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EDITORIAL.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is one of the two sacraments of the Church. The other is baptism. The holy sacrament is intended to commemorate the suffering and the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We take the bread in memory of his broken body and the wine in memory of his shed blood. They are not the body and blood of Christ, but they represent his body and blood. We partake of these in grateful memory of the fact that he loved us and gave himself for us. Our faith through these elements appropriates his atonement, and we think of Calvary as renewed at the altar. Concerning these facts there is no difference of opinion among us. But we are sometimes asked, "What character of bread ought to be used in celebrating the sacrament?" Well, we presume that there is no special merit in any particular sort of bread, but unleavened bread is the sort most generally used—that is, bread made with water and perhaps a little salt. It is not customary to use shortening or yeast of any sort in the preparation of the sacramental bread. Sometimes people in a hurry will use light bread or crackers. There may be no harm in the use of such bread, but the simple unleavened bread is most generally used, and for numerous reasons it is preferable. Then, again, we are often asked, "What character of wine is best suited to the sacrament?" For prudential reasons, we recommend unfermented wine for this sacred purpose. Alcoholic wine is objectionable to a great many conscientious people, and the other sort of wine can not injure any one. Once in a while, we have seen persons who had temperance pledges upon them which forbid the use of alcohol in any form, and we always respect such conscientious scruples. Then, again, we have known persons who had been reformed from the habit of strong drink, and who were honestly afraid to touch alcohol, even in the sacrament, and we are not disposed to place any sort of temptation before such people. It occurs to us that the pure unfermented juice of the grape is the most suitable sort of wine to be used in the sacrament. However, there is no particular stress laid upon this question in the New Testament; neither have we any way of learning just the character of wine that our Savior or his apostles used in this sacred service. But we do know that in our day the above objections to fermented wine are of sufficient force to merit our respect. We have been asked our opinion as to the use of juice formed from the soaking of raisins in water. That sort of wine never did strike us as the kind most suitable. It is a very indifferent substitute for the juice of the grape. The latter is now prepared specially for sacramental purposes, and it is a pure red wine, very much resembling blood. As to brandy or liquor, the thought of using either is horrible to contemplate. Under no circumstances ought this fiery fluid be brought to the table of the Lord. But for all practical purposes, the pure unfermented juice of the grape, well prepared for this holy service, is without valid objection. However, these are simply our opinions of the matter, and we only give

them for what they are worth, as the questions involved have recently been urged upon us and an answer requested. As to the seasons for communion, the Discipline provides that wherever practicable it ought to be observed the first Sunday in each month, or quarterly at furthest. When observed in faith, it is one of the most helpful and useful services in the Church.

OUR CHIEF PASTORS.

Our people are greatly interested in our Bishops. We hold them in high esteem on account of their own worthiness and on account of their work. Recently we had the pleasure of meeting them all personally, except Bishop Keener, who was not able to be present at the May meeting in Nashville. He is now a little beyond four-score years, and quite feeble. His mind is clear and strong, but his body is infirm. We rejoice that he still lingers with us, and that the Church is getting the benefit of his able pen through the Church press. Long may he abide to bless us with his godly counsel.

Bishop A. W. Wilson is now the acting senior Bishop. He is intellectually one of the strongest men in the Church, and a preacher of great thoughtfulness and wisdom. Some time ago he had a severe attack of la grippe, and for several weeks was confined to his room. But he has for the most part recovered, and was able to be at the annual meeting and take his place as President of the College of Bishops. However, he had a feeble look about him, and is evidently not up to his normal physical state. Still he has fine recuperative powers, and we hope for his complete recovery of health and strength within a few months. It is his purpose to be present at the State Epworth League Conference at Waco this week.

Bishop R. K. Hargrove, next in order, lives in Nashville, and he is also the Secretary of the College of Bishops, as well as President of the Board of Trust of the Vanderbilt University. He is slightly beyond seventy, but a remarkably well-preserved man. His hair is as white as the driven snow, and his face is ruddy and benignant. He is an eminently practical man, a safe preacher and a good executive. From his personal appearance, we take it that he is still good for several years of service to the Church.

Bishop John C. Granbery is one of the saintliest of men, and the beloved disciple of the college. He is scholarly, urbane and the noblest type of the old Virginia gentleman. His health is rather feeble at this time. Naturally he is a delicate man, and a recent attack of la grippe has very much impaired his strength. He is now slightly beyond seventy, but still active in his loved employ. His very presence is an inspiration to people to love God and live righteously.

Bishop W. W. Duncan is possessed of his usual vigor and strength. He is wiry and strong, and capable of great endurance. He seems to be in perfect health and wide-awake to the needs of the Church. There is running through him a vein of Irish humor, and he enjoys a good joke. Sometimes, while presiding over the conferences, the brethren mistake his humor for earnestness of speech and

occasionally feel a little aggrieved at some of his pungent remarks, but we have no kinder-hearted man among the Bishops than good Bishop Duncan. He has deep sentiment, and would take the coat off of his own back to give it to a brother in need. Personally he is a delightful man, and to know him is to love him.

Bishop Charles R. Galloway is the orator of the College of Bishops. At time of his elevation to the Episcopacy he was the youngest man in point of years ever thus honored by the Church. It was thought by many that he was too young for such grave responsibilities; but his service to the Church has demonstrated the wisdom of his election. He is still comparatively a young man, but for the past years he has not spared himself, and there is about him an air of premature age. His health seems to be perfect, and his zeal knows no bounds. In the pulpit and on a platform he is one of the most attractive preachers in Methodism. Therefore he is in great demand throughout the North as well as the South.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix is the picture of health and energy. He is about midway between fifty and sixty, and his physique is robust and sinewy. He is a critical scholar and widely read. As a presiding officer, he is alert and accurate. In the pulpit he is masculine and majestic. Fortune has always favored him, and from him the Church is gathering a rich harvest of efficiency and capability. He is a man of affairs, and one of the safest of our counselors.

Bishop Jos. S. Key is our Texas Bishop, and well known among nearly all of our people. He was taken from the active work of the pastorate and elected to his present high position, and he is therefore wonderfully practical in his relation to the Church. While well advanced in years, he is still in excellent health and fine spirit. His white beard and hair give him something of a patriarchal bearing, but his heart is young and he loves the brethren. In the chair he is a painstaking executive, and in the pulpit an earnest, faithful preacher. This year he goes to Mexico, and is delighted with his field of service.

Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald is one of the sweetest-spirited men with whom we have ever met. As he grows older, he retains his excellent and harmless humor, and to meet him is to feel the impress of a good and deeply pious minister and high official. He has in him all the elements of an old-fashioned Methodist preacher. At this time he has a venerable look, and his health is very precarious. In fact, he has been able to do but little work for the past two years, and unless he improves he will not be able to continue on the active list much longer. But he is a truly good man, and he has been useful in his services to the Church.

Bishop Warren A. Candler is built like iron works. He is low of stature, but broad and muscular. His health is perfect, and his capacity for work is simply tremendous. He is a trained thinker and an impressive preacher. He has a great mind, and is destined

to be a dominant factor in the councils of the Church. Providence has shaped him up with reference to this end.

Bishop H. C. Morrison for a long time was an ideal city pastor and for eight years a successful Missionary Secretary. Under his administration in the latter office the mission debt of \$150,000 was paid off, and at the end of that great enterprise the General Conference made him a Bishop. He is eminently a self-made man, and well-made at that. He is a popular preacher and a successful executive. Recently he had an attack of pneumonia and at Nashville was looking the worst for wear, but he is recuperating and will soon be himself again.

These are the men whom we have put in the lead of our Church work, and they are worthy of the trust thus committed to them. They are good men, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. We love and honor them for their work's sake.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

On another page we give a handsome cut of the new Orphanage building at Waco, and a statement of the business features of it by Rev. A. B. Mulkey. We call the attention of the entire membership of the Church in Texas to this presentation of that worthy institution, and urge upon all the necessity of extending a helping hand to the effort now being put forth to thoroughly equip this new building and to put it in such shape as that it will become at once a very helpful addition to the work of the Orphanage. It represents the most pressing needs of all of our benevolent enterprises throughout the State. And it affords an opportunity to these of a liberal turn of mind, concerning the worthiness of which there can be no sort of question. To put money down there can not be a mistake if we want the money to do good. It is the sort of benevolence that Christ approves without let or question. These little ones, bereft of fathers and mothers, appeal to our sympathy with a pathos that ought to be irresistible. They have no tender hearts to love and care for them, only as those hearts are found in the bosoms of those who love Christ. Bro. Mulkey has done a wonderful work in getting the money to push this new building thus far, and he will carry this on until the last dollar of the indebtedness is paid. It is the least that thousands of others can do to see that the building is completely fitted up and furnished with all conveniences necessary to make it a comfortable home for these hundreds of little ones who are to be blessed by the outlay. Hundreds of our people are able to send a contribution to this cause, and when all such donations are put together the aggregate will accomplish the desired result. Why not do something for this excellent institution in the midst of our prosperity? God is blessing the State from center to circumference, and we owe it to him and humanity to turn some of our substance into this channel. Let the good work begin without delay.

THE RESCUE HOME.

We had the pleasure of visiting this Home last Sunday afternoon, and at the pressing invitation of Bro. Sprague, the pastor, of preaching to the

goodly number of people who make up the Home circle. There are now a large number of young women out there, and they show the effect of the tuition of the place and its environment. Miss Matthews and Miss Moore, who have charge of the Home, are cultured, refined Christian women, and evidently Providence called them to that work. They are accomplishing great things for the cause of Christ in helping those placed under their care to a better life. Nearly all of them are religious, and they are resolved to recover lost womanhood and start out anew for this life and for the life that is to come. We had a most delightful service with them. The Holy Spirit was present, and many indications showed that God is owning the work thus being done. The Home is in first-class condition. The property is being improved and the grounds put in excellent cultivation. Fruit trees and vegetables of every variety abound. Bro. W. D. Knowles, a good man who lives in the city and who has been identified with the work from the beginning, has been doing a great deal to improve the state of things in and around the Home. For weeks and weeks he gives his entire time to looking after the yard, the garden, the outhouses and many conveniences within, until the results of his handiwork are everywhere visible. Sister Knowles has also rendered valuable help in various ways. This is certainly a fine field, and our good ladies are occupying it wisely and to the glory of God. It gives one a stronger confidence in the power of Christ to save and dignify humanity, to go out there and see what is being done. It is the sort of work that Christ would delight to do if he were here again in bodily form; but as he is not here in that form, he is doing it through his consecrated women. We rejoice in the success of the Home, and commend it to the generosity of our people. It is worthy of our support and co-operation. In a few days there will be begun an annex to the present building in which provision will be made for special industrial features, for the inmates are given bread and employment, and by that means aid in the support of the institution. They are being taught to become self-supporting. We repeat that the Mission Home is a credit to the cause of Christ.

STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS.

To be honest is to be strong. Dependence is a form of weakness. He can conquer who thinks he can. And he accomplishes little or nothing who takes up his work faint heartedly. All this is well known and pretty thoroughly understood so far as it applies to ourselves. It has also an important application to others. We must be helpful for them. We have full liberty to trust God not only for ourselves, but for those we love. It is not right that we think of them for a moment as if all shut out from His loving kindness and tender care. Our tears for them wrong Him. Our furrowed forehead falsifies our faith. We fail to remember His unstinted affection and His unbounded resources. Our doubts and worries do neither Him nor ourselves any credit. While we work with all our might in their behalf and on no account intermit effort, our work should be hopeful and peaceful, as done in full partnership with One who is greater than our heart, mightier than circumstances, and stronger than the evil one.—Zion's Herald.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS IN NEW YORK.

The program for Tuesday morning furnished a fine list of topics and a list of names of exceptionally strong men to discuss them. The main floor and dress circle and all the galleries were crowded to their utmost capacity. Bishop Thoburn, soon forty years a missionary for the M. E. Board in India, was the first speaker on "Evangelistic Work."

To rightly and successfully cultivate the entire heathen field women evangelists will of necessity come into large service. The best and perhaps the most numerous evangelists of the future will perhaps come from among the "little ones."

Dr. W. F. Oldham, of Columbus, O., followed Bishop Thoburn. Dr. Oldham was formerly of India, and perhaps Malaysia. His theme was, "How to so present the gospel to non-Christian peoples as to persuade and win." Dr. Oldham looks to be scarcely middle age, but possessed of rare culture, wide experience in both the home and foreign field. His wide and firm grasp of his theme caught the conference from the start. His first striking statement was that "the presentation must always be level with the understanding."

Very few topics took firmer hold of the conference or made more definite impression on the minds of visitors than did the subject of "Comity and Division of Fields." The duty of a most genuine brotherliness sufficiently strong to make all denominations stand side by side in facing the common enemy of heathenism. A fellowship that will neither build altar against altar, nor confuse the non-Christian mind with any complexity of varying creeds.

One of the most profitable sessions of the conference was held on Friday morning. The topic was, "Self-Support by Mission Churches." The Program Committee had provided some of the ablest writers and best experience in mission work for this topic. The first speaker introduced was Rev. Geo. B. Winton, of San Antonio, Texas, who read a fine paper on "Self-Support."

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Missionary Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, read a paper the conference very heartily enjoyed on "The Present Status of Missions." This paper showed the Doctor a Missionary Secretary well equipped for the office and a writer of rare ability.

The discussion on self-support has a fine lesson for the Church at home in many localities the Church at home needs light on the management of Churches in heathen lands, their evangelistic methods, the supply of pastors, their educational schemes and charitable institutions. There is no doubt but a general knowledge of her various features of Church work in

mission fields are managed would strengthen the faith of many a weak disciple in the Church at home. How many at home imagine that the evangelistic methods by which converts and members won are very weak and superficial. This is a wide mistake. The methods in force in the heathen lands are much more efficient and searching than at home. In most of the mission fields candidates for membership are declined if they have to confess that they have made no personal effort to lead some one to Christ. This role in Texas would seriously interfere with the success of many revivalists and evangelists who report large gatherings wherever they go. So it would prove in the financial schemes of the Church as also in the requirements of candidates for the ministry.

Calvert, Texas. JOS. B. SEARS.

LETTER FROM MISSOURI.

You are making a good paper. It is a worthy member of the Advocate family. I should not be surprised if some Texan were to say it was the best paper in the Church. It ought to be a great paper. You have a great constituency. You have 191,958 Methodists in Texas exclusive of the German Methodists, of which there are 1332, though they are not all in Texas.

It is wonderful how those Germans contribute to the cause of missions. If the rest of us paid as much per capita as they do our collections for missions last year would have been \$1,929,911.65, in place of \$389,742.64. For several years I prepared and had published in some one of the Church papers a paper showing the amount each conference paid per capita for missions. I have just finished the calculation for 1899, and as you have more Methodists in Texas than any other State the Texas Advocate will be a good paper in which to publish the results of my investigation. The entire Church paid 25.7 cents per member. Add to the amount of the regular collections, \$289,742.64, the amount collected by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$97,164.91, and we have 25.5 cents as the amount paid per member. I give the conferences and the amount paid per member, exclusive of the women's contribution: German Mission, \$128.6; Japan Mission, \$1,023; Montana, 58.1; Los Angeles, 33.4; New Mexico, 46.9; West Texas, 37.5; Pacific, 36.2; Texas, 34.1; Missouri, 33.2; Baltimore, 32.96; Virginia, 32.94; Alabama, 31; Southwest Missouri, 29.6; Tennessee, 29.9; Louisiana, 29.2; Brazil, Mission, 29; North Alabama, 28.5; South Carolina, 28.2; Northwest Texas, 28.1; South Georgia, 28; St. Louis, 27.5; Western, 26.9; Little Rock, 26.7; North Carolina, 26.4; Holston, 25.2; North Georgia, 24.7; North Texas, 24.5; Western North Carolina, 23.3; East Columbia, 23; Mississippi, 22.8; Columbia, 22.6; Northwest Mexican Mission, 22.2; North Mississippi, 21.2; Central Mexican Mission, 21.1; Kentucky, 20.6; Memphis, 20; Indian Mission, 18.2; Louisville, 17.1; Denver, 16; Mexican Border Mission, 13.6; Arkansas, 12.5; White River, 11.1; Florida, 10.9; China Mission, 9.9; Western Virginia, 9.8; East Texas, 9.7; Illinois, 9.4. There are forty-seven conferences. Twenty-four exceed the average and twenty-three fall below it. Next to Texas, Georgia has more Methodists than any other of the Southern States, the number being 161,184. Missouri has 162,983. Virginia and North Carolina are good Methodist States, but the exact number cannot be ascertained from the minutes, as the conference and State lines are different. The North Georgia has more members, and pays more to her preachers than any other conference, but the Virginia, which is next in membership, exceeds her in contributions to missions, Church extension and the Bible cause. There are many other valuable items in the minutes. Why is it that so few of our people buy these invaluable annuals? I doubt if there is one layman in a thousand, nor one preacher in fifty, that has a full set of them. Yet no preacher's library can be complete without the minutes of all the conferences in his Church. If our editors would stir the people up on this question they might do better.

