evidence and then refuse to change, it is proof that you are a prejudiced man.

The woman who is so silly as to be proud of her facial beauty is not usually possessed of anything else of which to be proud.

A professedly religious life without a genuinely religious experience is like a dry channel in which no water is ever known to flow.

People who have a smattering of knowledge without the training derived from education are well prepared to make severe critics and dogmatists.

A SUNDAY IN MARSHALL.

For quite a while I have wanted to spend a Sunday within the bounds of the East Texas Conference, as I did not reach any point within its borders all of last year. So when a special invitation came last month to spend a day in Marshall, I put aside an engagement for the day and accepted the urgent call to give an appointment to those good people. Last Saturday morning I boarded the T. & P. car, and was soon speeding off in that direction. I met up with Rev. George Sexton on the train returning to Terrell, and as far as that point had excellent company. He is full of good cheer, and an entertaining conversationalist. Those miles went by almost unconsciously. After that I was alone, and put in the time reading the pocket edition of the Acts of the Apostles. The country along the journey is broken and sandy, reminding one of the foot hills of North Georgia. After a run of six hours I reached my destination, and was met at the depot by Brethren Whitehurst, Heartsill and Riggs. I was soon domiciled in the parsonage, where I spent the night most delightfully. To my surprise the morning dawned brightly and without a cloud. I looked in upon the Sunday-school of which Brother Price is the efficient Superintendent. It is well organized, composed of a large number of young people and children, and doing a most excellent work. At the hour for service we had a fine congregation of interesting people. As I went into the pulpit I noticed that one of the chairs was draped in black, which spoke in silent eloquence of the lamented T. P. Smith, whose death is so much deplored. Many memories came rushing into my thoughts as I called up his placid face and gentle disposition. He has left the savor of a good name, and his works do follow him. The service was tender and sweet, and the people were in deep sympathy with the occasion. It was good to be among them. I met with a number of friends and acquaintances. Among them were Bro. Jno. Heartsill and his good wife; Dr. and

Mrs. Blocket, whose daughter sang in my choir far more than a year while I was at Shearn Church, Houston; Dr. and Mrs. Heartsill, with whom I spent the remainder of the day; Brother Davis and several others. I found them all to be pleasant and delightful people. Brother Whitehurst, who has but recently taken charge of the Church, is getting hold of things, and the people are giving him their co-operation. He comes to them providentially, and they love him and his devoted wife. He is an excellent man, and she is an earnest, consecrated woman, and a great worker in the societies of the Church. I was entertained in their parsonage home, and we had a most pleasant time together. I am sure that two such fine people will have a year of prosperity with that large congregation. I met Rev. C. R. Lamar, the presiding elder, and he is moving off well with his new duties. The people and the preachers speak in high terms of him as a man and an executive. He was there holding Bro. Little's quarterly meeting on North Side. The latter I also met. His work is in good shape. Brother Riggs, of whom I have already spoken, is now quite advanced in years, but he is cheerful and spiritual. He is not able to preach any now, and has not done any active work of this kind for a long time, but he is deeply interested in the progress of the Church. Our Church there is one of the oldest in the State. The present structure was erected long before the Civil War, but it looks as substantial as when new. It is a brick structure, with heavy columns in front supporting a high balcony, and it will seat about four hundred people. It has been recently painted and repaired. The great Marvin was pastor of this historic Church at the time he was elected to the Episcopacy. Dr. Finley also served this people during his long ministry. Many sacred memories cluster around that building. Marshall is a fine old town of about 10,000 population. It is situated on red hills. There are two very large colleges located there for the education of colored people. One is a Baptist and the other Methodist, and both of them built by Northern money. There are good public schools also, and the T. & P. shops are located in Marshall. There are evidences of prosperity and contentment about the place. And a more hospitable community can not be found in the State. Monday morning I took the train and found Brother Garrison aboard. He has the Hallville work, and we traveled together as far as Big Sandy. As I passed Longview I got a glimpse of the "High, Dry and Windy," but as the management of that unique road are a little sensitive I will not indulge in any humor. By four o'clock I was at home after having made a round trip of three hundred miles.

BISHOP JOS. S. KEY.

Bishop Key spent a day last week in the city, and made the Advocate a pleasant visit. He is in excellent health and fine spirit. He was on his way to South Texas to help Brother Ward at a number of points in the Twentieth Century Movement. He spent several days down there, and rendered valuable service. The Bishop is greatly interested in Texas coming up on this great enterprise, and where ever practicable he will co-operate with the brethren to this end.

REV. SAM P. JONES.

Rev. Sam P. Jones recently lectured in the city in the interests of Trinity Church, and he had a large crowd to hear him. The City Hall was full, and he entertained them in his usual style. The fact is he has lost none of his power over the multitudes and his wit, humor and repartee are just as ready and sharp as in the years gone by. He took the occasion by storm, and put in some good blows for temperance and purity of life. He returned to the city last Sunday and preached at the Central Christian Church for the benefit of the Rescue Home. Hundreds were turned away for lack of room, but those who

did hear him were amply repaid. There is some arrangement on foot to have him and George Stuart to hold a meeting, if possible, in this city some time in the spring. Brother Jones says that he is still a preacher and not a lecturer, only on occasions, and that nothing is more to his liking than to get into a great meeting and preach the gospel to sinners.

A MAGNIFICENT ENGRAVING.

Through the courtesy of Mr. W. C. Everett, of the Branch House, a magnificent steel engraving of the General Conference of 1858 graces the editorial office of the Advocate. This was produced before the sixties at considerable cost, but in course of years it ran out and only a few of them were owned by the people. But awhile back the Publishing House got hold of a copy and had a new edition of them brought out, and now hundreds of them adorn the homes of our people. There are only a few of the men now living whose fine faces enter into this engraving, but they all live in the history of the Church. They look as familiar in this picture as if they were living and before your face. Among the Bishops at that time are Soule, Early, Paine, Andrew, Pierce and Kavanaugh—all gone to their reward. Among those who afterwards became Bishops are McTyeire, Doggett, Wightman, Marvin and Keener. Only the latter remains. Old Dr. Pierce looks like a grand old patriarch standing among his sons; and Dr. Summers is as natural as life. Dr. C. K. Marshall appears to be the handsomest face in the group. We might spend a page describing these faces, as they are now gazing down upon us while we write, but time and space forbid. This handsome engraving can now be gotten from our House at a very reasonable figure, and it ought to adorn all of our Methodist homes. It is a Methodist education within itself for the household.

THE INTERNATIONAL RAILROAD.

We are authorized to announce that the I. & G. N. Railroad has entered the agreement to furnish half fare rates to all clergymen in the regular work. This took effect the first of the present month, and all ministers holding half-fare cards over the Texas roads will find that these are now good over the International also. If any minister is not in possession of the permit, all he will have to do is to apply to any agent of the road and fill out the blank according to the directions and procure one. We make this announcement with pleasure, as the step of the International will be very helpful to our ministers living along that line.

By reference to the thirteenth page you will find an elaborate advertisement of the Branch House. Our secular page crowded matters so that it was necessary to make this change.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Bro. G. J. Penn, of Waxahachie, made us a visit the other day. His house is our home when in his town.