Since my last letter was written the Curators of Central College met and re-elected the present faculty. The sessions, however, were not harmonious. Some of the Curators are opposed to the proposition to unite Central and Howard-Payne Colleges under one administration. They look upon Dr. Craighead, the President of Central College, as the prime mover and most influential supporter of this project. Hence they opposed his reelection, but failed. In my judgment it would have been a serious mistake not to have retained him as President of the college.

Our prospects for fruit and wheat were never better than now. The weather is delightful, but we need

rain. Don't want as much as you have had in Texas. W. S. WOODARD. Fayette, Mo.

THE GEORGETOWN DISTRICT CONFERENCE UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The Georgetown District Conference convened at Seventh Street, Temple, under most unfavorable circumstances. In spite of the floods of rain and black mud, every pastor was present, with a large attendance of local preachers and laymen not a few. It was estimated to be the largest attendance in the history of the district. The first business session was pitched upon a high religious key, and it was maintained throughout the conference. Bro. Nelms sets a high religious standard in all his conferences, and his pastors delight in assisting him to maintain it throughout the district.

Rucker claimed to be a novice at entertaining, but he proved himself equal to the occasion—and the occasion was out of the ordinary. He had not provided boats for transportation, because he did not think they would be needed; but in the absence of boats, as this writer can testify, Rucker waded water knee deep in order that his guests might go dry-shod.

The conference did its work with few committees, thus relieving it of all the stiffness incident to statistics and other committee work.

On account of the unprecedented winter and spring, very few of the pastors had been able to accomplish much on the Twentieth Century work. And yet, in spite of these hindrances, something over \$12,000 has been raised. The district is now divided up into four sections and thoroughly organized, and if it does or does not continue to rain, we expect to bring things to pass. In addition to this, the prospects are good for collections in full.

The conference recommended four candidates for admission on trial into the traveling connection, viz.: Robt. E. Goodrich, C. M. Myers, W. J. Morris and W. O. Hightower.

The delegates elected to the Annual Conference are C. C. Cody, L. G. Grimes, C. G. Neal and Jno. Lloyd. Alternates, W. D. Yett and E. A. Sterling.

The visitors were J. G. Putman, E. T. Harrison, E. A. Smith, J. M. Barcus, G. W. Owens and W. C. Everett.

Bro. Everett has a good speech on our publishing interests—he may have more than one—and that one is good enough to be repeated all over Texas. He says twelve months in Texas is long enough to make of any man a "blow-hard," and he has been here almost a year, and finds himself making good progress in that direction.

After Bro. Owens' speech, the presiding elder took the floor and made a rousing exhortation for the Texas Advocate. It is his custom to have sample copies of the paper sent to his Quarterly Conferences for distribution, and to make the Advocate a feature of the Quarterly Conference. His effort is to put the paper into every Methodist home in his district.

Seventh Street did the royal thing in entertainment.

The conference goes to Marble Falls next year. W. B. ANDREWS.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ELSE.

After a week of peculiar coincidences I am now with my lovely family, getting ready for Sunday service and Children's Day.

At our District Conference at Allen I was kindly entertained by an old-time Alabama Baptist minister, but for many years a resident of Allen, Texas. I enjoyed the conference very much. Another feature of the occasion was made very enjoyable by the fact that the father and two of his boys with whom I stayed at my first District Conference at Bethlehem Church, Marshall County, Mississippi, in July, 1879, were all three at Allen—Father Gallagher and son, of St. Paul neighborhood, and Rev. Gallagher, of the Northwest Texas Conference. Thirty years ago I gave young Gallagher Bennies Theological Compend and lost the act in the sea of forgetfulness, when, after thirty years, the act flashed in upon my mind as we recognized each other and he recalled the circumstance and expressed his appreciation of an act so small and yet of such great possible results, which doubtless aided in formulating the theological trend of a minister of the gospel. How careful ought we to be to do the small duties of charity, kindness and love, for we never know what wonderful developments may grow out of them. A small thing may wreck a train and destroy many lives, while a very small thing may turn a noble life in a direction which may end in the spiritual life of thousands. Another very peculiar coincidence was that W. T. Perkins, Jere Martin and J. J. M. Harper, who were members of Company A, Third Missouri Cavalry, Campbell's Regiment, Marmaduke's Brigade, were all three present at the conference, and on the second ballot were all three elected as delegates to the Annual Conference. From thirty-

five to thirty-eight years ago these men stood side by side, fighting for a noble yet lost cause; and the past thirty-five years they have stood shoulder to shoulder in the same grand division of the army of the living God, though under different captains, in different subdivisions, fighting for a glorious and a destined victorious cause; thus peculiarly associated together with battle scars and furrowed faces, but with cheerful hearts and bright prospects of a final reunion on the shores of sweet deliverance. From there I was called by telephone to go to Annona to attend the funeral of my wife's oldest brother, which gave me an all-night's run by way of Texarkana to get there in time. So I am now at home, after over 400 miles riding in all, writing this note with a Publishing House pencil. S. W. MILLER.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The ninth session of the Greenville District Conference met in Allen, April 26, 1900. Bishop J. S. Key in the chair. The opening sermon was preached the night before by Rev. F. F. Threadgill. The conference was opened with religious services, conducted by the Bishop. W. G. Perkins was elected Secretary and J. J. M. Harper assistant. This scribe was elected as reporter to the Advocate, hence these notes. The morning session was devoted to a review of the past year's work. Rev. J. W. Hill preached at 11 o'clock. The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of the difficulties with which we have to contend. This was a spiritual and profitable session, closing with a fervent prayer, led by Uncle Dick Thompson. It will result in good over the district. At night the Bishop preached a strong sermon on secret prayer. Second day, the question discussed at the morning session was, "How to save our young people to the Church." This was a very profitable discussion; the Bishop closed with a strong appeal to the preachers and parents to look well to the salvation of the children. He said the Methodist Church was better prepared to save the children and young people than any other Church. Some of us came away resolved to be more careful on that line of our work. At 11 o'clock, Uncle Dick preached. You know what he did. He did it well. The afternoon session; this session was given to a discussion of the "Financial System;" the Bishop and laymen ran this session, the preacher rather taking a back seat, i. e., most of them; of course, there are some preachers you cannot keep down. W. C. Killingsworth, J. J. M. Harper, Jere Martin, and W. G. Perkins were elected delegates to the Annual Conference. On account of rain there was no preaching at night. Third day, morning session, Harvey Clay was licensed to preach. Revs. G. B. Martin and H. M. Perryman were recommended for ordination. The license of all the local preachers were renewed except two. The following resolution was passed:

1. Whereas, only eight of the twenty-seven local preachers of the district were in attendance upon the session of the District Conference; therefore, Resolved, That we regret very much this seeming indifference, upon their part to the District Conference, and that hereafter this conference will expect those who wish their licenses renewed to report to the conference either in person or by letter.

2. Whereas, the present year closes the labors of Rev. I. S. Ashburn, our beloved presiding elder on the Greenville District, and we note a gratifying advance in all the interests of the district under his faithful and efficient leadership; therefore, Resolved, That we hereby express to Bro. Ashburn our love and appreciation for his uniform kindness to us individually and collectively; and we pray God's blessings upon him in whatever field he may be called to labor in the vineyard of our Master. And whereas we learn with deep sorrow that his dear wife is far from being well, and should she need his constant care, and knowing that he feels it to be his duty to attend his Quarterly Conference; therefore, Resolved, That this District Conference assure Bro. Ashburn of its sympathy, and should he feel it to be his duty to remain with his sick wife, we request him to use any of us in holding our own or any of the Quarterly Conferences. This resolution was signed by all the pastors. At 11 o'clock the Bishop preached a sermon that stirred our hearts. Afternoon session, I. S. Ashburn in the chair. We missed the Bishop, but lost nothing in a presiding officer. Rev. W. B. Patterson was recommended to the Annual Conference for readmission. Rev. G. C. Rankin, editor of the Christian Advocate, was introduced to and addressed the conference. At the close of which the following resolution was part:

Whereas, we learn from Rev. Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, of its continued pros-

perity; and realizing the helpfulness of the paper to our people; therefore, Resolved, We do most heartily commend the Advocate to our people, and pledge Dr. Rankin our hearty cooperation.

Bro. Frank Reedy was introduced to and addressed the conference on the work of the Dallas Publishing House. The following was passed:

Whereas, We learn of the growing prosperity of the Branch Publishing House at Dallas; therefore, Resolved, That we welcome Bro. Reedy among us, and commend him and his work to the brethren of the conference.

The following resolutions were also passed:

Whereas, we have had Bishop J. S. Key to preside during our District Conference; therefore, Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of his presence among us, and his wise counsel in the chair; and that his sermons have been a benediction to us, and that the Secretary furnish the Bishop a copy of these resolutions.

Resolution of thanks: Whereas, the members and visitors of the Greenville District Conference have been hospitably and pleasantly entertained by our Church and the citizens of Allen; therefore, be it Resolved, That we extend to our Church and people of Allen, our most hearty thanks for their kindness and courtesy.

Resolutions to the Annual Conference: Whereas, the Greenville District Conference, as now arranged, is composed of parts of Hunt and Collin Counties, and believing it will be to the glory of God and the good of Methodism to have in the territory now embraced in the district, two districts; therefore be it

Resolved, That we do respectfully urge upon the Bishop presiding at the next Annual Conference the need of dividing the district so that the Greenville District shall be composed of all the appointments in Hunt County, and a new district be formed to be known as the McKinney District, embracing all the appointments in Collin County, and that the presiding elder be asked to present and urge these facts at the next session of the Annual Conference.

E. H. CASEY, JOHN P. HAMILTON, J. F. BICKLEY, J. M. PETERSON, J. F. PIERCE, J. MARTIN, C. M. LIVINGSTON.

The committee made the following announcements of remaining services: Preaching Saturday night by Rev. J. F. Pierce; Sunday, "Love Feast," 9:30, conducted by Rev. E. G. Roberts; preaching at 11 o'clock by J. M. Peterson; communion service, 2:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. I. S. Ashburn; preaching at night by Rev. E. H. Casey; and thus closed one of the most pleasant and profitable District Conferences it has ever been my privilege to attend. J. M. PETERSON.

TERRELL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Terrell District Conference met in Plano April 25, 1900, at 2:30 o'clock in the evening, and adjourned the Saturday evening following at 5:30 o'clock. Rev. F. O. Miller, presiding elder, in the chair. All the preachers of the district were present except one, and quite a number of lay delegates, notwithstanding the heavy rains. The business of the conference was conducted in the usual way, by committees, and as the reports of the different committees were read they were fully discussed by the brethren. The speeches made by Revs. O. S. Thomas and W. M. Leatherwood, on the spiritual state of the Church, were very fine, and will no doubt accomplish much good. The Rev. W. H. Hughes represented the Texas Advocate at the conference, and all who know him know that what he does he does well. The interests of the paper did not suffer in his hands. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held an open meeting at 10 o'clock Friday morning, and papers were read by Mrs. Bowman, of Plano, and Mrs. Thompson, of Dallas, both very interesting and instructive. Oh, what a noble work is being done by this society! As the years go by the wisdom of the Church in organizing it is more and more apparent. Through its instrumentality, every year thousands are being brought into the kingdom of our blessed Savior. At 11 o'clock Friday, Uncle Dick Thompson preached a fine sermon, and of course took up a collection for the Orphanage.

Dr. Rankin was with us Sunday, and preached to a full house at 11 o'clock a sermon that brought comfort to many hearts, and will long be remembered by all who heard it.

Sunday night, Rev. Geo. S. Sexton preached his missionary sermon on Cuba, and as a result a collection of about \$400 was taken for our mission work there.

The District Conference at Plano,

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The delegates elected to the next Annual Conference are: Rev. H. Dice- man, Sid Bass, J. M. Nickens, J. H. Bowman, Alternates, John McKamy and W. C. Wallace.

The next District Conference is to be held at Rockwall.

SID BASS, Secretary.

TYLER DISTRICT.

I promised to finish the report from Tyler District when the first round was completed.

Lindale came February 24 and 25, at Lindale. W. W. Graham is the new pastor, and no man in the district seems to be prouder of his charge, and he has, beyond any question, a fine people, who seem as proud of him as he of them. Already he has his collec- tions secure, and his per capita free- will offering to the Twentieth Century Fund. Lindale charge is in safe hands for the year 1900. Reports were splen- did.

Mincola Station is in charge of W. J. Owens. He is a new man in that charge, but has things so well in hand, and knows so many people already, that you would think he had been there for years. He moves with pru- dence and good judgment, and his charge is growing. This is a pleasant charge, a fine congregation, a fine Sun- day-school and W. H. M. Society. His collections are up to date. A fine new organ has been placed in the church, and one of the best choirs in the dis- trict does the singing. When you go to Mincola, Mr. Editor, stop up with Bro. and Sister Owens if you wish to have a good time.

March 10 and 11 was the Quarterly Conference for Malakoff charge, held at Walnut Creek, Dr. G. V. Ridley, P. C. The Doctor is as active and as hopeful as a boy in his "teens." He has cap- tured Malakoff completely, and has al- ready done what would ordinarily be called a good year's work. The par- sonage has been completed and fur- nished throughout. One church so near rebuilt as to be almost new. No man has a more appreciative people than Dr. Ridley, and the outlook for the year is very fine. The quarterly meet- ing was a "shouting success." Finances well up.

March 17 and 18 we were at New York, on the New York Circuit. Pink Red White is the preacher. Been there two years already. He is the un- married man of the district, is a good young man and in fine favor with his people, and doing good work. We had a fine Quarterly Conference. Stewards made a good report, and the indica- tions are that a better day is ahead for this charge. New York is the home of our old-time friend, Dr. T. H. Hall. He is a fine physician and a good preacher. Pink Red is in for a good year, and his people are with him.

Troupe and Overton Quarterly Con- ference came March 24 and 25. Bro. J. W. Johnson, pastor. He is a wise man and good preacher. He has been a "beloved" himself, and knows how to have everything ready for a quar- terly meeting. He is serving a good charge, and is sure of a good year. Stewards' report full and over.

We held Meredith Quarterly Confer- ence March 21 and April 1. Bro. D. F. Pulley has charge here. He is a good man, and full of faith and the Holy Ghost. He prays, sings, gets happy and shouts. It is our judgment that this charge will have great revivals, pay its preacher in full, and double the general collections.

Emory charge was April 7 and 8, but owing to rain the meeting was nearly a failure. Bro. G. M. Fletcher is the preacher in charge. He has lived in and near this circuit for thirty years, and no man is more honored or loved than he. We have some splendid peo- ple on the charge, who are standing bravely for our cause.

April 14 and 15 found us at Canton, on Canton Circuit. F. A. Downs is the preacher in charge. He is one of the most promising young men in East Texas, a graduate of Southwestern University, a man of books and read- ing, and in love with the work of the ministry. He has a good charge, and will make it better. I can not say whether he has captured his whole charge, but he has captured or been captured by a most beautiful and ac- complished young lady, and made her a life partner in his business. God bless and make the way bright before them.

April 21 and 22 we were at Tunnel's Chapel, on Edom Circuit. J. W. Bridges, son of the ascended J. C. A. Bridges, is the new pastor here. Jimmy is a good preacher, and by studious habits is growing in grace and ability every day. He has one of the best circuits I ever saw. Has one thousand members, and many of them the best- to-do people in the country. Tunn- el's Chapel has two hundred and fifty

members, and one of the best church houses in East Texas. Finances good and spiritual outlook cheering. The rain interfered with us on Sunday, but Saturday was a great day.

April 28 and 29 we closed our first round at Flint, on White House Cir- cuit. B. C. Ansley, the "funny preach- er" of the district, has charge. If he is the funny preacher, he is religious with it, full of energy, and has an eye on all the interests of the Church. At this meeting he never rested till every member of the Quarterly Conference and visitor had been looked after. We had a real good time. Large crowds attended. This circuit ought to be one of the best of the district, and I be- lieve will be better in the near future than it now is.

I wish to call attention to one other matter ere this report is closed, name- ly: Our Woman's Home Mission Work. Mrs. Dr. Sanders, of Edom, is our Dis- trict Secretary. She is very anxious to put the work in better shape in the district, and it needs to be. Every aid society should at once be changed into a W. H. M. Society, and other new so- cieties should be organized. I trust that our preachers will lend Sister San- ders every needed help by correspond- ence and otherwise. We ought to have five times as many societies as we now have.

Now, one closing word of exhorta- tion: Let all concerned, presiding el- der and pastors, local preachers and exhorters, Sunday-school superinten- dents and teachers, do our level best to make the second quarter more spiritual than the first, and stewards and all the people to make its finances better. Let us continue our faith and prayers for a great revival and full financial reports.

J. T. SMITH.

Tyler, Texas.

THE GREATEST MOVEMENT OF THIS CENTURY.

Time after time, different persons have asked me to write a word on the present Educational Movement. I do not seem hardly necessary, but some of our chief men think otherwise. First of all, I am glad that advice is so cheap. Were it expensive, and we were forced to pay for that already given, the whole amount called for by our Church would not meet the debt. There has been, entirely too much talk—too much planning, too much method—too much "a beginning to try" to get ready to make a start. To raise the sum asked for by the Church has been called a "presiding elders' opportuni- ty." But this is a mistake. It is pre- eminently a pastors' opportunity. The success or failure of the enterprise will show very much the ability or inability of a pastor. The presiding elder can be a tremendous help. Yet there may be conditions in certain charges that will render it quite impossible for even a very efficient pastor to succeed. So far as the work is concerned here in my Church in Texarkana, it was fully inaugurated in October of last year. It was easily done. I appointed five active, wide-awake laymen to do the work. One made the leading address at 11 a. m. on Sunday. That address was followed by a collection. The evening service was conducted in a similar way. The results were good. I have rarely ever heard better addresses. We have sent out about one hundred and forty copies of the "Twentieth Century Movement." This little paper goes in to every home of my Church for one year. It is a power. The information is invaluable. The good work is going on. We expect to make a creditable report at the final wind-up. Indeed, we could do that if we were to close the books to-day. Our local conditions are just such as to prevent us from making as good a report as we would be pleased to make. We need a new church building. I never knew any place to need one worse. But we have a large membership as to numbers, and some of them wealthy. We also have a good following in the city. There are good reasons why the mat- ter of building has been delayed so long. If we delay much longer, Metho- dism will be forced to the rear. But none of these things move us as to our Educational Movement. To live in such an age as this, and not be alive to its grandeur; to have received so much at the hands of our God and not to give positive and substantial evi- dence of our gratitude; to see our vast possibilities and gracious opportunities and not to appreciate the one and glad- ly seize upon and improve the other; to know what a blessing we may be to future generations by leaving to them a heritage for mind and heart, culti- vating the one and purifying the other; to read our motto for the year 1900, "A revival in every Church and a free- will offering from every member," and not make a manly, noble and persistent effort to do our utmost to help com- plete the great enterprise—seems to me to be no less than downright crim- inal.

But some things have, indeed, been a surprise. Here in our own State—Texas—where Methodism is so strong, and among whose members there is so much wealth, no one has dared to be a

leader—only in advice. There has not been a man who has come to the front and agreed to be one of five or ten, or any number, to make a really magnifi- cent gift. Some years ago a wealthy man of our Church (in a distant State), at an urgent appeal in behalf of Christian education, proposed to give \$25,000 if the same amount were raised by the whole Church in that State. The whole amount was soon obtained, making \$50,000. So far, no one here has made a magnanimous proposition. If any one has made a large and liberal dona- tion, it is not yet announced. The lib- erality shown has been in small offer- ings and from many of our needy peo- ple. One thing is certain, the outlook just now is, the "hard-handed sons of toil" and the "pale-faced women of the needle" are to be the chosen ones to save our part of this, the grandest movement of this century. Let every pastor remember that the most deter- mined perseverance, even unto the end, is the price of the fair name of the M. E. Church. South. Postponing, halt- ing, neglecting, will end in a sad and weary defeat.

There are some reasons, however, why our methods do not command our moneyed men. In my next article I will discuss this point.

D. F. C. TIMMONS.

Texarkana, Texas.

WHY SHOULD WE APOSTATIZE?

Jesus, even in his boyhood, repre- sents our ideal of human nature—a human being in his most perfect state. Luke 2:45-52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." The process of spiri- tual development seems to have begun at the age of twelve years. There is no biblical evidence of instantaneous growth. He grew in favor with God. So may we. And we take it this spiri- tual growth and increase in wisdom was continuous—never ceasing. Fur- ther, there is no evidence of the mani- festation of his power divine until he was thirty years old. He was tempted as we are, and petitioned the Father as we do, and he relied on the Father's divine help to give him strength to re- sist all manner of temptation to do evil. So should we. His life proves the possibilities of human attainments, while continually confiding in the Fa- ther for divine aid, which is transmit- ted to us through the power and en- ergy of the Holy Spirit. Thus, by our love to God, our confidence in and fidelity to him, and our desire to imitate the life and character of the Master by perseverance in our faith in him (which is inseparably connected with a progress in Christian experience), there is necessarily a constant devel- opment of the spiritual life, the high- est ideal for human effort; and this de- velopment and progress in Christian attainments (if we will it so) continues through life. It is thus we press for- ward to the consummation. The indi- vidual who will pursue this course (though never free from temptation) will be surprised at his own develop- ment and his divinely acquired strength of character, which will en- able him to resist all manner of temptation to do evil and gain the victory over the tempter, thereby estab- lishing a solidity of character which is the privilege of every Christian, and will enable him to say, as did the Master when tempted, "Get thee behind me, Satan," and be constantly led by the spirit of truth, which the Master said (John 14:17) that the world could not receive. Therefore, it is impos- sible for the unregenerate to compass or explore the realm of a Christian's thoughts that have been exalted by divinity to a higher plane of action. The too common theory that it is hu- man to sin, and that continually sin- ning, and as often repenting, is the di- vine plan, is not substantiated in the Master's teachings, who says: "Whoso- ever will follow me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." If we sin we are in darkness, and become as the prodigal son, a wan- derer from the Father's house. True, the most stalwart characters have fail- ed. Why? Because they ceased to ask for divine help, being deluded into the belief that they could rely on their own strength. Such efforts ever prove futile, and the inevitable consequence will be failure. When one does fall, it is commendable to come back to the throne of grace and plead for mercy, and be restored to the Father's favor; but a constant reliance for divine help is safer and far more satisfactory, and in accordance with the Master's teach- ings. Making all due allowance for heredity, which is so often pleaded as an excuse for fickleness of character and failure, which results as a consequence, may be set aside by considering and comparing the lives of two of the apostles previous to and after the visitation of the Holy Ghost. I refer to the unstable and fickle-minded Peter and the doubting and skeptical Thomas, who, after being imbued with the Holy Spirit, teaching them all things as the Master had promised, became strong and faithful Christian characters and remained so to the end of their lives. While con-

ceding from biblical evidence and ob- servation, that it is possible to apos- tatize, to deny that it is possible not to do so is to deny the teachings of the Master. R. J. SMITH. San Marcos, Texas.

PARSONAGES.

The marching orders of the clergy is, "Go teach all nations," and they must needs learn that they may teach; hence a place to live and study is one of the essentials of success.

Onesiphorus furnished a parsonage for Paul while he was at Ephesus, and it is believed thereby sacrificed not only his property, but his life. He was not ashamed of Paul's chains. In so doing, he not only pleased the Master very much, but built to himself and family a monument that shall stand for all time to come. It is no small matter for a man with a family to take the road for life, but when he does and finds there lodging places by the way, it is really like rivers of water in a thirsty land. Beginning with the first day of the year 1885, this writer served sixteen years in the good old State of Alabama, and never moved into but one parsonage the whole time. That delightful preacher's home, just this side Columbus, Ga., deserves a passing notice. A man was living near Mr. Zion, the leading appointment on the Crawford Circuit, and running a sal- loon. The good people greatly desired to get rid of the doggery and establish a home for the pastor of the circuit. The man was prevailed upon to sell out, and the trade was struck in short order, the dwelling making a good home for the preacher, and the dram- shop, after being thoroughly cleaned and fumigated, made a good study for the preacher. We occupied it four years, ending with 1875, in the mean- time adding one room and otherwise improving the place. What an im- provement! A comfortable home for the preacher's family is now the order of the day. Bishop Granbery once said to an Annual Conference that a preach- er that did not leave the parsonage in better condition than he found it ought to be located. Sad things have oc- curred in this line, and if possible should be prevented in the future. For instance, a Brother Fix-up, with a family to correspond, is sent to a cer- tain charge, and beginning with the residence and continuing with all the outbuildings, they fix things. Even so with the yard, garden, orchard, and the longer they stay the better for the place. On their departure, in comes Brother Go-easy and family, and if everything holds together during his quadrennium, all o. k.; if otherwise, it remains otherwise. Next comes a Brother Tear-up, with a Sister Tear-up, with ever so many little Tear-ups, supplied with hatchets, hammers and such like. In less than six months' time, dilapidation is the order of the day. As an object lesson, it is positively hurtful. The Lord helped Noah to build the ark, and thereby condemned the world; but he will never condemn the world or any part of it with the parsonage in this dilapidated condi- tion.

Men of Israel, help.

W. W. GRAHAM.

Lindale, Texas.

NOTES FROM CHINA.

Evidence is every day accumulating in support of the efficiency and impor- tance of our medical missions.

This incident is in point. Dr. Park, in charge of our hospital in Soochow, China, is very much interested and en- gaged in promoting our new university scheme in that city. Under the date of March 22 he writes: "The friends in Nanking were still not ready at my last visit to tell me how much they would give; but they assured me that they would surely give. Only those, how- ever, who have called on me for treat- ment seem inclined to give. I wrote to the District Magistrate last week telling him that some of the people were a little slow about selling, and asked for a proclamation. At once he issued about the best proclamation ever given to a member of our mission. He gave land owners only half a month in which to sell, so we are now buying land every day."

ANTI-REFORM.

A clipping from the North China Daily News of March 21 shows some- thing of the present condition of affairs in China:

"The following is one of the many methods the Empress Dowager has lately inaugurated in order to drive out her enemies, the friends of reform. From the Peking and Provincial Govern- ments. It now transpires that whenever the names of deserving of- ficials are sent up to her for the bestowal of honors and rewards, she care- fully inquires about the antecedents of each candidate, taking now as long as a week or ten days in issuing her de- crees on the subject, which generally occupied a day or two at most. Any candidate, therefore, who has the least suspicion of a taint as a friend of re- form, who has the name of visiting or

receiving the visits of foreigners, or who had previously held any responsi- ble post in educational institutions connected with the propagation of Western arts and sciences, is at once struck from the list of honors. This, it is announced, is the very least punish- ment that the Empress Dowager will from henceforth award to friends of re- form in case of candidates whose fam- ily is too powerful to be touched, while such as are bereft of powerful friends, and have to depend solely on their own abilities, will be treated in a more drastic way to show the anger of the Empress Dowager. For the more guilty, of course, there are ever ready sentences of exile, imprisonment for life or summary decapitation.

Concerning these things and the sus- pense and terror they inspire among the Chinese, Dr. Allen, in a letter of the same date, writes:

"Now is the time for faith to have its perfect work. Let us be given to be leaders among this people, and by pa- tience and wise counsel, and timely action, we can lay, even in such a time as this, the foundations of a great work for this people. One word ex- presses the situation out here: Ready. The Dowager has scattered the native reform movement, so that now the peo- ple are more and more dependent upon us—the missionaries in particular. And now is the time to put forth our best efforts—the time to make ready for the reaction which is to set things free sooner or later." Mission Rooms, Nashville, Tenn.

BRO. HARLESS BOOK.

I have just finished Bro. C. M. Har- less' book, "Christian Science." Read it at two sittings. Surely "Mr. Har- less" has rendered the Church a most invaluable service. His position is in keeping with other authors on Chris- tian Science. He is very plain, quite bold (yet hardly as bold as Aunt Mary), brings to his aid many adjectives. His controversy is intended and meant to be understood. He is evi- dently prepared to sustain his posi- tion. He is ready to meet his assail- ant on every battlefield. But I dare say none of Mrs. Eddy's school will undertake to meet his arguments. I will not argue the question, but express a passing opinion. There is no form of infidelity so rank, so poisonous, so "in- sidious," as that which comes to us under the guise of this compound name—Christian Science—which is both un-Christian and unscientific. Brethren, there is a "moss in the mulberry tree." We are under the eye of a wonderful revolution, and if the signs are right we will soon be brought face to face with many false prophets. Brethren, I beg you, be ready for the conflict. It is coming. H. G. SUMMERS. Peaster, Texas.

TWO NEW YORKERS.

One gives the Other a Handy Lift.

Mr. E. C. Hazard, one of the oldest and best-known wholesale grocers in New York, has for many years given his attention to the preparation of fine food delicacies. He has a farm and ex- periment station down on Staten Is- land, where the famous Shrewsbury Ketchup, Brand Onion Sauce, Shrews- bury Mushrooms and other delicacies are prepared in a most skillful manner.

One evening last autumn while on his way home, Mr. H. sat with one of the officials of the N. J. C. railroad, who seemed to be living with one foot in the grave—stomach so badly disor- dered that nothing would digest. It seemed only a question of a few weeks, at most, when death would come.

"Mr. Hazard insisted upon taking the gentleman to his house and giv- ing him a package of Grape-Nuts breakfast food which is manufactured by the Postum Cereal Co., (the pure food factories at Battle Creek, Mich., a food which Mr. Hazard had been us- ing at his own table for a long time, greatly to his benefit.

"He told the gentleman that an could get well in a few weeks by the use of perfectly prepared food of this sort, and would never forget the day when he first tried Grape-Nuts. The prediction came true; the official is not only alive to-day, but is in better health than he has experienced for many years, all of which he attributes to the use of Grape-Nuts and from the advice of Mr. Hazard."

There are two reasons for this: in the first place, Grape-Nuts are made from certain selected portions of wheat and barley that contain phosphate of potash and albumen which nature uses in the human system to make up the gray matter in the brain and nerve centers throughout the body.

The nervous system directly controls the digestive machinery and the brain controls the working and money mak- ing power. Mr. Hazard knows this, from his knowledge of foods and from his own experience with Grape-Nuts. Therefore when he took the railway official in charge, he knew exactly what he was doing, and the result proved the correctness of his know- edge.

Secular News Items.

On May 4, Brazil began an elaborate celebration of the fourth centenary of its discovery.

Sanford B. Dole has been appointed Governor of the Territory of Hawaii.

A strike was inaugurated Sunday morning in Kansas City by the union employes of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

Lord Roberts has entered Kroonstad without opposition. President Steyn having fled.

The detection of the Cuban Postal frauds has created quite a sensation. It is declared that the frauds in Cuba are due to the failure of Secretary Root to permit the Inspector General's Department to make an inspection of the civil accounts in Cuba.

Fifteen thousand Mohammedan weavers met in Benares and endorsed a memorial to the government against the plague rules.

Mr. E. G. Esthbone, Director General of Posts in Cuba, under whose administration the frauds recently disclosed have occurred, was removed from office.

The death is announced of Prof. Planchon, who had been Director of the Paris School of Pharmacy since 1886.

The Texas wheat crop is estimated at 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 bushels.

Representative Slayden succeeded in getting through the House his bill authorizing entry of foreign articles free of duty sent to this country for exhibition at the San Antonio and Dallas Fairs.

Through the negligence of a tower man, who lay sleeping at his post, a disastrous and fatal train wreck occurred in a tunnel of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

A cotton mill, to cost \$160,000, is to be built at Fort Worth.

The convention of what is commonly known as the Middle-of-the-Road Populist party, but which, according to leaders of the movement, is the one and only People's party, met last week in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Hanna-Gathmann gunshot was scored in the Senate by the report from the Secretary of the Navy that the Gathmann gun was a fake and a fraud.

steadily in the Senate for days hoping to rush this item of \$250,000 in the naval appropriation bill through the Senate.

The National Populist Convention was held last week in Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will take place at Louisville, Ky., May 30, 31, and June 1, 2 and 3.

Although the rain this spring has been the heaviest known in years, reports are to the effect that the East Texas fruit crop escaped uninjured.

The Southern Industrial Convention was called to order Wednesday morning in Chattanooga.

The large vineyards at North Laredo, which have annually shipped such large amounts of grapes, have proven a total failure this year owing to the excessive rains during the spring.

Knoxville, Tenn., was thronged with people from all of East Tennessee on Dewey Day, and the Admiral and his wife were given a grand ovation.

In view of the significant references to the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine by Secretary Root, Senator Lodge and other prominent men, the State Department has taken steps to secure data on the subject.

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A telegram from Berlin, dated May 14, says: "The cabled reports of statements made in the United States Senate Chamber during the debate on the naval appropriation bill by Senators

Hale and Spooner, to the effect that the United States had no expectation of war or other trouble with Germany, have been received here with satisfaction.

The Supreme Court at Washington adjourned for a week without announcing a decision in the Kentucky Governorship case.

The Greek legation at Constantinople has notified the Porte of the intention of Greece to resort to the collective arbitration of the powers respecting the controversies over the consular convention.

Louis Klopsch, of New York, publisher of the Christian Herald, has arrived in Bombay, and is starting on a tour of the famine-stricken districts.

A telegram from Rome states that Mount Vesuvius is again in a state of eruption.

A letter from Pretoria from a special correspondent giving Boer news, dated March 25, says: "I have the highest authority for the statement that rather than see their country conquered by England, the Boer Commissioners are empowered to ask the United States to assume a protectorate over the Republics, this protectorate to tend, if desired, toward eventual annexation."