Rev. C. W. Dennis, of Farmers Branch, was in to see us the present week. He is serving his home Church.

Dr. T. R. Pierce has a finely written article in the last issue of the Nashville Advocate on the needless destruction of bird life.

We are sorry to announce that the good wife of Rev. J. N. Hunter died the 28th of last month at Cooper, North Texas Conference.

On account of failing health Rev. G. E. Sandel, of East Cleburne, Northwest Texas Conference, has had to give up his work for this year.

Rev. George S. Slover, of Bluffdale, says that he has about \$200 subscribed on the Educational Movement, and that the prospect looks bright.

In a brotherly letter from Rev. E. L. Armstrong, of Corsicana, he says: "Bro. Hay received yesterday fifty-two members as the result of his meeting. Bro. Bailey is moving things on the district, and all his preachers are doing well. I am still flat on my back,

waiting, hoping, trusting, and the way is clear. No clouds in my spiritual sky." Grand old man! May God ever be near him.

Floyd Street Church people now have their pastor installed in one of the handsomest cottage parsonages in the conference, and it is paid for.

Bro. J. D. Odum, of Blooming Grove, made the Advocate a visit the past week. He is a live preacher and is doing good work for the Church.

Bro. A. J. Barnes, of Barnesville, was in the city on business last week and called to see the Advocate force. He is a useful layman on his work.

Rev. E. L. Spurlock, of Cedar Hill, and his people are projecting a new church building. They have the plans and more than half of the subscription.

Rev. J. E. Green, of McKee Street Church, Houston, has good words for the Advocate and says that he is going to put it in the homes of all his people.

In a private note from Dr. Neely, of Waltham, he says his Church work is moving off nicely and hopefully. Had one hundred out at prayer-meeting Wednesday night.

In a note from Rev. J. T. Bloodworth, he says: "I want to thank you for the editorial, 'We Are Methodists Up at the Church,' and the paragraph, 'S. Olding Preachers.'" We are trying to make the Advocate practical.

In a note from Rev. H. M. Haynie, of the Texas Conference, he tells us that he is suffering much in body, but peaceful in spirit. On account of ill health he took a superannuated relation at the last conference.

Rev. George Sexton, of Terrell, has his money secured for that new church, and he will be digging out the foundation very soon. They mean to put up an elegant structure, and then Methodism will be in the forefront in that good town.

Rev. I. M. Woodward, of Hickory, I. T., sends a pleasant note and greetings to the brethren of Texas. He is still a man of good judgment, for he says "the Texas Advocate gets better all the time." He also says, "I am getting along nicely."

METHODIST NEWS.

Dr. Barbee is delivering a special course of lectures to the Bible class at McKendree Church on the Life of Christ.

Bishop Candler will deliver the commencement sermon for Centenary College, Louisiana, June 3. The Bishop is a great worker.

Col. L. D. Palmer, who was formerly connected with the Publishing House, has recently had an operation for appendicitis, and he is still very feeble.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has had property turned over to them in Africa valued at \$60,000. Bishop Hartsell has turned it into a mission school.

The Northern Methodist Church had a gain in 1899 of only 6661 members in their full membership; but this is more than offset by a decrease of 28,595 in their list of probational members—making an actual loss of 21,934.

Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., has very much improved in health since going to Norfolk to his new charge. He is now delivering a series of Bible lectures before the students of the Virginia University.

The papers of the Methodist Episcopal Church are far more semi-secular than those of our Church. They publish a great deal of secular matter, and comment at large on the political issues of the day. On their front pages they give the pictures of leading men in all departments of life.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Bowls District Preachers' Meeting will hold its first session at Devoater February 12 and 13. Those on program have been notified by letter, and it is hoped that every preacher in the district will be present. The session will be opened by a sermon from Dr. E. W. Alderson the night of February 12.

L. S. BARTON, For Committee.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Alvarado Quarterly Conference having been defeated by the rains, their first Quarterly Conference session will include the third Saturday and Sunday in February.

MORACE BISHOP, Waxahachie, Texas.

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morning gives them the opportunity of attending at God's house to worship on Sunday-school. It is a beautiful scene, what the whole Church takes so much interest in. This is indisputable evidence of the state of affairs from the people here. Our Church has wonderful revival. At McKeene, and wherever he goes God is manifested. This Mulkey depends upon God model pastor. As preacher fills his position admirably, about his Church members he can depend on some an may expect from others. He is a self-sustaining one. It is about him is, he will soon charge. This is characteristically however. As soon as we go young preacher educated up to the conference ends, some of him. I am not intending to get any more taffy than is he want other people, as well know that we appreciate I want to wait till he is de-known. Altogether, the pre- place are brighter than they many years. The Christians want the sinners saved, and the case they always work.

BARDWELL.

R. J. Tooley, Jan. 27: Our Conference was held on Frid Bishop preached on the morning, which we are joyful to have heard it. that some of the brethren f-hand. We hope they had The stewards who were on to go forward this year and a self-sustaining one. It was the salary for preacher in ch was raised to \$500. Our pe- ceived us with substantial t- ness. We hope to have a p-

RUSK.

Jno. S. Mathis: At the clo- ference at Timpani, we emb- to Pittsburg, our former chat proceeded to handle and p- effects together. On Decembe- waved adieu to our tried an- and off for Rusk, our t- teaching here in due time, fr- dition of Bro. Stafford's fam- he could not move out of t- The Board of Stewards arran- the best, where we remain- weeks, but so soon as the p- vacated we moved in, findin- magnificent condition, from kl- And, oh, what a nice di- women did send in—enough several days. We are not- bly but nicely situated. We live in the hearts and I noble people. Rusk has two on one side though not now and the penitentiary, with- nace, on the other side. We hopes which hang prospect- other two sides, with these I quite hopeful for the futu- people all around and through- financially, socially, intelligen- ally. Rusk has few equal- riors. This is a historic to- the Methodist Church, when promoting her pastors to the dership, and if any one should position we will call the nam- of the former pastors, to-wit- Boone, who is now presiding Deas, B. R. Bodin, J. W. J. Smith, V. A. Godbey and J. These have all been and are t- elders. Wonder if Bro. Staff- in the line of promotion? I are content and happy with surroundings. Just here I w- mention of some of our home I. K. Frazier was elected as of the first organized Sabbs this charge, also elected chair- first Board of Stewards. If official relations to-day with when his health and profes- will at all permit, he is in b- sometimes he says upon seri- low, but it helps. Dr. J. R- learning fast, and will soon b- fine, and we will hear from our doctors can hold prayer- lead the choir and entertain schools, we can commend supe- ple. Church interest in de- looking up. We are wishin- for an early visitation of divi- our charge. The dear Advant- with these people. Everlast- with our editor, though they I- seen him only through the Advocate. We say amen, Rankin.

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FREESTONE CIRCUIT.