Great Britain has notified the Transvaal Government that if the Johannesburg mines are destroyed Great Britain will hold the persons issuing the orders and those executing them personally responsible.

Wm. Willis, a negro, who shot and killed Alexander Whitney, a popular white man of Augusta, Ga., was lynched near Grovetown, about twelve miles from Augusta, the 14th of May.

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"There is no little enemy." Little impurities in the blood are sources of great danger and should be expelled by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Heavenly-mindedness is for the office and store as well as for the church.

Table with columns for District Conferences (Gainesville, Sanger, Waxahatchie, etc.) and dates (May 16, 17, 18, etc.).

HOUSTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE. The Houston District Conference will meet at Fifth Wednesday morning, June 12, at 9 o'clock.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT. Examining Committees for San Augustine District: License to Preach - W. F. Davis, Jno. Holmstedt, J. D. Burko.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT. Committees of Examination for Huntsville District: For License to Preach - T. B. Graves, J. C. Moore and G. R. Ray.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT. For License to Preach - E. B. Thompson, D. T. Brown, W. T. Morrow.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT. The Beaumont District Conference convenes at Livingston June 8, at 2 a. m. Opening sermon 3 p. m. evening before by Jas. E. Crutcher.

ADILENE DISTRICT CAMP-MEETING. The Adilene District Camp-meeting is assuming large proportions in prospect.

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Notes From EAST TEXAS I. H. McGee, Jr. our protracted meeting instant. The move all lines. The ex were secured in a description. The large, the home- fecting. The Ch revived, and I right, happy we have received 25 at Gilmer and others will join appointment. I. K. J. Smith, of N. ed our church he adds greatly to it all for which w thanks. I am h and can truly s fallen to us in p people aright Texas Christian. NORTH TEXAS I. A. Hanson Rev. J. W. Hill meeting. We b conversions, and creasing with ca. CRU Hinton Smith, ferences—the dis lies—have pass therefore, been c at the Crandall night. Our peo have lost nothing siding elders. B but he wields a f al application Christianity. H ed in help our likely to solve charge. J. W. Tinsler, ting along with cut. We have ment on all li points on a ch church buildings to build three u We have alread to build one at with the current day, the 12th, y Rosston and a i congregation wa Every thing we good, but the b with us in grea great good will dven's Day. So press on. To G. CUMM S. L. Ball: Conference is a "Pleader, our pr ce, preaching usual earnest preached three was a must, b appreciated. hind, yet the Rev. C. O. Jone was with us ad tracted for two preaching, and though at fir some who were ighous, but app egment from th all opposition.

Our Young Folks

THE BABY.

"She is a little hindering thing."
The mother said:
"I do not have an hour of peace
Till she's in bed."

"She clings unto my hand or gown,
And follows me
About the house, from room to room,
Talks constantly."

"She is a bundle full of nerves
And willful ways;
She does not sleep full sound at nights,
Scarcely any days."

"She does not like to hear the wind,
The dark she fears;
And piteously she calls for me
To wipe her tears."

"She is a little hindering thing,"
The mother said;
"But still she is my wine of life,
My daily bread."

The children—what a load of care
Their coming brings;
But, O! the grief when God doth stoop
To give them wings.

—The Independent.

NOT COMPLIMENTED.

William Carey, the great missionary,
disliked compliments and commendations
for himself, and it was not his habit
to bestow them on others.

Indeed, he tells us that the only
attempt he ever made to pay a compli-
ment met with such discouragement
that he never had any inclination to
renew the attempt. A nephew of the
celebrated President Edwards called
upon him with a letter of introduction,
and congratulated him on his relation-
ship to so great a personage; but the
young man dryly replied:

"True, sir; but every tub must stand
on its own bottom."

SWEETENING MARY.

"I want a drink," said baby.
"Go to the kitchen. Mary will give
you a drink," said mother.

"I don't want to," baby demurred;
"Mary is cross."
"Why, what made her cross?" asked
mother.

"I dess I did sumpin' to her," said
baby.
"Then, if you have done something
to make her cross, you would better go
and do something to sweeten her,"
suggested mother.

Baby thought over it a minute, and
then trudged to the kitchen. "You are
a sweet Mary," he said, "and I want to
hug you."

Mary stopped her work and stooped,
and threw his arms about her neck
and kissed her, and said, "I love you
two hundred bushels."

When he came back, smiling, mother
asked, "What did you do to Mary this
time?"

"O I sweetened her, I dess," was the
reply.—Our Morning Guide.

THE CHILDREN WHO SAVED HAMBURG.

Hamburg was besieged. Wolff, the
merchant, returned slowly to his home
one morning. Along with the other
merchants of the city he had been
helping to defend the walls against
the enemy; and so constant was the
fighting that for a whole week he had
worn his armor day and night. And
now he thought bitterly that all his
fighting was useless; for on the morrow
want of food would force them to
open the gates. As he passed through
his garden he noticed that his cherry
trees were covered with ripe fruit, so
large and juicy that "he very sight of
it was refreshing. At that moment a
thought struck him. He knew how
much the enemy was suffering from
thirst. What would they not give for
the fruit that hung unheeded on the
trees of his orchard? Might he not by
some use of his cherries, secure safety
for his city?

Without a moment's delay he put
his plan into practice; for he knew
there was no time to be lost if the city
was to be saved. He gathered together
three hundred of the children of the
city, all dressed in white, and loaded
them with fruit from his orchard.
Then the gates were thrown open, and
they set out on their strange errand.

When the leader of the army saw the
gates open and the band of little white-
robed children marching out, many of
them hidden by the branches which
they carried, he at once thought it
was some trick by which the towns-
people were trying to deceive him
while preparing for an attack on the
camp. As the children came nearer he
remembered his vow, and was on the
point of giving orders that they should
all go to death.

But when he saw the little ones
close at hand, so pale and thin from
want of food he thought of his own
children at home, and he could hardly
keep back the tears. Then as his
thrifty, wounded soldiers tasted the
cool, refreshing fruit which the chil-

dren had brought them a cheer went
up from the camp, and the General
knew that he was conquered—not by
force of arms, but by the power of
kindness and pity.

When the children returned, the
General sent along with them wagons
laden with food for the starving people
of the city, and the next day signed a
treaty of peace with those whom he
had vowed to destroy.

For many years afterward as the
day came around on which this event
took place, it was kept as a holiday,
and called "The Feast of the Cherries."
Large numbers of children in white
robes marched through the streets
each one bearing a branch with bunch-
es of cherries on it. But the old writer
who tells the story is careful to say
that the children kept the cherries for
themselves.

Every age of the world's history has
its tales of war, and bloodshed, and
cruelty, of wild victories, but nowhere
among them do we find the story of a
more beautiful victory than that which
was won by the little children who
saved Hamburg.—Royal Crown Read-
er.

HOW A STUDENT HELPED HIMSELF.

John Smith was the son of a farmer
in the West. His father had died. An
older brother managed the farm. By
some profit from the farm and by
means of a legacy from an aunt, John
had been sent to a large Eastern col-
lege. At the beginning of his senior
year the legacy had become exhausted,
and the crops on the farm had utterly
failed. So John's brother had to write
him that no funds were available. He
was fifteen hundred miles from home,
and unfortunately had not formed
habits of earning money in college. But
he was most anxious to finish his
course, and fortunately he was ashamed
to beg, and not ashamed to work.

So he resolved to think up some real-
ly practical ways in which he could
earn money, even though most col-
lege fellows would consider them un-
becoming to a young man getting an
education. Immediately he put up the
following notice on the door of his
room:

"On and after to-day John Smith will
be prepared to serve the wants of the
college in the following particulars:

1. I will shave students at ten cents a shave.
2. Boots blacked at five cents a pair.
3. Buttons sewed on at reasonable prices.
4. Hot roasted peanuts a specialty.
5. Subjects for orations, theses or debates supplied to order, and charge satisfactory.
6. Hats dyed and general repairing done.

7. Text-books bought and sold, or
changed at fair rates.

8. A supply of stationery, stretch-
books, pens, pencils, ink and paper
on hand cheaper than you can buy
same in city.

9. Patronize home industries and en-
courage local talent.

10. My hours will be from one to five
p. m. and seven to ten p. m.

11. Don't forget the name, John
Smith.

12. Remember! Anything from a
shave to an idea will be furnished at
the lowest prices consistent with large
sales and small profits. I mean busi-
ness. Call and see me!"

Soon two hundred students had read
this remarkable announcement and
laughed, wondered, questioned it as a
joke; and when John appeared had
guyed him unmercifully over the
entire affair. For reply he simply refer-
red to the notice on the door, and went
his way. He succeeded in being excus-
ed from his morning lectures, and
went down town, where he bought a
quantity of materials necessary for his
experiment. He had just ten dollars
in his pocket, with which he managed,
by skillful purchasing to secure the
beginning of a stock of material for his
advised list of articles for sale. The
day before, during his walk, he had
noticed in a second-hand store an old
peanut-roaster. He bought it very
cheap, and carried it up to his room
with the rest of his purchases. By one
o'clock he was ready for business. He
was a little nervous over the affair,
and when the first knock came, he
choked down a good deal of reserve or
false pride, and opened the door. There
stood at least twenty of his classmates.

"Come in, gentlemen," said John
gravely. "What'll you have? A shave,
or an idea? Peanuts, or a shine?"

The boys stared, and then laughed,
and came in, and roosted about on the
furniture, for lack of chairs enough.

"I say, John," said one, "do you mean
business. What is it? A joke?"

"Read the advertisement," replied
John, briefly.

"Well," said one of the company,
bodily, "I'll have a shave."

For answer John went to his closet
and wheeled out into the room a very
comfortable barber's chair. He had
picked it up the afternoon before at an
auction sale of second-hand articles,
and had sent it up to his room late in

the evening. The boys were astonish-
ed. John went to work like an old
hand at the business. As a matter of
fact, he had practiced some at home on
his brother and felt confident of his
ability to do fairly well with the stu-
dents. Even with the crowd looking
on and jeering at the victim in the
chair, he did a very creditable piece of
work; and, as he finished and pushed
the chair up in real barber style, he
called out with a grave smile, "next!"
Then, as the student who had been
shaved was moving away, John said in
a professional tone: "Pay at the cash-
ier's desk, please." There was a laugh
all around, and the student handed out
a dime. John pocketed it, and still
leaning on the back of his chair, wait-
ed for customers.

By this time the crowd seemed to un-
derstand the situation. No one had
heard anything of John Smith's finan-
cial reverses; but it began to dawn on
his classmates that he was making a
brave struggle to earn his way through
the last year of college, and nearly ev-
ery boy in the room asked himself
whether he would have the courage to
make the struggle in this way. For
the next two hours John Smith did
a rushing business. New crowds
kept arriving. The peanut-roaster
was operated with a little alcohol-
lamp and a simple engine that did
the turning. There was a great call
for peanuts, and long before five
o'clock the supply was exhausted.
There was also great demand for
scratch-books and paper, owing to a
general examination in one of the de-
partments which had been unexpected-
ly announced that morning.

Between five and seven John Smith
shut his door and locked it against all
comers. He had determined not to al-
low any one to be in the room at those
hours. He needed the time to take
account of stock, to eat his supper, and
do some studying. At seven he opened
up again, and for three hours the en-
tire college seemed to turn itself loose
around John Smith's room. It was like
a reception. Peanut shells covered the
carpet half an inch thick; but it repre-
sented a thriving condition of trade
and John did not say anything against
it.

When ten o'clock struck John turned
every boy out and locked his door. He
then took account of the day's business.
The result was surprising even to him-
self. He had shaved seven students at
ten cents apiece, blacked fifteen pairs of
shoes at five cents a pair, sold six dol-
lars worth of paper, pencils and ink at
a profit of one dollar and twenty cents,
and had cleared on the peanuts just
two dollars. The total profits over all
expenses he reckoned to be about four
dollars and a half, counting his fuel to
run the roaster at fifteen cents a day.

Besides this, three or four of the boys
had brought in old hats to be dyed,
and one of the sophomores had actual-
ly left an order for a list of subjects
for debate. He was chairman of a pro-
gram committee in one of the debating
societies, and being the laziest man in
college, had decided that if John Smith
was in the business of furnishing ideas,
as his notice advertised him, the society
might as well get a good article, what-
ever the price. By the end of the next
day the whole college was talking about
John Smith's experiment, and before
the week was out he was overwhelmed
with orders. Even the item about re-
pairing and button-sewing came in for
its share of attention, and before he
knew it, he had a quantity of buttonless
vests, to say nothing of hats to dye by
the score. He bought the cheap but ef-
fective dyes, and after a few experi-
ments he found he could do satisfactory
work. The students did not grumble.
The peanut-roaster kept up its merry
music all day long, and the boot-black-
ing feature of the experiment was even
more of a success than the barber-
chair.

When June came the graduating
class held its class-day exercises out-
doors on the campus under the great
elm. According to custom, the presi-
dent of the college was called upon for
a speech. The venerable doctor arose,
and after the usual quantity of good
advice had been spoken, he added:

"I wish to express my gratification
at the way in which one of the mem-
bers of the class has taken care of him-
self during his senior year. I think
never before in the history of the col-
lege has a senior student earned his ex-
penses by doing the kind of manual
labor your classmate has done. I wish
to call attention to the fact that I, for one,
honor the manhood which does not
consider honest manual toil of any
kind beneath the effort of an educated
college man. I therefore propose in
the name of American manhood three
cheers for John Smith and the idea
he represents."

The three cheers with a tiger, "John
Smith! Speech! Speech!" was the cry
that went up.

John was visibly affected.

"Fellows," he said, "the fact is, I am
naturally very proud. But I didn't
know enough to tutor anybody, and
couldn't think of anything else to do;
so I just opened up a kind of shop for
ideas and shaves, and you helped. The

president is very kind, and I wish I
knew how to reply; but speaking isn't
in my line. Come up to my room and
I'll treat to the peanuts."

John Smith sat down hastily, and
the applause was unanimous.
This is a true story of a college stu-
dent; and if his name was not John
Smith, that is not his fault.—Pittsburg
Advocate.

A JAPANESE BABY.

His head is shaven except in three
spots—one on the back, almost as low
as the hair grows, and one above each
ear. In these three places the coarse
hair makes black spots on the brown
scalp, which are about as large as a
five-cent piece. Think of it. This
shaving is done at a very early period
of his life. His dress is made of cadet
blue crape, with white cobwebs woven
in it, and great bunches of pink chry-
santhemums. (We think our babies
sweet in nothing except the daintiest
white gowns.) This is a winter dress,
thickly wadded to keep the little body
warm. So thickly wadded is it that
as you feel it it seems an inch thick.
When you look at it you will wonder
what makes those little white curls all
over it and I will tell you. It is be-
cause these Japanese mothers do not
quilt the wadded dress, but on each
side of the cotton put a layer of silk
wadding and the tiny fibers of silk
work themselves into the cotton and
through the crape and hold the wad-
ding firmly.

Around little Ginchan's waist is a
red crape sash with gilt tassels at the
ends. Fastened to the sash at the
back is a little fancy bag called
Kin-cha-ku, in this bag if Gin-
chan's father and mother were
beaten—and they are not—would
be put images of the god under
whose special care he is. Between his
shoulders is a pink and gilt ornament
which is another little bag made to
carry charms. These charms are little
pieces of paper with sentences on them,
written by the priests, and supposed to
have the power of keeping sickness
and other misfortunes away from the
child.

Our boy has an apron on, too—this is
a long, narrow strip of crimson crape
tied around his neck with a green rib-
bon. (Fancy it.) And then, too, he
has on a collar of white and yellow
worsted crocheted.

His little chubby feet have never
had any woden shoes on, but his
stockings will be odd to you—they
only come to his ankles, and are mad-
like mittens, with a "thumb" for his lit-
tle "big" toe. And now you can see him
just as he stands there, twisting his
face into a wee brown knot. But, Oh,
I've not told you how his long square
sleeves touch the floor and his hands
come out of a hole at the side? He is
chubby little fellow, and as dear and
cunning as he is chubby. In a little
while he will be out in the yard, tied
on his mother's back. She will take
a scarf, pass it around Ginchan's body
under his arms, then around her own
body then around him again under his
knees, tie it then and carry him so
much of the day.

One Sunday a four-day old baby was
brought to Sunday-school in that way.
—Child Life in Our Mission Fields.

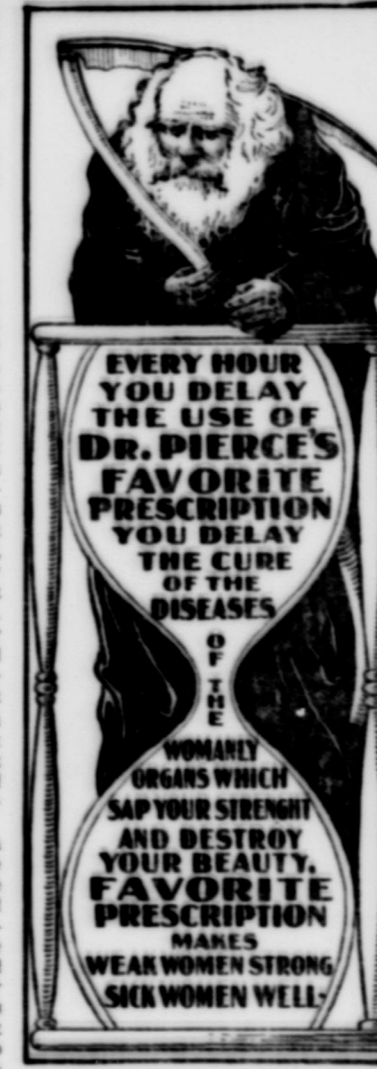
TURNER AND HIS FATHER.

The treatment of his aged father by
Turner, the famous landscape painter,
was admirable. The old man modestly
offered to represent himself as a ser-
vant in his son's establishment; but
Turner would not dream of this, say-
ing: "No; we fought the world togeth-
er; and now that it seeks to do me
honor, you shall share all the benefits."
And the great artist never smiled when
the little old man would whisper
proudly to some visitor: "Yes, yes; Jo-
seph is the greatest artist in England,
and I am his father."—St. Nicholas.

GEN. LEE WOULD'NT SELL HIS NAME.

Soon after General Lee went to Lex-
ington, Virginia, he was offered the
presidency of an insurance company
at a salary of ten thousand dollars.
He was at that time receiving only
three thousand dollars as President of
the Washington and Lee University.
"We do not want you to discharge any
duties, General," said the agent; "we
simply wish the use of your name;
that will abundantly compensate us."
"Excuse me, sir," was the prompt and
decided rejoinder: "I cannot consent to
receive pay for services I do not ren-
der." Nearly every mail brought him
similar propositions, and just a short
while before his death a large and
wealthy corporation in New York city
offered him fifty thousand dollars per
annum to become its President. But he
refused all such offers, and quietly pur-
sued his chosen path of duty. * * *

A month or so after his surrender
General Lee went one day to the store
near his home, in Powhatan County,
Virginia, which served also as the post-
office. Everybody in the town was in-
stantly eager to see him, and in a few
moments the store was crowded. The
General was talking with the proprie-



tor about crops and other matters, and
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ly he realized that everybody was
watching him, and modestly said: "But
I see I am keeping you from your
many customers. Pardon me!" and at
once withdrew.—Ladies' Home Jour-
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ONE MAN'S METHOD.

In a recent address Mr. D. L. Moody
said: "Leech, the celebrated artist and
caricaturist, is said to have had an ef-
fective method of reprimanding his
children. If their faces was distorted
with anger, or a rebellious temper, or
a sullen mood, he took out his sketch
book, transferred their lineaments to
paper, and showed them, to their con-
fusion, how ugly naughtiness was."

I have long since ceased to pray.
"Lord Jesus, have compassion on a
lost world!" I remember the day and
the hour when I seemed to hear the
Lord rebuking me for making such a
prayer. He seemed to say to me, "I
have had compassion upon a lost world
and now it is for you to have compas-
sion."—A. J. Gordon.

Some musicians get along on their
cheek, but the cornetist depends on his
lips.

AT A SEWING SOCIETY.

Lady Gets Funny on a Harmless? Drink.
"Our Sewing Society meets every
week to sew and we always have lunch.
Just as sure as I take a cup of coffee
I act so silly and say such absurd
things it seems as though I were in-
toxicated. I feel so ashamed of my-
self, but cannot help it. My heart will
go like a triphammer and I am in-
variably kept awake half of that night.
So I thought I would take my Postum
Food Coffee the next time and you
should have heard the names they
called me, 'old maid,' 'erank' etc. But
before the lunch was through, Postum
had more than one convert and those
who tried it were delighted. They had
heard of it but had no idea it was so
good."

"I have given a good deal of Postum
away to friends, just to convince them
how good it is and they invariably
adopt it. There are so many people
who cannot drink coffee without it dis-
tressing them and Postum Food Coffee
seems to be exactly the thing.
Postum and I have been old friends
for years. I began the use of it when
it was first introduced, four or five
years ago. At first I thought I could
not use it for the way I made. It was
so flat and tasteless, but when I found
out that it simply required long boil-
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we always have an elegant cup of cof-
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A heavenly music filled my ears,
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"Come unto me, come unto me—
All ye that labor, unto me—
Ye heavy laden, come to me—
And I will give you rest."

—Ellen Burns Sherman.

OUR PET PAIN.

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In this indulgence of our pet pains, we deceive others, and sometimes those who love us. One woman had pneumonia ten years ago, and ever since then a so-called "weak lung" has been her favorite and much-indulged complaint. It is a very convenient ailment, and one which does not interfere with walking, driving or riding, as "outdoor air is advisable in pulmonary affections." Neither does it prevent the enjoyment of the opera, or other amusements, as "recreation keeps up the spirits, and through them improves the general physical conditions." Still there are times when disinclination to attend a dull social occasion or a dry business meeting causes "a warning stricture deep down in that weak lung." And the owner of this pet pain adds, in all sincerity: "I can not afford to take liberties with that lung, you know." And her equally sincere husband rejoins, feelingly: "No, indeed, you can not, and must not!" So easily may one deceive herself and those to whom one is dear!

It is right and proper that we should guard our weak points, and take care to strengthen them. But it is surely a mistake to bring them into prominence, and call attention to the flaws in our physical make-up. Complaint becomes a matter of habit, and a habit which, once formed, clings to one with a tenacity worthy of a better object.

After all, to be diseased in any way is a matter to be deplored, not to be made much of. Health is beauty; disease is decay. One sweet, brave woman recognized this fact when she found that she had an ailment never suspected by others, and which was absolutely incurable. "I know it must kill me some time," she said to one who loved her. "Nothing can change it; talking of it can do no good. I shall try to forget it as much as possible, and to keep others from guessing that it exists. I will make the best of the life that God has left to me to enjoy. Let us not speak of the matter again." She never mentioned it afterwards, but took life joyously, and met death smilingly. Her pain was a secret between God and herself.—Harper's Bazar.

"MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND."

I saw a beautiful child held high in the hand of her tall, strong father. It seemed so perilous I trembled lest the little one should fall. "Who's got you?" asked her father. "Without a shade of fear, with a merry laugh of delight, the baby said, "Papa!" So safe, so sure, so happy, even in a place of apparent danger, because her father held her there! Oh, for the simple faith of a child! In theory we do believe God holds us in his hand, and that all our ways are directed by him; but how often in our real life do we doubt it, especially in hours of greatest need. "My times are in thy hand." What a pillow for your weary head, my friend, is this! Your head tired with regrets, disappointments, failures, mistakes, of the days gone by; weary with plans, and, perhaps, forebodings for the future, what a resting place for you is here! Think of that past which you so wish might have been different; what will you do with it? You can not written. But if you carry it with you alter anything now; what is written is into the new year it will weigh you down so heavily that you will make sorry progress. The only disposal of it is to leave it in the hand that controls all the forces of the universe, material and spiritual. The hand which fashioned many beautiful worlds out of nothing can make something beautiful for you out of mistakes and failures if he chooses; and he will choose to do it if it is best for you. It is safe to leave it all with him and go unburdened into the opportunities of the future. "The heavens and the earth shall shake, but the Lord will be the hope (or the place of repair, or harbor) of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." Broken and disabled, we can put in here for repairs, and then set sail out

upon the unknown sea courageously. The future, with its questionings, what can we do about it? Jesus said if we should think and think forever we could not add one cubit to our stature, and if we can not do the thing which is best, why should we be carefully anxious about greater things concerning our well-being, as if we had the whole matter in our own hands? "God holds the key of the unknown, and I am glad." My times, my circumstances, my opportunities, my training, my discipline, the answer to my prayers, all that concerns me, are in his hand.

When David said, long ago, "My times are in thy hand," he was full of trouble. His was a human heart, just like our own. He was a sinful man, a repentant man, a forgiven man, a trusting man. His faith was not perfect, for he said in his haste, "I am cut off from before thine eyes." He thought sometimes that God had forgotten him. But even when his faith was small, God heard the voice of his supplication when he cried unto him. He is the Lord; he changes not. He will hear us also. Even though we have not honored him with that unvarying faith which is his due, we may confidently say, "Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand."—New York Christian Advocate.

ONE OF RICHARD BAXTER'S EXHORTATIONS.

Reader, heaven is above thee, and dost thou think to travel this steep ascent without labor and resolution? Canst thou get that earthly heart to heaven, and bring that backward mind to God, while thou liest still, and takest thine ease? If lying down at the foot of the hill, and looking toward the top, and wishing we were there, would serve the turn, then we should have daily travelers for heaven. But "the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." There must be violence used to get these first fruits, as well as to get the full possession. Dost thou not feel it so, though I should not tell thee? Will thy heart get upward, except thou drive it? Thou knowest that heaven is all thy hope; that nothing below can yield thee rest; that a heart, seldom thinking of heaven, can fetch but little comfort thence; and yet dost thou not lose thy opportunities, and lie below, when thou shouldst walk above, and live with God? Dost thou not commend the sweetness of a heavenly life, and judge those best Christians that sit at it, and yet never try it thyself? As the sluggard that stretches himself on his bed, and cries, O that this were working! so dost thou talk, and trifle, and live at thy ease, and say, O that I could get my heart to heaven! How many read books and hear sermons, expecting to hear of some easier way, or to meet with a shorter course to comfort than they are ever like to find in Scripture! Or they ask for directions for a heavenly life, and if the hearing them will serve, they will be heavenly Christians; but if we show them their work, and tell them they cannot have these delights on easier terms, then they leave us, as the young man left Christ, sorrowful! If thou art convinced, reader, that this work is necessary to thy comfort, set upon it resolutely; if thy heart draw back, force it on with the command of God, and urge thy own necessity. Let not such incomparable treasures lie before thee, with thy hand in thy bosom; nor thy life be a continual vexation, when it might be a continual feast, only because thou wilt not exert thyself. Sit not still with a disconsolate spirit, while comforts grow before thine eyes, like a man in the midst of a garden of flowers, that will not rise to get them, and partake of their sweetness. This I know, Christ is the fountain; but the well is deep, and thou must get forth this water before thou canst be refreshed with it. I know, so far as you are spiritual, you need not all this striving and violence; but in part you are carnal, and as long as it is so, there is need of labor. It was a custom of the Parthians, not to give their children any meat in the morning, before they saw the sweat on their faces with some labor. And you shall find this to be God's usual course, not to give his children the tastes of his delights till they begin to sweat in seeking after them. Judge, therefore, whether a heavenly life or thy carnal ease be better; and as a wise man, make thy choice accordingly. Yet, let me add for thy encouragement, thou needest not employ thy thoughts more than thou now dost; it is only to fix them upon better and more pleasant objects. Employ but as many serious thoughts every day upon the excellent glory of the life to come, as thou now dost upon worldly affairs, you, on vanities and impertinences, and thy heart will soon be at heaven. On the whole, it is "the field of the slothful that is all grown with thorns and nettles; and the desire of the slothful killeth his joy, for his hands refuse to labor; and it is the slothful man that saith, There is a lion in the way, a lion is in the streets. As the door turneth upon its hinges, so doth the

slothful upon his bed. The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth," though it be to feed himself with the food of life. What is this but throwing away our consolation, and consequently the precious blood that bought them? For "he that is slothful in his work, is brother to him that is a great waster." Apply this to thy spiritual work, and study well the meaning of it.—From "The Saints' Everlasting Rest."

HOPES AND PROMISES FOR THE FUTURE.

If we possessed a limited but unknown amount of money, it would make us somewhat concerned to think at the end of the year that it was three hundred and sixty-five dollars or pounds less than it was at the beginning, and that year by year it would decrease further and further, till it should come down to a single dollar, and then—to nothing. It would be no comfort to think that by no conceivable process could we ever add to our store. It must be subtraction all along. Or, to put the supposition a little differently, suppose we had two funds on investment, and that every year so much was transferred from one to the other. It would be a serious question, on which careful men would think very earnestly whether the transferees made one richer or poorer. For the new investment might be a losing one—one of those miserable concerns in which you have to pay up fresh sums from time to time of indefinite amount; you not only put your money into a bag with holes, but into a bag that has a way of sucking in more and more, only to pass through the holes. Surely you would be all eagerness to be done with such a concern! Never again, if you could help it, would you be in such a predicament! With investments of that kind you would be done forever!

In more than one sense, time is money. At the end of this year when we reckon up our property in time, it will be less by 365 days than it was a year ago. And year by year, if we live for years, it will be further diminished to the like extent. Nor can there ever be the smallest increase. And then, there will come a time when our stock will be reduced to a single day! And that day too will pass away. And then?

But time is not lost to all. He that uses it well transfers it to a better investment, where it will be represented by ever-increasing assets. He that uses it ill transfers it to a losing investment, where every item will bring fresh liability and loss, and instead of increasing assets there will be increasing destitution, misery and despair.

Are we using this changing investment to any good purpose? Have we used the year now existing to any good purpose? The question may be answered by asking, What is the judgment on our past year that will be passed by our own consciences, by our neighbors, and by our God?

1. By our own consciences. "The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Have we any reason to think that at the end of this year our path will be in any degree brighter than at the end of last? Have we been paying more heed to the great purpose of life? Has any besetting sin been conquered or weakened? Are we more like Christ in anything? Are we less selfish? Tried (let us say) by the Ten Commandments, of the Beatitudes, or the twelfth chapter of Romans, or the thirtieth of I Corinthians, has there been any improvement? Might it be said of us, as of the Thessalonians, that our faith groweth exceedingly and our charity aboundeth?

2. By our neighbors. Have they had more cause to thank God on our

behalf? What have we done to brighten their lives? Have we been more amiable in our homes, more serene and sweet in our temper, more patient, forbearing and forgiving? Have we had more of the mind "at leisure from itself to soothe and sympathize?" If we profess religion, have we done more to commend religion? Have we shown more of the loving spirit of Christ, so as to draw our neighbors to him and to the fellowship of his followers? Have we contributed more to make the Church like Bunyan's House Beautiful, with the pure and kindly maidens who contributed so much to the pilgrim's comfort?

3. By our God. Has he found us more attentive to his will, more careful not to grieve his Spirit, more watchful against sin, more thankful for the exceeding riches of his grace in Christ? As his creatures are we more submissive? As his redeemed creatures more

grateful? As his subjects, more loyal? As his children more loving, obedient and helpful? As his servants more faithful? Are we more thankful for present mercies and present disciplines, and more exuberant at the thought of our coming inheritance? Do we trust him more, praise him more, pray to him more? Have we more of the spirit of wonder, and do we often say, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us that we should be called the children of God!"

The flight of time, the rapid passing of youth into maturity, the maturity into old age, has often been the theme for gloomy moralizing. Why should it be so, if on the one hand we are ever borne "a day's march nearer home," and on the other are constantly increasing our best treasures by becoming more "most to be pretakers of the inheritance of the saints in rest?"—St. Louis Observer.

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An incandescent lamp makes a brilliant light, but there is very little heat radiating from it. So it is with some pulpits. They shine brightly, but communicate no heat. Heat produces power, and power is the need of the ministry. Turn on the heat and things will move.

While in Nashville, we were entertained by our old friends, Bro. W. C. Doherty and family. They are earnest Methodists, and are given to hospitality. To meet such people and abide in their home is a benediction. Bro. Doherty is a member of the Book Committee, and such is his great business ability and experience that he renders valuable service in this capacity. Last May, while in that city, we were entertained by this excellent family, and now it is a kind of second home to us. We were much to feel that those doors are open to us, and when passing that way will feel free to enter in and tarry for a season.

We had the pleasure of visiting the homes of Drs. Hoss, Tillett, Hammond, Athins and Harbee while in Nashville, and learned from experience that their hospitality abounds with fullness and freedom. These brethren in their official work are busy, but they took the time to make us feel at home about the Publishing House. So did Drs. Boswell, Pritchett, Tigert, Lambuth, DeRose and the rest of them. The Texas Advocate stands well with them, and through it they keep in touch with our men and work out here. The fact is, Texas Methodism holds a large place in the thought of the people generally beyond the Mississippi.

We had to leave Nashville before several of the boards held their meetings, notably the Mission Board. Usually these committees all meet the same week, but on account of the great Ecumenical Mission Conference in New York, the meetings were scattered through two weeks this year. But we hope to give a statement of the work done after we left, as we shall be able to gather the reports from the Nashville Advocate. There were to be a number of our foreign missionaries present at the meeting of the Mission Board, and this fact stimulated interest in the meeting. Many of them had come back to this country to attend the New York conference. The work of this committee is always of deep concern, as it has under review the survey of our enterprises in our far-off fields.