M. L. Dickey, Jan. 20: glad when it was said, "M. Freestone Circuit," because this circuit last year and love the people. And we b- the kindness we are receiv- are pleased. We are movin- Well, it is perfectly natura- do something good to tell I- Here we have done something therefore wish to tell it t- Advocate. We have built a- at Jordan Chapel at a cost t- the preacher and family a- ceiving good things. Bret- get envious.

HOUSTON—McKEE ST

John E. Green, Februar- Sunday we closed a tr- meeting in our Church. Th- was a splendid success, res- general revival in the C- thirty bright conversions, 1- thirty accessions to the Ch- J. H. Collard was with us fr- ning to end. He did excell- ing and displayed fine g- He magnified the work an- the pastor, and showed hi- preacher's friend and hel- congregation and myself a- commend Bro. Collard to t- of the Texas Conference and needs no commendati-

Northwest Texas Conference.

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Morning gives them the opportunity of attending at God's house to worship him as a Sunday-school. It is a beautiful sight, indeed, when the whole Church membership takes so much interest in the Sunday-school. This is indisputable evidence of a live state of affairs from the pastor on down the line. Our Church has recently been wonderfully revived. Abe Mulkey has been here, and wherever he goes the power of God is manifested. This is because Bro. Mulkey depends upon God. We have a model pastor. As preacher and pastor he fills his position admirably. He knows all about his Church membership—how much he can depend on some and how little he may expect from others. He is a bundle of tireless energy, combined with good sense and good taste. The only thing I regret about him is, he will soon outgrow this charge. This is characteristic of Killen, however. As soon as we get a reasonably young preacher set up to our demands, the conference finds some other place for him. I am not intending to give Bro. Kiker any more taffy than is becoming, but I want other people, as well as himself, to know that we appreciate him and don't want to wait till he is dead to let it be known. Altogether, the prospects at this place are brighter than they have been in many years. The Christians of the town want the sinners saved, and when this is the case they always work.

BARDWELL.

R. J. Tisdley, Jan. 27: Our first Quarterly Conference was held on Friday last. Bro. Bishop preached an excellent sermon in the morning, which we are sure was enjoyed by all who heard it. We are sorry that some of the brethren failed to be on hand. We hope they had a real excuse. The stewards who were on hand resolved to go forward this year and make this work a self-sustaining one. It ought to be done. The salary for preacher in charge this year was raised to \$500. Our people have received us with substantial tokens of kindness. We hope to have a prosperous year.

RUSK.

Jno. S. Mathis: At the close of the conference at Timpson, we embarked at once to Pittsburg, our former charge, where we proceeded to bundle and pack our small effects together. On December 29, 1899, we waved adieu to our tried and true friends and off for Rusk, our present charge, reaching here in due time, finding the condition of Bro. Stafford's family such that he could not move out of the parsonage. The Board of Stewards arranged for us at the hotel, where we remained for two weeks, but so soon as the parsonage was vacated we moved in, finding everything in magnificent condition, from kitchen to parlor. And, oh, what a nice dinner the good women did send in!—enough to last for several days. We are not only comfortably but nicely situated. We realize that we live in the heart of a fine and respectable people. Rusk has two iron furnaces on one side (though not now in operation), and the penitentiary, with her iron furnace, on the other side. With her bright hopes which hang overcastly on the other two sides, with these in view, we are quite hopeful for the future. Take this people all around and through, numerically, financially, socially, intellectually and spiritually, Rusk has few equals and no superiors. This is a historic town, especially the Methodist Church, when it comes to promoting her pastors to the presiding eldership, and if any one should question our position we will call the names of several of the former pastors, to-wit: Bro. E. F. Boone, who is now presiding elder; R. J. West, R. E. Bolton, J. W. Johnson, J. T. Smith, V. A. Godbey and A. J. Weeks. These have all been and are now presiding elders. Wonder if Bro. Stafford and I are in the line of promotion? However, we are content and happy with our present surroundings. Just here I want to make mention of some of our home guards, Dr. I. K. Frazier was elected superintendent of the first organized Sabbath-school in this charge, also elected chairman of the first Board of Stewards. He fills these official relations to-day with dignity, and when his health and professional duties will at all permit, he is in his place, and sometimes he says amen, sorter way and low, but it helps. Dr. J. R. Milburn is learning fast, and will soon be up on that line, and we will hear from him. When our doctors can hold prayer-meetings and lead the choir and superintend Sabbath-schools, we can commend such to our people. Church interest in departments is looking up. We are wishing and praying for an early visitation of divine power in our charge. The dear Advocate is in favor with these people. Everybody is in love with our editor, though they have not yet seen him only through the columns of the Advocate. We say amen, God bless Dr. Rankin.

Texas Conference.

FREESTONE CIRCUIT.

M. L. Dickey, Jan. 30: We were glad when it was said, "M. L. Dickey, Freestone Circuit," because we served this circuit last year and learned to love the people. And we believe from the kindness we are receiving, that all are pleased. We are moving on nicely. Well, it is perfectly natural when we do something good to tell it. We believe we have done something good and therefore wish to tell it through the Advocate. We have built a parsonage at Jordan Chapel at a cost of \$250 and the preacher and family are in it, receiving good things. Brethren, don't get envious.

HOUSTON—McKEE STREET.

John E. Green, February 3: Last Sunday we closed a two weeks' meeting in our Church. The meeting was a splendid success, resulting in a general revival in the Church and many bright conversions. There were thirty accessions to the Church. Bro. J. H. Collard was with us from beginning to end. He did excellent preaching and displayed fine generalship. He magnified the work and office of the pastor, and showed himself the preacher's friend and helper. The congregation and myself are ready to commend Bro. Collard to the preachers of the Texas Conference, but Collard needs no commendation. He is

a sure good preacher. After all his other good work, the last night of the meeting, while our large new church was crowded, he raised \$525 to pay off our church debt, and now relieved of this burden, which we have carried several months, we are in good shape every way for a fine year's work. Before closing let me say: Bro. Seth Ward began his new work in our Church December 21. He measured fully up to the demands. He raised in good subscriptions \$225. With promises obtained since we have our Twentieth Century offering secured. Some have feared Bro. Ward would not prove a good collector. Such speeches as that one made in McKee Street Church will do their own collecting. We have the right man in the right place. With Ward in the field our Texas Conference part of the great fund is an assured fact.

MONTGOMERY.

W. W. Horner, Feb. 3: Our first Quarterly Conference for this year is a thing of the past. It was held here on the night of Jan. 21. Bro. J. C. Mickle, our ever faithful presiding elder, was present and preached a most excellent sermon from Col. 2:12-14. He always preaches well, and the people all over this country love to hear him preach. The financial report was as follows: \$71.85. Of this amount Montgomery paid \$49.50, Harmony \$10.25, and Pine Grove, or Mink Prairie, \$12.10. We think we are making some progress on the work, and are encouraged by good congregations at all the appointments. A goodly number of new-comers have moved into this country, some of whom are Methodists, and they will put their certificates in the Church before long. I think, well, I am reading up, both on missions and Christian education, and obtaining some good literature on both these important subjects, and hope to see gracious results from my investigations and sermons along these lines. I will say to all the preachers, if you desire to post yourselves fully on missions and be able to preach good, live missionary sermons, I know nothing better than the two books I have read recently, viz: "Christian Missions and Social Progress," by Dr. James S. Dennis, and "Questions and Phases of Modern Missions," by Dr. F. F. Ellwood. The first of the above books is in three volumes, and is the fullest and most complete work of the kind of which I have any knowledge. I believe we ought to become enthusiastic on missions and wake up our sleeping, indifferent and careless members on this great and burning question, as well as on the great "Twentieth Century Movement" that is now being agitated in our great and growing Church.