BISHOP WARREN A. CANDLER, D. D.

According to the assignment of the Bishops for the ensuing year, Bishop Candler has been appointed by his colleagues to preside over the five Annual Conferences in Texas next fall. That he is eminently fitted for the duties thus devolved upon him is not an open question. He is young and robust in his physique and a fine executive. He has kindness of heart, coupled with great firmness of character. He has the courage to do his full duty toward the interests of the Church upon the one hand and toward the interests of the preachers upon the other. His insight into the needs of the work is keen and penetrating, and his ability to estimate the worth of men is of the highest order. In all of the upward movements of the Church in these times of progress, he is in the front ranks of enterprise and aggressiveness. As a preacher, Bishop Candler is a prince among his brethren. He is widely read, a masterful logician, a profound student, wonderfully original, and a leader of commanding presence and power. Yet with it all he adheres to the old paths of Methodist doctrine and usage. He believes every word of the Bible, and preaches it with no uncertain interpretation. He has no patience with a mutilated gospel, and though the youngest man in the College of Bishops, he is in perfect accord with his able colleagues in matters of Church polity and in the administration of discipline. The very fact that they have assigned him to this important field shows their confidence in his ability to manage the affairs of the Church in this great Empire of the West. Such is the loyalty of Texas Methodism to the legally appointed authorities of the Church that we abide by our rules without question. When our Bishops come out this way we hail their visitations with pleasure and profit. Hence the coming of Bishop Candler will be no exception to our way of doing. We are glad that he is to be our next Bishop, and he will have the hearty co-operation of all the brethren. Over two hundred thousand lay members and nearly eight hundred preachers extend to him a cordial welcome.

AN AFTERNOON AT BELLEMEADE

This famous farm is six miles in the country, and it has an international reputation. To go to Nashville and not visit it is to miss one of the attractions of Tennessee. It is owned by General Jackson, and it comprises 5200 acres of fertile land. Some of it is along clear streams, still more of it is in rolling fields, and a good deal of it in undulating hills. All of it is covered with succulent grass and highly improved. Around it all are thirty-eight miles of stone fence. It is a stock farm, and upon it are raised some of the finest horses in the world. I saw ten stallions, which cost \$10,000! Several of them were imported. They are the most magnificent animals upon which my eyes ever rested. Yearling colts from this farm bring the owner an average of \$8000 per head. The provision for caring for this blooded stock is as ample as though human beings were involved. In fact, not many people fare better than these fine horses at Bellemeade. But the stock is not limited to horse breeding. I saw one hundred fine Jersey cows of the highest grade. Among them are cows that give eight gallons of milk per day. All varieties of stock abound.

THE COMING OF DR. J. D. HAMMOND.

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A DAY AT BELLBUCKLE.

This is a little town of one thousand people, situated fifty miles from Nashville, on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. The famous Webb School is located here, and many of our Texas families send their boys here to be fitted for higher school work. In appearance it is a very unpretentious institution. The buildings are ordinary structures, but the school is in the men

who run it. I spent a very pleasant day there, and met a few old friends—among them Rev. J. T. Curry, the pastor of our Church. He is an influential member of the Tennessee Conference, and he has a brother in the Northwest Texas Conference. Nearly all of his people live in Ellis County, near Waxahachie. I have known him a long time, and it was delightful to meet him again. The Webbs are staunch Methodists and among the finest educators in the State. The location of the town is healthful and picturesque. All round it are foot hills, covered with fine forests. The fields which intervene are under a high state of cultivation. The corn is rather late, but the wheat is looking prosperous. The streams are clear and beautiful. The people are not in a rush, but they are industrious and hospitable. They take time to be courteous and pleasant. It reminds me of old times to mix with them again. G. C. R.

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

Mrs. T. J. Hines, of Italy, called to see us last week.

We appreciate a kind letter from Mrs. A. M. Ireland, of Seguin.

Bro. and Sister J. B. Griffin, of Lancaster, paid the Advocate a pleasant visit.

Rev. H. M. Sears, presiding elder of the Osvert District, has our thanks for a cordial invitation to attend his District Conference at Jewett, June 13. He adds: "My District moves on

splendidly this year—far in advance of any year in the past."

Judge M. M. Brooks, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, made us a pleasant call Monday.

Rev. C. R. Wright, of Hillsboro, did not forget to call when he was in Dallas Tuesday.

The Weatherford College send us a nicely gotten up invitation to their approaching commencement.

Mrs. J. P. Mussett called Monday. She is the wife of Bro. J. P. Mussett, pastor of our church at Arlington.

Rev. S. W. Miller, of Nevada, has been tossing with chills and fever of late, but hopes to be all right soon.

We are in receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of Granbury College, which will take place May 26-30.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the commencement exercises of the graduating class of Patton Seminary, Oak Cliff.

Bro. A. S. Hornbeck, editor of the Leader, wishes us to announce that a local option election will take place in Emory on June 13. We wish them success.

We have received an invitation to the marriage of Rev. I. M. Broyles, of Northwest Texas Conference, to Miss Anne Seales, to take place May 29, in Macon, Miss.

We are in receipt of a beautifully gotten up invitation to the commencement exercises of the Sam Houston Normal. The sermon will be preached by Rev. B. H. Carroll, D. D.

Mrs. Josephine Jamieson, mother of the wife of Bro. Z. B. Pirtle, died in Trenton, May 7. Hers was a most triumphant death. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

Rev. W. S. P. McCullough, of Groesbeck, in a private note speaks highly of the two articles on education in last issue. They were fine because they were written in our absence by "Uncle Buck" Hughes.

An invitation to the marriage of Mrs. Dora M. Spragins to Mr. James B. Harmon, which is to take place May 30, has been received at this office. They will be at home June 15 at Baird, Texas.

Bro. W. H. Steel, of San Marcos, cheered us with a pleasant visit last Tuesday. He and his good wife are visiting their son, Dr. Charles Steel, a prominent dentist and a good Methodist of this city.

Rev. H. I. Steves, who has been for the past two years and a half pastor of the Tabernacle M. E. Church, Dallas, has been appointed to the pastorate of the Dr. Frey Memorial Church, in Clifton Heights, St. Louis.

Rev. W. P. Pledger, of Beaumont, is not very well and his people have given him respite. He is in San Antonio for a few days. He writes us that his Church is in a good state, and that he has raised about \$1000 for the Twentieth Century fund. His church edifice will be thoroughly renovated this summer.

We have learned from a reliable source that Rev. T. G. Whitten, President of Whitten Institute, at Midlothian, Texas, was unanimously elected on 10th inst. to the presidency of Hargrove College, at Ardmore, I. T. We also understand that Bro. Whitten has not yet formally accepted, but it is thought he will likely do so.

METHODIST NEWS.

The front page of the Epworth Era this week is devoted to a very striking picture of Miss Laura A. Haygood.

Dr. S. A. Steel, of Centenary Church, Richmond, Va., will deliver the commencement address at Martha Washington College.

The commencement exercises of the Dental Department of Vanderbilt University took place April 27. There were forty-one graduates.

Dr. John Mathews delivered the address at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. We ably discussed in his lecture the postulates of higher criticism.

The A. M. E. Church General Conference is now in session in Columbus, Ohio. The spirit of independence which has characterized the actions of the laymen in the General Conference

of the white Methodists came to the surface when the proposition to place a minister in the place of a lay delegate who had been unexpectedly called home was defeated.

Evangelist George Stuart began a series of revival meetings Sunday at the tabernacle recently constructed on the west side of the Centenary Methodist Church lot in Paris.

Dr. Albert Carman, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada, who is fraternal delegate to the British Wesleyan Conference, recently sailed for England.

St. Louis Advocate: The late Dr. R. N. Shedd, of the Virginia Conference, is to have a Church memorial at Danville, Va. A rightful monument to the memory of a faithful and scholarly ambassador of Christ.

From the last report the election of Bishops of the M. E. Church has resulted in no choice. One ballot was taken Tuesday, but none of the forty-odd candidates received the necessary two-thirds vote required under the rules. The number of votes was 689, and it was predicted that a dozen ballots might have to be taken to secure the two Bishops desired.

A note from Bro. W. C. Doherty, dated Nashville, Tenn., May 14, gives a cheering word. He says:

"A collection was taken at Tulip Street Church yesterday in aid of the Twentieth Century Fund and \$6650 was pledged. I know you are interested, and believe you will be glad to hear of the splendid results. We hope to make it \$7000 and possibly \$7500."

Nashville Advocate: A note from Rev. J. E. Armstrong, Staunton, Va., inform us of the death of Rev. Thomas Briley, who for forty-one years had been a member of the Baltimore Conference. He had just completed four years of service at Mt. Jackson, and returned from the recent session of his conference to die at his home in Harrisonburg, Va. "The Lord buries his workmen, but carries on his work."

Nashville Advocate: Mrs. Eliza Christian, who recently died at Topeka, Kans., bequeathed the greater part of her estate, estimated at \$250,000, for the founding of a Methodist University at Topeka, contingent on the Churches in Kansas raising an equal amount in ten years. She leaves \$35,000 to the Ohio Wesleyan University; \$5000 for a new parsonage for First Methodist Episcopal Church, Topeka, and \$2000 to the Woman's Missionary Society. Rev. Dr. A. S. Embree is administrator of the estate.

Richmond Christian Advocate: Dr. W. W. Smith, Chancellor of the Randolph-Macon system, is reported as suffering from erysipelas in the face, arising from a sore. He was at the Ecumenical Mission Conference in New York when attacked. He is now in Philadelphia, at the home of his brother-in-law. The papers report him as expecting to return to Virginia. It had gone out that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis. The information that the trouble is slight and manageable will relieve the general uneasiness.

A petition, signed by twenty-two conferences, asking that a colored Bishop be elected to supervise the work among the colored people in the Southern States was brought before the General Conference of the M. E. Church last week, and was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. After a stormy session, the committee decided to recommend to the General Conference that two new Bishops be elected to provide for possible deaths on the board during the next four years. The body voted down, however, a report from the sub-committee in favor of petitioning the conference to elect a colored Bishop.

The M. E. General Conference Committee on Temperance adopted resolutions which, in the minds of a number of the committeemen, is a direct slap at President McKinley, because of his acquiescence in the decision of Attorney General Griggs declaring the anti-canteen law ineffective. The following is the report of the sub-committee from which the resolutions were drawn: "We are chagrined, humiliated and exasperated by the puerile and absurd construction placed upon the anti-canteen law, so-called, by the Attorney General of the United States, and with all due respect to his exalted station, we record the fact that we are pained and disappointed at the course of the President in accepting as final and satisfactory an opinion without binding force. Such an abuse of power is nullification in its most dangerous form. Upon the President, as Commander-in-Chief of our army, rests the responsibility for the canteen saloon, an evil which he has ample power to



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suppress, and which, to quote the Epis- copal address, 'is a more deadly foe to the soldier than bullet or tropic heat.' We urge upon the President an early exercise of the power vested in him, to the end that the authority of the Govern- ment, instead of being used to place temptation before the soldier, shall be used to save him, as far as possible, from the immoral hazards incident to military life."

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS.

To the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: Dear Brethren: We, your chief past- ors, feel moved to address you concern- ing the Twentieth Century Thank Offering, which is now engaging the attention of our Church in common with other Christian bodies, and especially with all the Methodist bodies of the world.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and praise is comely for the upright. Thanksgiving will be- come the people called Methodists, who during the eventful century now so nearly ended, have received from Almighty God such signal manifesta- tions of the divine favor. From the smallest and feeblest beginnings in the eighteenth century they have become a great host to the praise of the glory of his grace who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Surely he hath not dealt so with any people. They have seen the glory of the Lord and the excel- lency of their God.

Our own branch of Methodism has received abundant and peculiar bless- ings. Through appalling difficulties our God hath brought us out into a wealthy place. The blessing of the Lord hath made us rich. But we dare not believe he hath blessed us, and caused his face to shine upon us, that the gifts of his love may be used to gratify selfishness or to nourish pride. Through his mercies he hath called us to give ourselves for the increased re- sponsibilities which now rest upon us, to the end that as far as in us lies, his way may be known in the earth, his saving health among all nations.

Accordingly the twentieth century proposal has been brought forward by order of the General Conference as- sembled in the city of Baltimore, Md., May, 1898. It calls for a thank-offering from every member, with a view to raising not less than \$1,500,000 for the support of the educational work of the Church. We earnestly commend to all our people this most important and timely movement. In what better way can we express our gratitude to God for his blessings to our fathers and for his mercies to ourselves than by a thank-offering devoted to the making of ample provision for the education of the children and youth of the Church in both the home and foreign fields, who most inevitably meet oppor- tunities and responsibilities such as have confronted no former generation? How better can we transmit to posterity, not only unimpaired but en- hanced, the rich inheritance which we have received from the past?

Upon the purity and power of Pro- testant Christianity depends the re- demption of the world, and much of its purity and power rests upon the character of the education prevalent in the United States during the next twenty-five years. If that education shall be secular and faithless, moral standards will be lowered, evangelical zeal will be quenched, Christian lib- erty will be arrested, and missionary enterprise will be paralyzed. And let us be well assured that education will be both secular and faithless, except the Christian Churches make it other- wise. In view of their numbers and influence, upon the Methodists is im- posed no small part of the duty of see- ing to it, that the education of the people is not of a sort to lead to the doom of the nations who forget God. It is therefore in no spirit of sectarian bigotry, but from motives of both piety and patriotism, that we exhort all our ministers and members to give

their cordial and generous support to this great movement. Its influence will not be confined to our own com- munion, but will extend to other Christian bodies, and will tend to awaken zeal, and to enlighten public opinion in furtherance of that Chris- tian culture, upon which the future of our own and all lands so greatly de- pends.

In this connection we beg to remind you that the time is short during which this work must be done. The next six months will determine the fate of this movement, and both the reputation and character of the Church are involved in its success or failure. Being, with one exception, the largest Methodist body in the world, the success or failure of our Church in this matter must be con- spicuous and influential. Moreover, the reaction of victory or defeat upon ourselves will be very great. If impeded by the inspiration and momentum of this world-wide movement, we now go forward to success, the event will mark the beginning of a new and glorious era in the history of our educa- tional institutions. If, on the other hand, we submit to failure, when can we hope for an hour more favorable in the near future for strengthening these institutions?

We are convinced that the success or failure of this inspiring movement is largely in the hands of the pastors of the Churches. Pastoral faith and zeal are forces quite equal to the achievement of the great object pro- posed. Nothing else can accomplish it. We appeal, therefore, to these cap- tains of the Lord's host for the leader- ship required in this momentous hour.

We rejoice to report that gifts and subscriptions amounting to about \$500,000 have already been secured, al- though a large majority of the mem- bers of the Church have not yet re- sponded to the call. We are most happy to observe throughout all the conferences a deepening interest in this great enterprise. By every token the fullest success is within our reach. Only let there be no longer delay in any pastoral charge, and presently the high end which we have set before our faith and effort will be accomplished.

In what has been said touching the collection of the proposed thank-offering we have not lost sight of the high or spiritual results contemplated by this movement. We call for a revival in every Church and thank-offering from every member. Nor do we admit that there is conflict or competi- tion between these objects. Covetous- ness is an ever-present peril to our people. Nothing so hinders the spiri- tual life of the Church as the covetous- ness which in godless greed hoards, or in luxurious worldliness wastes, the treasure so sorely needed for the ex- tension of the kingdom of our Lord. We can not reasonably hope for any profound or extensive revival of scrip- tural religion until this covetousness is renounced and renounced. What can be better adapted to produce such penitence than calling for thank-offerings in view of God's mercies to our fathers and to their children? The Word of the Lord cries against our sin: "Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." We invert the divine order, and confuse the principles of the divine government when we con- dition our repentance upon his bless- ing being given in advance.

Surely, if our people come to reflect upon the glorious things of the past, when God's candle shone upon our heads, and when by his light we walked through darkness, they will re- pent of having left their first love and will return from all their backslidings. The holy memories of prodigals who have wandered away will, when touch- ed by the Divine Spirit, impel them to seek again the father's house.

There is in this movement the possi- bility of a great revival to both preachers and people. It calls for a re- study of Methodist history. Will not our cold hearts, when they touch again the remains of our triumphant fathers, revive and stand up, as did the Moabites when he was let down into the sepulcher of Elisha and touch- ed the prophet's bones? It requires a re-reading and renewed preaching of the stable doctrines of Wesleyan the- ology. Will not the Holy Spirit honor his truth, as in the former years, and cause our souls to burn within us while he talks to us by the way?

"We beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be ye conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Let his goodness lead us to repentance, that his salvation may draw nigh.

In conclusion, we recommend that

the week preceding Sunday, July 8, be observed in all our Churches as a week of prayer and self-denial, that the God of our fathers would merciful- ly visit us with the power of his Spirit, reviving his people and saving sinners. On that day let the people bring thank-offerings, praying that their gifts may be graciously accepted and blessed to the furtherance of the divine kingdom in the earth. In thus naming a particular day, however, it is understood that it is not proposed to terminate the movement at that time, but that it shall continue to the end according to the provisions of the plan unanimously adopted by the last General Conference.

"And now, brethren, we commend you to God and to the Word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

- JOHN C. KEENER, ALPHEUS W. WILSON, JOHN C. GRANBERY, ROBERT K. HARGROVE, WILLIAM W. DUNCAN, CHARLES B. CALLOWAY, EUGENE R. HENDRIX, JOSEPH S. KEY, OSCAR P. FITZGERALD, WARREN A. CANLER, WARREN A. CANDLER.

DR. J. D. HAMMOND IN NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dr. J. D. Hammond has agreed to spend from June 1 to June 10 in the North Texas Conference in the interest of the Twentieth Century Fund. He will speak in the following towns at the dates indicated. Let the presid- ing elders and the pastors bestir them- selves and their people in behalf of these meetings. Let every pastor in the conference attend one or more of these meetings. Our conference is away below the average in amount se- cured on the Thank Offering Fund. We ought to lead. The time is now short, and what is done must be quick- ly done.

- Clarksville, Friday night, June 1 Sulphur Springs, Sunday morning, June 2 Greenville, Sunday night, June 2 Ladonia, Monday night, June 4 Whitewright, Tuesday night, June 5 McKinney, Wednesday night, June 6 Dallas, Thursday night, June 7 Decatur, Friday night, June 8 Gainesville, Denton Street, Sunday, 11 a. m., June 10 Gainesville, Broadway, Sunday, 8.30 p. m.

An effort is being made to induce Dr. Hammond to remain till June 11 and be at the League Conference at Plano. Announcement will be made later if he can remain.

C. M. HARLESS, Secretary of Education, North Texas Conference.

THE BRANCH HOUSE.

The following is a copy of the state- ment going along with the annual re- port made by Mr. Everett to Barbee & Smith, at Nashville, of the business of the Branch House at Dallas.—Ed. Ad- vocate.

Dallas, Texas, April 11, 1900. Barbee & Smith, Agents, Nashville, Tenn.:

Gentlemen—I hand you herewith my annual report as Manager of the Dal- las Branch of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, for the year ending March 31, 1900.

The year has been largely experi- mental all the way through. The field was new, our clerks with one excep- tion inexperienced in the book busi- ness and strange to each other. With- out precedent or landmark to guide, and with no authorized committee or board within reach to confer with, the year has indeed been an anxious and hard one for your Manager. To organi- ze and develop a Branch of our great Publishing House out of these new conditions and undeveloped resources, that would meet all expectations, was

a problem that required much serious thought and planning, and the fullest concentration of your Manager. But, under God, we have been rewarded with a measure of success, as a perusal of the following pages will show.

We have had many heavy expenses peculiar to opening and establishing the business that will not be necessary in future years. We were more than a month in getting ready to open April 1, 1899, and rent, salaries and heavy incidental expenses had to be met.

While I see no point at which any very great retrenchment in expenses can be made, I am sure that with con- stant attention to details in the com- ing year this account will be kept down to the minimum commensurate with a growing business.

You will notice in this report that we had outstanding on April 1, 1899, only \$98 in city accounts. We con- sider all of these good, and they will practically all be collected in this month. We are trying to keep this feature of the business close to a cash basis. We have on the petty ledger \$162 in accounts. These are small ac- counts that we keep as memoranda, and as a rule stand only a few days at a time. We do this to avoid opening so many small accounts. Besides these we have accounts outstanding, \$16,122.97, which represents our real credit business. Our Mr. Raymond P. Reeves, whom you know, is our credit man. He opens all the mail, and no bill is shipped without his approval. He is making a close study of that feature of the business, and is looking after it closely and carefully.

Our collections have constant and careful attention, and I am happy to report that department of the business in splendid condition.

We carry the following insurance: On stock \$15,000 On fixtures 1,500 Total \$16,500

The average capital invested by the Parent House for the past year was \$23,876.47 and the net profits \$1121, or about 17 1/2 per cent on the investment.

I have endeavored to make this re- port complete, so that any question that may be asked about the business can be answered by a reference to it.

I do not like to close this report without referring to the unstinted con- stant and cordial support given the Branch House by the Texas Christian Advocate. Its editor and publisher have stood bravely by the House and much of the progress made this far is due to their support and to the interest they have taken in the infant enter- prise.

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It is a subject of comment that our force of clerks manifest unusual zeal for the success of the House. A fine- body of young men, active in Church work, upright and clean in their lives and character, and perfectly harmo- nious in their devotion to the interests of the House, much credit is due them. Respectfully submitted, W. C. EVERETT, Manager.

Life is a building. It rises slowly, day by day, through the years. Every new lesson we learn lays a block on the edifice which is rising silently with- in us. Every experience, every touch of another life on ours, every influence that impresses us, every book we read, every conversation we have, every act of our commonest days, adds some- thing to the invisible building.—J. R. Miller.

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Sunday-School Department.

SECOND QUARTER, LESSON 8, MAY 20.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER.
Matt. 13:1-8, 18-23.

Golden Text: "The seed is the Word of God."—Luke 3:2.

Dr. Jno. Potts, in the International Evangel, makes the following applications of the lesson:

This lesson teaches there are many kinds of hearers of the gospel. It is true not only of the world at large, but of a congregation, and is it not true even of a Sunday-school class?

This variety of mind should lead to variety of teaching, so that each may receive what is best adapted to his state of mind. In the parable of the Sower this variety is taught with remarkable clearness, especially when we think of Christ in the interpretation of it.

Let us put ourselves in sympathy with the scene of the lesson.

Great multitudes gathered to hear and see Jesus the Christ. Doubtless there was an element of curiosity, because of the miracles that had been wrought, and because of the hope that they would see signs and wonders.

In order that Christ might the more conveniently address the large concourse of people, he stepped into a boat and moved a little way from the shore, where he could be seen and heard by all. Perhaps in the distance he saw a man going forth to sow seed, or saw one actually engaged at it. This was enough to suggest another kind of seed, and the great variety of soil into which that other kind of seed is cast.

That we may know, in short compass, what is the application of the parable, we shall take advantage of Christ's interpretation of it, with the successive classes spoken of by Christ.

"Behold the sower went forth to sow."

"Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower."
"Wayside hearers" represent a great multitude. Of them Christ says, "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and gathereth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he that receiveth seed by the wayside."

"The Stony-place Hearers" seem to be a very promising class. Apparently good results are seen on the surface. The good, however, is not lasting. Of such Christ said, "But he that receiveth the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it." Under adverse circumstances the superficial nature of his religion is apparent. Alas, how many such are met with in every community. Thorny place hearers are to be found in every land. How searching was the teaching of Christ. He saw the sad effects of what many regard as just being thrifty and careful in business matters. It is deplorable to see people allowing their religion to be choked by the undue carefulness of this world. This is being done every day all around us. These are they which are applauded as the industrious and pushing citizens worthy of commendation.

Riches often interfere with spirituality. Unless there is true religion before riches are accumulated, it is difficult in the midst of prosperity to bow the neck to the yoke, even of Christ. Riches beget a spirit of independence alien to the spirit of discipleship. "He also that receiveth seed among the thorns is he that heareth the Word, and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches take the word and it become unfruitful."

"The Good-ground Hearers," even among them there are degrees of fruitfulness. There is a difference between thirty and one hundred-fold. Good-ground hearers are represented as understanding as well as hearing the Word.

With almost all classes of the parable we have to do in Sunday-school teaching.

It is for us to try and convert the "Way-side," the "Stony-place," the "Thorny-ground" hearers into the good-ground hearers. This has been done, and by the blessing of the Lord, the Spirit, it can be done. "The seed is the word of God."

Epworth League Department.

May 20.—Lesson Topic: "The Power of a Temperate Life."—Acts 24:25; Gal. 5:23; II Pet. 1:6.

We take from the Epworth Era the following treatment of the lesson: **TEMPERANCE CONSERVES BODILY HEALTH.**

There is an interesting colloquy and difference of opinion between Daniel and the prince of the eunuchs. The latter thought that if the young men did not eat the rich food and drink

provided by the king their health would be affected. "Why should he see your faces worse looking than the children which are of your sort?" Daniel offered to make a test for ten days of a simple diet. It was granted. "And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat." The face is an index of character. It also shows bodily condition. The drunkard may slip through the back door of a saloon or drink in secret in his own home, but his face is a trumpet to announce his love of strong drink. Bloating cheeks, bloodshot eyes, red nose advertise acquaintance which cheers only to inebriate and destroy. The strain upon the drunkard's nervous system is intense, often ending in delirium tremens. He who becomes a slave to this awful appetite invites all disorders of the body and premature death. Perhaps one hundred thousand persons in the United States die annually of alcohol. Strong drink in the course of a century slays more than pestilence, famine, and war.

CONDUCTS TO STRENGTH OF MIND.

"As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams." When Nebuchadnezzar desired information on questions of statecraft, wisdom, and understanding he found these four Hebrew youths "ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in his realm." Intemperance affects every department of the soul—intellect, sensibilities and will.

PREPARES THE HEART FOR RELIGION.

It would be easy to prove that Daniel was a godly man. His devotion to principle, faith in God, habit of prayer, religious courage, and belief that the right would finally win, all demonstrate the highest type of holiness. The Lord pays him unusual compliment in saying to the people in a time of great national sin, "Though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness." (Ezek. 14:14.)

PROMOTES PERSONAL INFLUENCE.

Notwithstanding the machinations of many and powerful enemies, Daniel held office under three dynasties—the Babylonian, the Median, and the Persian; and under five kings—Nebuchadnezzar, Evil-merodach, Belshazzar, Darius, and Cyrus. We doubt if this record can be equaled in sacred or profane history. This wonderful man maintained his post not by being a turncoat, but by loyalty to principle in a corrupt age, and by great talents industriously exercised, which made him indispensable to his employers.

BRINGS THE FAVOR OF GOD.

It might have been said of Daniel, as of Joseph, "He was a prosperous man . . . because the Lord was with him; and that which he did the Lord made it to prosper." Nothing but an overruling Providence, specially exercised, could have kept Daniel from his enemies. The Rechabites are an interesting study. (Jer. 35:1-9.) We see the blessing of God upon father and children through many generations. They constituted the first prohibition society, saying: "We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters. . . . Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me forever."

SELF-SUPPORT IS OUR WATCH-WORD.

Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, presiding elder of the San Luis Potosi District, Mexico, writes as follows concerning the work:

I have just returned from a month's hard labor, in which time I have traveled 2500 miles, preached twenty-nine sermons, witnessed about fifty conversions, received into our Church fifteen people, baptized three children, administered the Lord's Supper three times, and held four Quarterly Conferences.

At Morelia, Bro. Zavaleta is busy visiting and preaching. The congregations have grown until we really need larger quarters. Souls are constantly being saved, and the Church membership is growing.

Self-support is our watchword this year, and nearly all the Churches are beginning to feel it a duty to assist in the support of their pastor. The best of all is that the preachers themselves are beginning to see that the Church can not have character and strength unless it exerts itself in this direction.

The Toluca Circuit is doing a splendid work this year. Against odds that are playing havoc with other Churches, Bro. David Navas is in his place, and not only holding his own, but gaining ground. On this circuit there is a small Indian congregation at Santa Ana. They built their own church, and of their poverty are helping in all the collections. In the Quarterly Conference

my heart was touched by the noble sacrifice of these Aztecs. They brought \$105 to the conference, with the request that the presiding elder buy them an organ for their little church. The dear Christ, who stood and lovingly gazed upon that poor widow who "cast in all her living," only knows what this amount of money cost these men, some of whom not even wore shoes and not one boasted a coat. When I saw those men, by the light of a twinkling candle, gather around a chair which served as a table (they being seated on the floor), counting their Lord's money, it made my eyes misty. It was the second quarter, and they reported Bishop's fund, expenses of delegates to General Conference and American Bible Society all paid in full, with a good start on missions and Church Extension. Where will you find more beautiful loyalty?

Bro. Pascoe is in his first year as a pastor, but the work in Rincon and Santa Cruz is flourishing. The Roman Catholic Church in the former place was abandoned by that Church, for the good reason that every family in that town, excepting one, turned Protestants. We took charge of the temple of Rome, and the true gospel is being preached there to this day.

The pastor told me a few days ago about one of the Indian brethren at Santa Cruz, whose life was threatened if he did not renounce his religion. The man of God looked into the barrel of the directed weapon without a quiver and said: "For me to live is Christ; to die is gain." His Word prevailed, and the persecutor stood confounded with admiration.

At Joquilingo we have been a little unfortunate. The circuit was without a pastor for nearly three months. The present incumbent, Bro. Abraham Navas, is taking hold boldly and will succeed. He traverses dangerous territory in his circuit. Only a few weeks ago, when he was crossing a mountain pass, he was attacked by two robbers with machetes. The goodness of God and the sight of a good pistol carried by the preacher saved him.

The Mexican congregation in San Luis Potosi is served by Bro. H. L. Gray, who is on double duty, being also President and instructor of Central College. He should have a helper in the congregation, as it is impossible for him to do the visiting and missionary work, which is indispensable. Both Sunday-school and the congregation are growing, and we are greatly encouraged over the prospects. The college and hospital are doing a great work.

We take courage and press on. Although the assessments are the heaviest in the history of the work, we expect San Luis Potosi District to pay every dollar.

SERMON BY N. A. KEEN.

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation."—St. James 1:12.

There is a peculiar expression in the word "blessed" as it stands in the text related to the word "endureth." The divine blessings of God are nowhere promised in the Bible to the man who resists above temptations or out of reach of the devil. While the seasons come and go, and the years speed along, and thou walkest thy way to the end of life, sorrow and trouble will accompany thee. Thou wilt never get too old to be harassed, tormented and vexed by the wicked one. While the sun and the moon and the stars shine, he will cast his slime across the pathway to the home of thy God. Even when thou hearest thy body and utterest sacred words in the secret place of prayer, there he will intrude wicked and evil thoughts into the mind which come from his own black incensed heart of wickedness. In the temple of God, the tabernacle of the Most High, where the sons of God go up to worship, and where God dwells, there will he be, not only to vex the saints, but to dispute with God about the purity of their motive, as he did of the sainted man Job. Touch him, try him, if you dare, and he will "curse thee to thy face," has ever been the accusation of the devil.

The sharp-sighted eagle, from her lofty home on nature's high summit, sees the unlifting dark, angry cloud, where lightning flash and solid thunders roll. Then she spreads her wing to the air of the deep blue sky and soars to a home where storms never come. Look at her, as she hangs on pinion wing in the undimmed light of day, or the silver beams of the stars and moon at night, watching with profound interest and admiration the fighting clouds and flashing fire, as sorrow and trouble and death spread themselves over the face of the earth. But in after days I've seen the same proud bird, with torn wing stiffened limb, lifeless body, unflashing eye, slightly wet in the dew of the morning, mouldering back to the dust of the earth.

So there may be times along the pathway of life when heaven and earth in mercy bend, and in the exalted powers and radiant glory of thy Father when he sanctifies thy body to be the


temple of the Holy Ghost; then it is that all trouble, sorrow and temptation seem to fly away and be forever gone. But after all the strong men shall bow themselves, and the keepers of the house shall tremble, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, and the grinders cease because they are few, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and the almond tree shall flourish, and desire shall fall, and thou shalt go to thy long home and lie down and sleep with the generations that have gone before. When you get so holy and pure, so perfect and good, as not to be tempted, then will you be better than Jesus Christ was. He endured the cross and despised its shame. This sort of piety, which exalts itself and magnifies its own holiness so, has none of the spirit of Christ in it. "I am your example," says Christ, "and I was perfected through suffering." Christ said of St. Paul: "I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." It is one of the unchangeable laws that the servant shall not be above his master. But is temptation sin? Some of the best saints on earth are troubled on this point. Now, if to be tempted is sin, then was Christ one of the greatest of sinners; for he was tempted in all points as we are tempted. The apostle James says: "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." If to be tempted is sin, then we are to count it joy and gladness when we commit sin. Look at sin; analyze it in its every form: see it in its darkest hue and most repulsive nature, then reject and endure. But how about that wicked thought which has beat in upon thy mind from day to day and from week to week? Thou hast driven it away a thousand times, but as often it returned. "What shall I do?" thou criest out in thy soul. God answerest, "Endure." When Achan saw the golden wedge, that was not sin; but when he took it, that was. So long as wicked thoughts are held in abeyance, there is no sin committed. But when the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye and the pride of life concur with the will, then it constitutes sin in the heart, although the evil thought is never put into practice. Eve looked upon the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and saw it was a tree to be desired, to make one wise. This was a mental action of the mind, and she could have refused to have touched the tree, with the same desire and conclusions, yet without sin. Natural desire is not sin, and only becomes so when inflamed into passion; and even passion is not sin until it degrades the will power; for the will to do or not to do constitutes the essence of sin. The right hand that offends and the right eye that lusts must be cut off and plucked out. But why are we tempted, buffeted and tried until life seem to fall? But ask, on the other hand, why was Christ a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and sweat drops of blood? Was he not made perfect through suffering? The infant which never moves a limb soon dies. It is the little fellow which knocks with his hands and kicks with his feet, and squalls with his mouth, that develops vitality of life and grows to strong manhood. So it is the divine purpose of God to expand the mind and develop the heart into the highest forms of knowledge and holiness.