East Texas Conference.

MEREDITH CIRCUIT.

D. F. Pulley, Jan. 31: At Timpson Bishop Hargrove read out this Pulley for Meredith Circuit, a new circuit. We have been received with warm hearts and open hands. We have not been pounded as some of the good brethren, but O! what a pounding in the way of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost the third Sunday night at Meredith Church—sinners convicted, mourners converted, six souls saved, old-time religion in the winter. Praise the good Lord for winter religion. We are moving up on all lines, praying for this to be the banner year of our life in winning souls for Jesus.

KILGORE.

T. T. Booth: We arrived at this place with our family January 25, where we were met by kind friends, who had anticipated our arrival. Soon we were in the parsonage, which had undergone a general cleansing and repairing. Some \$300 had been spent on barn, fencing and cistern, besides other improvements that were necessary to the comfort of the pastor and family. And besides all this, they had not forgotten the pounding so common to the Methodist itinerant preachers. I will not attempt a description, though something of almost everything that tempts the palate of a hungry preacher was found in abundance. The ladies who, I suspect, were looking closely after this whole business had even put in the parsonage about \$25 worth of nice furniture, which makes complete the entire parsonage property. Bro. J. C. Carr, our predecessor, had left us a good winter garden and some firewood. But I must stop—this thing grows on me. So that I feel two or three ways. I feel like the people are thoughtful, kind and intelligent. I also feel very humble—I reckon that's the word, for language can not express what is in my heart. I also feel that because of the kindness shown us we will, by the grace of God, do our very best for all the good people. I am satisfied so far with my work. I do not know whether the people could say as much or not.

GILMER.

L. H. McGee, Feb. 2: We have made our first round on this circuit, and the people have received us kindly at each appointment on the charge. This is a very generous and appreciative people to serve, fully understanding how to make the preacher and his family feel at home among them. We have made some improvement on the parsonage and a considerable improvement on the barn by the addition of two sheds for

the protection of the cow and the buggy. The Lord has blessed our efforts thus far by giving us large congregations and by adding eight to the Church at Gilmer. Our first Quarterly Conference has passed. Bro. Adams was with us, and preached four good sermons, gaining the confidence and love of all who heard him, and in his usual kind, fatherly way, presided over the conference. Sunday following the sermon he dedicated our church at Gilmer. The Board of Stewards assessed \$600 for the preacher. We are praying, working and trusting God for a revival all over this charge. Many Church members of all denominations have obligated themselves to pray and work for the revival. We humbly thank the good Lord and the authorities of our Church for sending us to the Gilmer Circuit. Success to the Texas Christian Advocate.

LINDALE.

W. W. Graham, Feb. 6: As was expected, this preacher reached his new field of labor on schedule time, and up to date has made nearly two full rounds, and has been taking in the situation generally. We found a comfortable parsonage, well furnished, a first-class wash-pot and fifteen orthodox chickens thrown in for good measure. Many thanks to our predecessors. They certainly did well, but have fortunately left plenty for me to do. Our reception was all that could be desired, tokens of kindness and appreciation coming in very frequently. Congregations are the best we have had in years, and the prospect for a successful year's work is really promising. The Sunday-school work is in splendid shape, but by odds the most vigorous organization we have is the W. P. and H. M. Society. The Advocate is in high favor and will be more so if the high-water mark has not already been reached. We are not big like Fort Worth, but will certainly be glad to see you.

NEW BOSTON.

G. R. Hughes, Feb. 3: We were returned to this charge for another year, and nearly every day since conference tokens of appreciation have greeted us in the stores and homes and on the streets, both of word and deed; but at the parsonage something good has reached us nearly every day since Christmas, beginning with a sack of flour and a real live turkey and reaching the climax on last Saturday. I saw that all-round, big-souled Earl Fuller (a grander boy can not be found) moving around in all directions, and about 10 o'clock the dray drove to the parsonage gate. Mrs. Hughes said, "Praise the Lord," but the driver, Uncle Henry, said, "You need not praise de Lord, but praise dem good people down town." Well, sacks of flour, sugar, coffee, rice, meat, canned goods of all kinds, oatmeal, soda, starch syrup by the quantity and a broom and soap, with many other things, but the good time was yet to come. After dark our Sunday-school superintendent, J. E. Anderson, (a grander man is not in Israel) came accompanied by his dear wife and his Sunday-school, or part, and Earl Fuller leading another part. Just think of all the good things, down to "pin money" and then you can't conceive of the pile of good things we had. Mabel said: "Papa, we won't have to buy anything to eat in a year." We got all but an overcoat, but as we did not lose ours, as L. A. Burk did, we did not need one. (If Burk had advertised in the Advocate he would have found his coat and saved his people of pounding him with one.) New Boston is on top as a Church, Home Mission League, Sunday-school and prayer-meeting up-to-date, with salary and collections. Nearly all take the Advocate and read it. We need a sweeping revival, and must have one this year. May God bless these good people who have so abundantly provided for our temporal wants. God help us to provide for their spiritual welfare.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total \$7,968.65.

The girls occupy the new building in its unfinished condition. Bro. Mulkey sends me help almost every week. Help us now. We suffer when it is cold. W. H. VAUGHAN, Waco, Texas.

THE DALLAS DISTRICT PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

On the 5th and 6th of February, at the call of our presiding elder, Dr. J. H. McLean, the pastors and laymen of the Dallas District met at First Church, Dallas, in the interest of the Twentieth Century Thank-offering.

Bro. C. M. Harless, Conference Secretary for Education, was with us and opened the conference Monday night with an address. He was brim full of his subject, and gave us an hour and thirty minutes of burning facts and soul-stirring eloquence. Preachers of North Texas, welcome him and hear him! He'll do you good—and, we can say from experience, if you have not done anything on your charge for the Twentieth Century Fund, he'll make you sorry for it.

On Tuesday, at 9:30 a. m., Bro. Harless again took the floor and opened business by hearing reports.

The following committee of laymen and pastors was appointed by Dr. McLean as a District Committee: R. G. Wood, W. E. Harless, L. D. Smith, R. W. Dennis, E. B. Perkins and E. L. Spurlock.

We then feasted a half hour in a good old Methodist prayer and experience meeting, led by Bro. Rippey.

At 11 p. m. Bro. J. W. Rowlett addressed the conference on the subject of "Revival in Missions." He made a logical and eloquent appeal, which was followed by a voluntary discussion of the subject.

We met again at 2:30 p. m. This time to hear our editor pull us over the "Live or Die" subject of "Agencies and Methods." He laid almost the entire burden of responsibility upon the P. E. and the P. C. Dr. Rankin didn't try to be eloquent, but he wonderfully succeeded in making himself felt. He gave us what we needed—yes, and what all your preachers need, viz., a straight talk!

The conference voted a request that our editor get out a special issue of the Advocate devoted to the Twentieth Century Thank-offering. This request was approved to on the spot, so look out everybody for the special issue!

An earnest appeal from our presiding elder for faithful and united effort in raising our share of the Twentieth Century Fund, and the conference adjourned sine die. J. J. MORGAN, Secretary.

To Be Prepared.

For war is the surest way for this nation to maintain peace. That is the opinion of the wisest statesmen. It is equally true that to be prepared for spring is the best way to avoid the peculiar dangers of the season. This is a lesson multitudes are learning, and at this time, when the blood is being and loaded with impurities and being weak and sluggish, the millions begin to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, expels all disease germs, creates a good appetite, gives strength and energy and puts the whole system in a healthy condition, preventing pneumonia, fever, and other dangerous diseases which are liable to attack a weakened system.

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For the benefit of those desiring to attend Mardi Gras festivities at New Orleans, the Texas and Pacific Railway Company will on February 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 sell round-trip tickets to New Orleans at one fare, with final limit for return March 10, 1900. For further particulars see nearest Ticket Agent or write E. P. Turner, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Dallas, Texas.

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Thunder of hoofs and a bugle's cry And down through the veldt came the British Horse— Down with a rush on the burgher ranks With a whirlwind's sudden force.

Maxim and shrapnel had done their work— Only the charge was needed now, Only the Light Horse sweep and dash To clear the kopjes brow.

Shouting of men and neighing of steeds, Beating of hoofs like an angry sea, And on, in one long wave of red, Came England's cavalry!

An instant yet and the knoll is theirs— An instant yet and the little band Will be swept and whirled by the red smoon Like a breath of desert sand.

When, sudden stepped from the shelter rocks Eight burghers—eight in their hero night— And there they stood as a single man To meet the awful fight.

Down came the thundering mass of horse— But see! where the eight are standing there, Eight rifles gleam, eight rifles flash Red death upon the air!

Ah, little thought they—eight mortal men— To stay that onward surging tide— Only for one brief moment's space, To turn its rage aside!

To turn its rage while their comrades slipped Through fate of numbers, though not of will, Back to the Laager, stanch and grim, Where Joubert held the hill.

A mighty crash from the charging troop— For the burgher eight a sheet of flame— And, where they stood, but one was left— Sole hostage unto Fame!

Yet now you know—yes, all men know That live or die—the great vivid breads As did the Switzer crags of old, Old freedom's Winklerieds:

Indoanted sons who swoof at fate, Rough children of Afric Rand, Yet firm as are the eternal hills For God and native land!

J. J. ROONEY. —From Literary Digest.

THE BABY—

A Burden or a Blessing.

When the baby comes into the house it comes as a burden or a blessing. If it is weak and sickly it becomes a burden for the mother by day and night. If it is a strong baby, bright and healthy it becomes a mutual joy to its parents and binds them closer together in affection.

There is no question as to the desirability of a healthy baby, whose winning ways and merry prattle bring a new element of joy into the home life. Every woman desires to have healthy, happy children. The reason that so many women fail to realize this desire is because they do not understand the intimate relation between their own health and that of the child which is born to them. To paraphrase a line of a familiar poem, it might be said to mothers: "Laugh and the child laughs with you."



The Baby a Burden.

The childish moanings and cryings are only echoes of the mother's feelings during that anxious time of waiting, when, weak and suffering she shrinks from the coming hour of her trial. Motherhood rarely finds a woman ready for the great change which the function entails. At this time she should be at her best. Every force of nature should rally to her support. She should be strong in body, cheerful in mind. There should be always a smile on her lips and a song in her heart as she thinks that she is to be of those who are "blessed among women." But as a general thing motherhood finds woman at her worst instead of at her best. She is weak of body, despondent of mind and her heart is full of anxious forebodings of the future.

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It is often said jestingly, that the important part of a woman's letter is contained in a postscript. It is certainly true of Mrs. Smith's letter that the last sentence is the most important from a medical point of view. "It cured me of a disease that was taking away all my strength." The help during "the trying months preceding the birth of my baby," and the "big, strong baby girl" are consequences of the cure of the strength draining disease.

There are thousands of women whose strength is being drained by disease, who never realize how great that drain is until they begin to live for two instead of one. There are thousands of weak mothers of fretful children, who will never know happiness in maternity or bring into the world healthy children until the diseases which drain the strength are stopped. They can be stopped by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This is a woman's medicine. It is not a cure-all, but it is designed solely to cure those diseases which are peculiar to women. In the cure of these diseases it is without a rival. It regulates the periods, dries disagreeable and weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It makes childbirth practically painless and gives strength to nursing mothers.

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down quickly it almost killed me. Could not keep hardly anything on my stomach any of the time.

"I was examined by our home physician, also one in Toledo, Ohio, and they all said I would have to have the ovaries removed. In June, 1898, I went from Toledo to Battle Creek, to the Advent Sanitarium, and was examined by Doctors Kellogg and Winegar, and they advised an operation. I took treatment there for ten weeks; local and bathroom treatment, such as electric baths, hot fomentations, etc. I improved some and returned home the first of September, and commenced doing my house work. I began to get worse again. I then got one bottle each of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' When I commenced taking them I weighed 106 pounds, before I had taken one bottle of each I improved so much that it encouraged me. I kept right on. I have taken eight bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and two of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and haven't had any pain since March. I feel perfectly well. Have not the least pain in my sides and no trouble with my stomach whatever. I now weigh 135 pounds. I have had better health the past winter and spring than ever before in my life of 22 years.

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Mrs. Brown: "Our language is full of misnomers. For instance, I met a man once who was a perfect bear, and they call him a 'civil engineer.'"

Mrs. Smith: "Yes, but that's not so ridiculous as the man they call a 'teller' in a bank. He won't tell you anything. I asked one the other day how much money my husband had on deposit, and he just laughed at me."

He Got Invitations.—"Do you find people generally pretty civil?" asked a life insurance agent of a bill collector. "Oh, yes, indeed," answered the latter. "They nearly always ask me to call again."

THE EDUCATION OF MOTHERS.

One of the traditions that still holds sway over the minds of men and women is that all the education a woman needs to qualify her for motherhood is expressed by the term "natural instinct," or "intuition." For all other vocations in life she must be trained as carefully as her brother man, but for this most important word of building up and forming the human being, physically, morally and mentally, all that is required is this natural instinct or intuition.

A short time ago, even as late as the middle of the present century, it was thought that all that was necessary to make a nurse was natural womanly intuition. Even to the medical profession the trained nurse was looked upon as an uncalled for innovation. It did not matter that this so called natural intuition never taught her that to keep the patient in bed for days and weeks in a room with closed windows and doors and everything foul and reeking with the germs of disease was the sure way to kill, not to save, the patient.

Intuition never taught the average grimbones nurse that it is microbes and dirt, want of clean air, pure water, and good food, that endangers recovery, not fresh air flowing in freely through open doors and windows, sunshine and plenty of pure water inside and out. So the poor, fever-stricken victim was refused the water he craved to allay the consuming fire that was burning up his tissues, and destroying his bodily organism.

To-day no one expects a nurse to be successful without years of training and experience.

This traditional belief that instinct, or intuition, will fit a woman for any vocation seems to have found its last strong-hold in the all-important mission of motherhood. That instinct, or intuition, will tell a mother what to do for her little one, no matter how ignorant she may be, is still the popular belief of even educated, enlightened humanity.

It matters not that all the sad experience of the past, with its history of infant mortality from physical disorders, and the fact that more than one-fourth of the family perish from preventable diseases within the first five years of life, when the fate of the little one is in the great majority of cases in the hands of the mother, when it is she who determines more than any one else what its afterlife shall be, goes to prove this a false, misleading belief, the baby's health is made or marred by the food it eats, the air it breathes, the clothes it wears; the darkness, the light, the dampness, the dryness—the sanitary conditions of its surroundings are all so many factors in determining whether its life shall be a success or a failure. Even the mother's changing moods and tempers are interwoven into the little one's character, and determine whether it shall grow up an unstable character, under the rule of passion and impulse, or a self-regulated man or woman, directed by an intelligent and reasonable will. Is the mother intellectual and her mind active in the pursuit of useful knowledge? Does she live in an atmosphere of thought and conversation above the average gossip and scandal of everyday social life? Then the minds of her children will be moulded after the same high ideals; and as they grow up to take their part in society, they will still feel the influence of their infantile training in right thinking and proper action.

It is said of women, and with too much truth, that they delight in vain and idle gossip. Did it dawn more clearly upon them what great things they might do for the race by a proper cultivation of their intellects, and by the development of their bodies, would they waste time and squander talents unfitting themselves for this all-important work—a work they are fated to do either well or ill, the influence of which they cannot measure, and which will go on and on long after they are at rest under the grass? Life is always a solemn thing when results are considered.—Kate Lindsay, M. D., in Good Health.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Address communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 170 Maaten St., Dallas, Tex.

The cause of the Mission (or Rescue) Home of Dallas was ably championed the past Sabbath afternoon in an address by Rev. Sam P. Jones at the Central Christian Church, of this city. This church has the largest seating capacity of any church in the city. It is claimed, when auditorium and Sunday-school room are thrown together, and at 3 o'clock last Sunday afternoon every seat and all available standing room was filled by a audience of interested hearers. The claims of that class of unfortunates for whom the Mission Home was built were presented in a forcible manner in the inimitable style of this heroic champion of the right, this able defender of the principles of Christ. At the close of his address the collection baskets were passed and something over one hundred dollars in cash and a number of subscriptions were the result. This assistance in a material way at this crisis in the affairs of the Mission Home is doubly welcome to Mrs. Johnson, the Financial Agent of the Home, and to the local board of officers, upon whom the stress of responsibility rests to provide means for the daily expenses of the institution—as this sum will enable them to pay some bills incurred for the support of the same. They are earnest and hearty in their thanks to Bro. Jones for his assistance at this time. If the various auxiliaries of the W. H. M. Society of the three conferences—North Texas, Northwest Texas and East Texas—pledged to the payment of one dollar each per month for the current expenses of the Home would be faithful and prompt to meet their obligation, all the embarrassment and trouble would be done away—and, we believe, the dear sisters of these auxiliaries will come faithfully to the duty this good year 1900, so that the current expenses may be met promptly.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

To the Auxiliaries of Dallas District: Our W. F. M. Society is called upon to give as much as a dollar per member for our Twentieth Century Fund. We have asked our Heavenly Father to spread his loving kingdom over all the world. Now we are in great need of a school in Havana, Cuba. So let each member stand square to duty and help in this great educational movement. The great "cloudy-pillar" stands up for us to follow. While the twentieth century is dawning, the clear sun is shining and pouring down mellow rays in token, every way, of future progress. We have only had this great privilege in this century, so full of thought and progress. We may never have another opportunity. We have often been touched by pathetic stories and episodes to do our duty. Why not alone for duty's sake and come forward with a helping hand? Let us be good soldiers, ready for the Captain's call, and be ready for duty. Do not hesitate, for when we appear before the bar of God we will want to have an acceptable report, to give for our behavior here. Contrast our present prospects with the past and see what advancement we have made in our missionary movement. Truly we can say, "What hath God wrought!" I read where Dr. Brown made a visit to several of the island groups of the Pacific. There he saw some people, who ten years ago were cannibals, had never heard of the gospel. Their houses were decorated with the skulls of their enemies. They are now improved in their educational arts and industrial achievements. Among other things they have learned to make nice rugs, and presented him one of their own making. One has asked the question, "Doesn't it take a long while to educate and Christianize the heathen world?" Yes, but see what we have done in a few short years through the gospel and in education. Does it look like Christian people ought to hesitate in giving the gospel to enlighten the heathen world? Some one says we need to educate our home people. Now, when you talk that way do you think of the fact that we have fine colleges and universities, and that we have a Christian government at the helm, and of our public schools, etc. All we need at home is to see that every child avails herself of the great provision made for her educational privileges. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow into it."—Is. 2:2. We will be glad if we help in this monumental work. It will be of everlasting merit which will make up happy in the eternal home which God is preparing for us. We often ask What can be done in order to get Christian women to do work for the W. F. M. Society? Let us love God

more, take the Woman's Missionary Advocate, talk of the work, and God will give the increase. Now, let us lay by in store so that when we are called at some given day to contribute to the Twentieth Century fund, then we will be ready and willing. There is no work that gives back such joy as this chosen work for poor people who desire to be lifted up. As it was said of Mrs. Juliana Hays, "She thinking so largely, makes us think of her." She has set upon the hilltops beacon lights to guide others toward the fulfillment of the glorious destiny of missions. Please, each Auxiliary of the Dallas District, keep us posted in regard to your great work.

MRS. R. W. THOMPSON, District Secretary, 391 S. Ervay St., Dallas, Texas.

Resolutions of respect were passed by the Auxiliary Home Mission Society of Mineral Wells, to the memory of Mrs. D. M. Howard, President of that Auxiliary, testifying to her fidelity to the claims of the work, and that in her death the Auxiliary had lost one of its best workers and each member a warm, true friend. Signed by the committee.

MRS. A. W. THOMPSON, MRS. C. F. YEARGER, MRS. J. H. STEWART.

NOTICE.

Pastors and W. H. M. workers of West Texas Conference, please bear in mind the address of the two following Conference Society officers: Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, Secretary Conference Society, 606 Macon, San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. H. C. King, Treasurer Conference Society, 508 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, Texas. ALICE D. STARKEY, Kerrville, Texas.

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

Dear Sisters—The time for our next annual meeting is fast approaching and behooves us as Christian workers to begin now to consider the great importance of being represented at this "annual feast." We truly hope that no Auxiliary will allow any trivial matter to keep them from sending an enthusiastic delegate with a good report of the year's work. Those who come will be well rewarded, for the information, zeal and new inspirations received during the few days we spend together will greatly strengthen us for more and better work in the future. We have eagerly watched the space allotted us in the Advocate for some news from the different Auxiliaries, whom we confidently feel are holding the foreign missionary cause dear to their hearts. Indeed, it should be very dear, for what would our own beautiful Christian land have been to-day were it not for the result of foreign missions? A country so richly and bountifully blessed by an Allwise Creator was not intended to continue always in the hands of the ignorant, superstitious savage. No, in obedience to God's command, "go over and possess it and I will be with you." His children have obeyed and conquered. Then, my dear sisters, let us hear that command afresh to-day and be among the advance guard to claim China, Korea, Japan, Cuba, and all the benighted, sin-deluged portions of this beautiful world, the works of God's hands for His kingdom. Let not the riches of our country be selfishly hoarded up at home, but let us put our talents out until the gain is sufficient to shed the divine light to the uttermost parts of the earth. Our work is enlarging, our demands are increasing, and in view of these facts our Woman's Foreign Mission Board is sending out urgent appeals for our immediate action. Every cry for help that is wafted to our shores from heathen lands is intended just as much for each individual member as it is for the faithful, untiring Christian women who compose our board. Then let each one resolve to do all in her power to help them bear this great responsibility. Some of the noble ones whom we have sent out and who have spoken for God to such glorious purposes in heathen lands, have ended their services here on earth, but the glorious work must not stop. It remains for us to carry it on, if not by our presence at that post of duty, by our prayers, by our gifts and by our daily personal interest in every one of our missionaries laboring there. Can we be silent when God himself is listening for us to witness for Him? This grand work is gradually falling exclusively into the hands of the ones who were first to view the open sepulchre and the ones who were first to hear the divine command, "Go tell." Sisters, there is strength in unity. The commander of troops in the army realizes this fact and at the signal each soldier falls into line, until the great army is ready for the conflict. Let us, as missionary soldiers, meet in Seguin, at our next annual meeting, which includes the last Sabbath in June, and discuss what we are doing and make such

amendments as we see proper to increase our interest, and better prepare us to meet our obligations. Sisters, one and all, your presence is needed; through you God may have some message to our Conference Society that no other could deliver. We want consecrated, earnest Christian women for our committees; we want them for the election of our officers; we want them for the advancement of our work. So we truly hope that one or more from each Auxiliary will rally to the call and be in Seguin at the appointed time and with their united presence make this the crowning year of the woman's work in foreign fields for the West Texas Conference.

MRS. G. W. MONKHOUSE, 2d Vice-President Conf. Society, Gonzales, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

Officers of the Home Mission Society East Texas Conference: Mrs. A. S. Whitehurst, President, Marshall, Texas; Mrs. W. W. Watts, 1st Vice-President, Longview, Texas; Mrs. L. M. Fowler, 2d Vice-President, Henderson, Texas; Mrs. Emmett Smith, Recording Secretary, Nacogoches, Texas; Mrs. George Call, Corresponding Secretary, Orange, Texas; Miss Bettie Hill, Treasurer, Livingston, Texas. District Secretaries: Pittsburg District, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Pittsburg, Texas; Marshall District, Mrs. Kirby, Longview, Texas; Tyler District, Mrs. Sanders, Edom, Texas; Palestine District, Mrs. V. A. Godbey, Palestine, Texas; Beaumont District, Mrs. R. F. Adams, Jasper, Texas.

To the Home Mission Auxiliaries of the North, Northwest and East Texas Conferences:

Dear Sisters—The time for holding the thanksgiving service for the purpose of raising our Twentieth Century offering is near at hand, and I wish to call your attention to the direction that should be given to this fund by our auxiliaries in the conferences named.

At our last annual meeting in the North Texas Conference, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That all money raised for connectional work from this time until the Twentieth Century Fund is declared be put on our Mission Home and Training School, located at Dallas, Texas."

At the Northwest Texas Conference the Committee on Extension of Work offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That we request the Woman's Board of Home Missions to appropriate the revenue derived from the Week of Prayer and Twentieth Century Fund to the support of the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home."

These resolutions plainly show the purpose of these two conferences to direct the thank-offering gift to our Mission Home in Dallas. And I am told that the same action was taken by the East Texas Conference, though I have not their minutes before me so as to cite their action.

At the meeting of the Board in Dallas last April, it was distinctly stated that if these conferences in Texas would support and look after the interests of the Mission Home, the board would only ask for the dues and money raised during the Week of Prayer. So it was understood by the board that our thanksgiving fund should go to the support and further equipment of our Texas institution. It is natural and right that we should give this direction to our thank-offering fund. This work is in our own land and at our next door. In the nature of the case it must largely depend upon Texas for its care and support.

Besides, the Home is in urgent need of our help. In a word, its call to us and claims upon us as Christian workers in Texas are imperative.

Devoutly praying the blessing of God upon all our thanksgiving meetings and upon all our work and workers, I am, truly your fellow-worker.

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MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Jones-Hanby.—At the parsonage in Rockswold, Texas, December 17, 1899, Mr. Claud L. Jones and Miss Floyd Hanby, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

Crandall-Dewesse.—At the residence of Mr. S. U. Dewesse, Mr. Zion, Texas, December 24, 1899, Mr. E. H. Crandall, of Rockswold, Texas, and Miss Pearl Dewesse, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

Shoemaker-Bagby.—At the residence of J. S. Vernon, Rockswold, Texas, December 21, 1899, Mr. O. D. Shoemaker and Miss Gertrude Bagby, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

Langham-Jones.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Allen Chapel, Kaufman County, Texas, November 29, 1899, Mr. J. H. Langham and Miss Willie A. Jones, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

Neal-English.—At the residence of Joe H. Chisholm, Rockswold, Texas, October 18, 1899, Mr. C. W. Neal, of Rockswold, and Miss Ora English, of Greenville, Texas, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

Parish-Boote.—At the parsonage, Rockswold, Texas, October 23, 1899, Mr. Jas. E. Parish and Miss Etta Boote, of Millwood, Texas, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

Jordan-Bickley.—At the Methodist Church, Rockswold, Texas, November 1, 1899, at 8 p. m., Mr. Clarence A. Jordan and Miss Etta Bickley, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

Dike-Brewer.—At the home of the writer, near Palace, VanZandt County, Texas, December 31, 1899, at 3:30 p. m., Mr. J. J. Dike and Miss Lola Brewer, Rev. J. F. Everett officiating.

Burroughs-Fondren.—At the residence of the bride's parents, November 12, 1899, Mr. James Burroughs and Miss Cora Fondren, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

Sullivan-Chisholm.—At the Methodist Church, Rockswold, Texas, at 2:45 p. m., November 22, 1899, Mr. Thomas Sullivan and Miss Gusdie Chisholm, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

Dogon-Pfleger.—At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Smith, four miles north of Oakwoods, Texas, January 17, 1900, Mr. Lucien E. Dogon and Mrs. Sarah Pfeleger, Rev. B. W. Allen officiating.

Cayler-McBryde.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Austin, Texas, Mr. R. H. Cayler and Miss Iona S. McBryde, Rev. C. R. Garrett officiating.

Hester-Parey.—At Shive, Texas, at the bride's uncle, Bro. G. H. Denison, on January 14, 1900, Mr. Hismarck Hester, of Lewis County, Texas, and Miss Ella Parey, of Shive, Texas, Rev. W. H. Carr officiating.

Rodes-Sturd.—At the residence of this scribe, December 31, 1899, Mr. O. H. Rodes and Miss Minnie Sturd, of Emory, Rains County, Texas, Rev. G. M. Fletcher officiating.

Dowell-Burleson.—At the Methodist Church in Golden, Texas, at 8 o'clock p. m., January 14, 1900, Mr. W. C. Dowell and Miss Ada Burleson, Rev. G. M. Fletcher officiating.

Green-Arrington.—In the Methodist Church at Dallas, Texas, on Wednesday night, January 17, at 8 o'clock, Mr. I. M. Green and Miss Minnie Arrington, Rev. J. D. Burke officiating.

Lipscomb-James.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. E. R. James, January 21, 1900, Mr. Lillie G. Lipscomb and Miss Ora James, all of Wood County, Texas, Rev. J. M. McArthur officiating.

Green-Quinn.—In Caldwell, Texas, January 24, 1900, Mr. Albert Riley Greer, of Rosobed, Texas, and Miss Katie Quinn, formerly of Marlin, Texas, Rev. W. Wootton officiating.

McKee-Cavin.—At the residence of the bride's father, Brady, Texas, January 23, 1900, Mr. W. G. McKee and Miss Lula Cavin, Rev. M. W. Francis officiating.

Boehme-Roskie.—Near Caldwell, Texas, January 26, 1900, Mr. Richard Boehme and Miss Sophia Roskie, Rev. W. Wootton officiating.

Galloway-Moore.—At the home of the bride, in Naples, Texas, January 28, 1900, Mr. A. B. Galloway and Miss Lottie Moore, Rev. R. J. Smith officiating.

Strouman-Strickland.—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Manchaca, Travis County, Texas, January 7, 1900, Mr. Z. A. Strouman and Miss Essie Strickland, Rev. W. D. Gaskins officiating.

Henry-Petty.—At the residence of Rev. D. G. Stokes, 583 Juliette Street, Dallas, Texas, January 24, 1900, at 3:30 p. m., Mr. J. M. Henry and Miss Dora Petty, both of Dallas County, Rev. D. G. Stokes officiating.

Dowlen-Reed.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. W. Reed, January 22, 1900, Mr. Luther Dowlen and Miss Mack Reed, both of Honey Grove, Texas, Rev. J. A. Stafford officiating.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

My postoffice address is no longer Joshua, Texas, but Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas. J. G. ADAMS, Temperance Evangelist.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Feb. 1—R. J. Guess, has attention. R. J. Tooley, sub. Jas. M. Owen, sub. T. N. Weeks, sub. M. I. Brown, sub. Albert L. Scates, sub. W. H. Carr, sub. H. P. Shuler, sub. E. R. Edwards, sub. Jas. Campbell, sub. T. B. Graves, sub. B. W. Gardner, sub.

Feb. 2—C. S. McCarter, sub. J. M. Bond, sub. T. S. Willford, sub. J. M. Perry, sub. G. W. Temple, sub. Geo. S. Clark, sub. W. J. Johnson, sub. J. W. Long, sub. I. M. Woodward, sub. Mae M. Smith, sub. E. Hightower, sub. G. D. Wilson, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. Jas. A. King, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub.

Feb. 3—J. D. Dorsey, sub. D. L. Cain, sub. E. H. Caser, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. J. M. Swerton, sub. D. T. Brown, sub. A. H. Hussey, sub. A. E. Caraway, sub. Chas. A. Hooper, sub. I. J. Coppedge, sub.

Feb. 5—G. W. Harris, sub. A. W. Will, sub. A. L. Scates, sub. W. F. Mayne, sub. L. A. Webb, sub. E. G. W. Riley, sub. J. Kilgore, sub. Jas. E. Crutchfield, sub. W. B. Bayless, sub. L. G. Rogers, sub. Chas. Davis, sub. J. C. Carter, sub. J. L. Mills, sub. J. T. McKeown, sub. W. P. Edwards, sub.

Feb. 6—J. L. Yeats, sub. J. A. Wallace, sub. E. Gallagher, sub. W. K. Rucker, sub. W. S. May, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. W. T. Melugin, sub. I. T. Stafford, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. Ben H. Bonds, sub. Jno. E. Roach, sub. S. W. Miller, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. W. M. Leatherwood, sub. J. D. Dorsey, sub. R. H. Field, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. C. R. Garrett, sub. C. J. Menefee, sub. J. H. Trimble, sub.

Feb. 7—J. W. Story, sub. E. R. Edwards, sub. S. P. Brown, sub. Chas. D. West, sub. C. B. Smith, has attention. J. D. Dorsey, sub. R. H. Field, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. C. R. Garrett, sub. C. J. Menefee, sub. J. H. Trimble, sub. G. S. Crutchfield, sub. J. B. Adair, sub. G.

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Article VIII of our Constitution reads: "All applications (for help) shall be made according to blank furnished by the board through its Secretary, and be in the hands of that officer at least fifteen days before the meeting at which action on same is desired; and all from a given district shall be graded by the presiding elder of the same according to their relative importance." Dr. J. A. Black, Bonham, Texas, is the Secretary of the Conference Board, and will take pleasure in furnishing application blanks and all necessary information relating to the work of the board. JAS. W. HILL, Pres. Bd. Ch. Ex. N. Tex. Conf.

NOTICE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet in Dallas on the 7th of March. All applications to the Parent Board must be in the hands of the committee by that time. Blank applications can be had by writing the Secretary, C. R. Wright, of Hillsboro. These applications should be properly filled out and returned to the Secretary before March 7. W. B. ANDREWS, J. H. CHAMBLISS, C. R. WRIGHT, Committee.

CHURCH EXTENSION NOTICE.

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TO THE PASTORS.

The Rev. John M. Crowe, A. M., of Lexington, Ky., will assist me in a meeting here in March. While in Texas he would be pleased to assist in several meetings, and I take this means of calling the attention of the brethren to Bro. Crowe and his work. Any one desiring to make arrangements with him for a meeting while he is in Texas at this time, can write me in regard to it. W. WALLACE RISER, Whitney, Texas.

To the Preachers and Members of the Gainesville District:

Dear Brethren: Brother C. M. Harless has called a meeting on the Twentieth Century Movement at Gainesville on the 14th and 15th inst. I hope all the pastors and as many laymen as can will be on hand the first day. The meeting will be held at Broadway on the 14th and at Denton Street on the 15th, if agreeable to all parties. Let us have a grand rally and move forward to victory. The committee for Gainesville District on Twentieth Century Fund are Revs. J. L. Morris, C. L. Ballard, A. F. Hendricks, W. A. Stuekey and J. M. Nichols. J. M. BINKLEY, P. E.

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