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**EXPLANATION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE
JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE
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As nothing appeared in the Advo-
cate from this board after the last ses-
sion of the conference the following is
necessary:

There was no organization of this
board at the previous session of the
conference, as the preachers just had
time to get to the train after the ap-
pointments were read. The board was
composed almost entirely of new men.
We came together without the usual
information from the claimants. We
had to get their condition and needs
from any source we could. A few
wrote letters. This accounts for some
dissatisfaction. The board adopted the
form of questions used in the North-
west Texas Conference, which is sent
to each claimant before the session.
Bro. J. M. Robertson, of Meridian,
who has been Secretary and Treasurer
in that conference sixteen years, has
kindly furnished us with the form.
Rev. J. M. Sweeton, of Clarksville, who
is now Secretary and Treasurer, has
these forms and will send them out.
Let all money be sent to him. Every-
thing has been turned over to him. As
I am not on the board now will add a
letter received from one of the claim-
ants for the comfort of the members of
the board and the hope that it will in-
spire many to remember this sacred
claim:

"The check is smaller than I have
ever before received, and not sufficient
for my necessities, but I shall certain-
ly use it to the very best advantage
for my own support and comfort,
trusting in a kind providence which
has hitherto sustained me for the rest.
Believe me, I appreciate the money
received very much, and thank you
and the other members of the board
for services rendered. All have my
kindest wishes for a prosperous year.
Very truly yours,
Let us bring up the full amount this
year, brethren. G. F. BOYD.
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That the Church believes in educa-
tion is easily proved by the past his-
tory of its labors. To engage there-
fore in discourses lauding education
and trying to prove that it is a good
thing for both country and Church
would seem a work of supererogation.
But in this Twentieth Century Move-
ment many, I fear, are dealing with
education alone, and that from the
standpoint of the intellect, while
others are deifying education altogeth-
er and all the educated men of the
Church, merely because they do not
believe in false ideals, and had systems
with their products. The position as-
sumed by the Church the writer be-
lieves to be the only correct one. We
are not in this campaign to stress
education, since that is the spirit of
the age to which we are already ren-
dering our contributions from pulpit,
press, platform, and are pro-
viding our indorsement by our patron-
age. I believe the contention of the
Church to be for Christ in education;
I. e., let the principles of Christianity
be omnipresent in the formation of
character and the cultivation of tastes.
It has been rightly said that the con-
tention is not between education and
no education, but between right edu-
cation and wrong education. We be-
lieve the country is full of education
which is not an unmixed good. We
would not destroy these institutions,
but would put into them the leaven of
Christ that the whole lump may be
saved for the good of the world.
Hence in our program for educational
rallies we declare it to be the duty of
our people to foster the public schools,
patronize them, etc., with the inten-
tion of making them render the larg-
est service to our citizenship. This
Twentieth Century Movement has not
come to "destroy" State education, but
to "foster" its real mission by remov-
ing the evil from our public systems as
far as possible and by developing
sound and wholesome sentiment in
them and consequent manhood and
womanhood. It is the duty of the
preachers, I believe, to cast out devils
from the midst of organized wealth,
literature, educational systems, or
from the man who may beg from door
to door, and if the spirit underlying
or actuating any be wrong it is our
duty to discover and correct it, and if
methods need changing to change
them. The statement that "education
makes infidels," etc., has some truth
in it, and in some localities very much
truth. When the Church controlled
education that was not true, but it be-
came true in so far as it has become
so when the education passed from
religious influences into the hands of
the State and private individuals who
ignore Christian principles. And let
it be understood here that the writer
does not believe that "Christian educa-
tion is education with a Christian
man at the head of the school." I
am well acquainted with several
prominent educators who are at the

head of schools that are not able to
put Christian principles or precepts
into the schools because the patrons
will not permit them to do so, and
these teachers believe in Christian
education and regret that they can not
practice it because of the limitations
which the system and the small
amount of unfavorable sentiment
throw around them. Nor would I be
understood to teach that Christian
education is the instruction of youth
in what is termed "domestic the-
ology," but the application of Chris-
tian principles and Christian ethics to
the moral development of the child,
and the elimination of unwholesome
speculative science from the school, so
that faith may not be poisoned. I
have heard of a certain teacher of
anatomy who never failed to deliver
a lecture which made war on the faith
of Christians at least once a year, and
who taught his pupils to practice a
vice as a sanitary measure. I have
known a geologist and botanist who
made as large use of unproven asser-
tions detrimental to the Church as a
seeming show of truth would permit,
and drew on his field of science for his
weapons. And so in the comparative
study of religions and of languages, of
history, of every leading department
of knowledge of this day questions are
raised which will be answered vari-
ously, according to the faith of the
individual. A Christian teacher will
not do harm in such instances, but if
his system of education seeks his life
he can not do the good that he would
do otherwise. We would loose him and
let him go. We would remove his
shackles and let him use as much as he
can get from all sources to reveal God
through nature to the world. Now
the abuses in education have grown
up side by side with the "preaching of
the cross under our fathers," and it
ought to begin to dawn upon those
who are casting obstacles in our way
for fear that we will be "corrupted
from the simplicity that is in Christ"
that they have failed to handle the
problem of education by their method,
and it might be well to try a new one.
I suggest that as God has given man
five senses for the purpose of ascer-
taining truth and has given a place
for him to dwell in that has become
beyond computation, it is highly im-
probable that the world will shut its
eyes and remain in ignorance because
some of the brethren take education
"is a dangerous thing." The Bible de-
clares that Postus said to Paul, "Much
learning doth make thee mad," and
there are not wanting now brethren
who would have said amen if they
had been present. The advocates of
Christian education must with pride
to the children who have been edu-
cated in the manner indicated above. In-
stances of men who were educated, but
Christless and into whose early train-
ing dangerous influences crept and
who have subsequently been anything
but a blessing to the race, will not
avail to disprove the claims of Chris-
tian education. Ignorant villains and
vice villains are going to hell because
of their villainy and not because of
the knowledge of the feet faces they
possess. And in like manner Moses
and Paul and our humblest and most
ignorant citizens are to be saved by
grace through faith, and that not of
themselves, but of the gift of God.
It is not the position of the Church
that salvation is by education, and we
most earnestly affirm that God's grace
is even equal to the task of saving an
educated gentleman as well as the
outcast in the slums. Let those who
fear the power of education and its
dangers therefore magnify the power
of the grace which we preach to
"save to the uttermost" and find com-
fort. Now the Church proposes to see
to it that the grace mentioned be mar-
shaled in her schools and colleges to
the intent that the power of culture
and thought be brought into obedience
to the law of Christ. We will fight
fire with fire; we will meet polished
and well armed doubt with cultured
and erudite Christianity. An, we can
not hope to have this done by the
public schools, since they are the children
of the State, and hence much influenced
by changing social conditions and by
the politics of the day. With institu-
tions of her own the Church can have
ever before the State a living epistle
on this subject which can be known
and read of all men. Her own institu-
tions will lead the way and illustrate
the doctrine for which we contend if
we so equip them that they will not
disgrace us and prejudice men against
the doctrine of Christian education.
And to do this we are marching in an
army (perhaps to some like an army
of bushwhackers) to a conquest
against wealth in false application
that we may rescue some of it for the
treasury of the Church and the en-
lightenment of the world. The time is
short. Some have done nothing as
yet. Many preachers have been idlers
while others have struggled, and we
have been compassed about by a crowd
of witnesses on earth and in heaven.
Let us awake to the duty of the hour
and press this cause while the waters
are troubled, and let us see to it that
our own work is well done, whatever
others may do. And that thou doest
do quickly, remembering that the

night cometh when no man can work,
and the end draweth nigh.

V. A. GODBEY,
Conf. Sec. of Education, E. T. Conf.

MISS MATTIE WRIGHT'S REPORT.

As a lover of the Methodist Church,
and for more than fifty years having
been sheltered within its folds, and ere
long anticipating a transfer to the
Good Shepherd above, still love to do
something in his cause below, I want
to emphasize the article or report of
Miss Mattie M. Wright as published in
the Advocate of April 26, as I think it
deserves more than a single passing
publication.

I listened to its reading at the Dis-
trict Conference at Eddy, and read it
with renewed interest in the Advocate.
Each time, from a sympathetic and re-
ciprocal feeling, it caused the tears of
gratitude to flow down my wrinkled
cheeks.

When we take into consideration the
sublime faith that is required in one
of the gentler sex to undertake such a
necessary and such a delicate enter-
prise, almost single-handed and alone
as to her sex at the start, and the suc-
cess attained in a little over a year of
seemingly unpropitious surroundings,
and the meekness with which the mat-
ter has been set forth before the pub-
lic and for the benefit of the city and
the world at large, it challenges our
admiration and strengthens our faith
almost unlimitedly in fully conse-
crated womanhood to the cause of
Christ and his Church.

Do not think I am indulging in ful-
some praise, for we have other exam-
ples of such disinterested work in the
Red Cross Sisters, the army female
nurses, Miss Helen Gould, the good
Sister Booth, the rescue workers, and
many others too numerous to men-
tion. F. C. McMILLAN, L. E.
Abbott, Texas.

AN ALLEGORY.

Millions of people were on the move.
They came to a deep, dark, turbid river
that must be crossed. The river was
spanned at two crossings by two
bridges. One bridge was founded on a
rocky bottom, well and strongly built,
thoroughly braided and undergirded,
and pronounced entirely safe and trust-
worthy by its keeper.

The other bridge was built upon a
sandy foundation, of slender material,
and pronounced by its keeper as
shaky, rickety and probably unsafe, but
might be crossed upon possibly with
safety.

The wise travelers all chose the
bridge with the rock foundation. But
the foolish, the giddy, the venturesome
and skeptical chose the bridge with the
sandy foundation, and were heard to
say, at the last and at the farther
shore, that "It is a leap in the dark,"
while those crossing on the other
bridge at the farther shore answer
back, "All is well, all is well."
Which bridge will you choose?
F. C. McMILLAN, L. E.

The devil has a mortgage on every
boy who smokes—Ram's Horn.

HEART DISEASE.

Some Facts Regarding the Rapid In-
crease of Heart Troubles.

Heart trouble, at least among the
Americans, is certainly increasing and
while this may be largely due to the
excitement and worry of American
business life, it is more often the re-
sult of weak stomachs, of poor diges-
tion.

Real organic disease is incurable;
but not one case in a hundred of heart
trouble is organic.

The close relation between heart
trouble and poor digestion is because
both organs are controlled by the same
great nerves, the Sympathetic and the
Pneumogastric.

In another way also the heart is af-
fected by the form of poor digestion,
which causes gas and fermentation
from half digested food. There is a
feeling of oppression and heaviness in
the chest caused by pressure of the
distended stomach on the heart and
lungs, interfering with their action;
hence arises palpitation and short
breath.

Poor digestion also poisons the
blood, making it thin and watery,
which irritates and weakens the heart.

The most sensible treatment for
heart trouble is to improve the diges-
tion and to insure the prompt assim-
ilation of food.

This can be done by the regular use
after meals of some safe, pleasant and
effective digestive preparation, like
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which may
be found at drug stores, and which
contain valuable, harmless digestive
elements in a pleasant, convenient
form.

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sistent use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tab-
lets at meal time will cure any form
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WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Program of the twenty-second annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church, South, to be held in Paris, Texas, May 24, 1900.

Preliminary meeting, 4 o'clock p. m., Thursday, May 24.

May 24, 8 p. m.—Devotional meeting, led by the President, Mrs. M. D. Wightman.

May 25, 9 a. m.—Regular opening for business; report of preliminary meeting; report of work at home by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, and discussion of same by the board. Friday afternoon—Committee meetings, 8 p. m.—Addresses of welcome and response from the board by Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham.

Saturday Morning, May 26—Business meetings. Afternoon—Committee meetings, 8 p. m.—President's annual address; reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and greetings from other organizations and Churches.

Sunday, May 27, 11 a. m.—Annual sermon, by Bishop Key. 3 p. m.—Mass-meeting of the young people and children, conducted by returned missionaries, 8 p. m.—Address by Rev. C. F. Reid, D. D., missionary of Korea.

Monday Morning, May 28—Business meeting. Afternoon—Committee meetings, 8 p. m.—Address by Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D. D., after which the reception of missionary candidates and charge by the President.

Tuesday Morning, May 29—Business meeting, 8 p. m.—Twentieth Century Movement, by Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Second Vice-President of the Board.

Wednesday Morning, May 30—Business meeting. Afternoon—Business meeting, 8 p. m.—Echoes from the Ecumenical Missionary Conference, held in New York in April, by Miss M. L. Gibson, First Vice-President of the Board.

There will be four returned missionaries and six missionary candidates in attendance at the meeting of the board. Bishop Wilson will also be present at some time during the annual meeting.

FROM MRS. TRUEHEART TO MRS. MUSSETT.

Having heard of the death of our beloved Miss Haygood you wish to have her dying message, which I send you in her own previous words: "To be given the board after my death."

"I want to express to the board my deep sense of gratitude to them for their uniform kindness to me during all the years of my association with them. I hope they will never for a moment think of my time in China as years of sacrifice, but as years of glad and loving service. Had I known the end from the beginning it would have been all joy to give these fifteen years of service for God in China. If I have been enabled to accomplish anything it has been because of the faithfulness of our God. And claiming this faithfulness for those who follow me, I lay down the work that he for a time entrusted to me without a fear for its future. He has fulfilled to the uttermost to me, all his promises to those who leave home and friends for his sake and the gospel. Not one of all his promises for good has failed me. In his name I beg the board to be strong and very courageous, for I am sure he has yet very much land for them to possess for his home in China."

Will we not heed her dying words, written as they were in the last days of March, 1900, a month before her death? Let us go up to the annual meeting with full confidence in her God and our God.

All those who expect to attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, to be held in Paris, Texas, May 24, are again reminded to send their names without delay to Mrs. G. W. Holmes, of Paris, for entertainment, and do not fail to get a certificate from the agent from whom you buy your railroad ticket. It is earnestly hoped that the auxiliaries of the W. F. M. Society of the various Texas Conferences, and especially of the North Texas Conference, will be represented each by one or more visitors to this annual meeting of the board, an opportunity which has been given in Texas only one time before (which was several years ago, when the board met in Fort Worth), and which may not come to us again in our own State for several years in the future. Let all come now who can and enjoy the benefits and privileges of the auspicious occasion.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The annual meeting of the East Texas Conference, W. F. M. Society

will be held at Longview, May 31 to June 4. The auxiliaries have been notified of this meeting by letter, but we make this announcement to insist upon a good attendance. In view of having with us our much esteemed and beloved President of Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Wightman, of Charleston, S. C. Other interesting visitors are expected to be present. Delegates and visitors who will attend, please send names to Reception Committee, Miss Virgie Kelly, Longview, Texas, Miss Mollie Chaney.

MRS. F. A. HEARTSHILL, Pres. MISS L. P. LANE, Cor. Sec. Marshall, Texas.

The annual sermon of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference will be preached by Dr. Hammond, Secretary of the Board of Education, M. E. Church, South, at 11 o'clock, June 3, at the annual meeting of the Conference Society to be held June 1-5 in Sulphur Springs.

NOTICE.

The W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, will hold its twentieth annual meeting in Sulphur Springs, Texas, June 1 to 5. All delegates and visitors who expect to attend (and we cordially invite them) please send their names at once to Mrs. Stella P. Dinmore, Corresponding Secretary Auxiliary W. F. M. Society, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

NOTICE.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Northwest Texas Conference:

All delegates and visitors who expect to attend our annual meeting which convenes in Georgetown, June 1, 1900, will please send their names at once to Mrs. H. C. Craig, Georgetown, Texas. A hearty welcome awaits you. MRS. C. J. HARPER, Georgetown, Texas.

The W. F. M. Society of East Texas Conference is fortunate in having the promise of the presence of Mrs. Wightman, President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, at the annual meeting of the society in Longview, May 31. The members of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, are expecting Miss Maria L. Gibson, Principal of Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo., and Vice-President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, to spend Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, with them at the annual meeting of their Conference Society in Sulphur Springs. Both these Conference Societies are to be congratulated in thus having the assistance to be derived from the counsel of these two efficient and experienced officers of the Board, and it will be a rare privilege to meet them and hear them.

The editor of this department wishes to express her thanks for the earnest and cordial invitations received from the W. F. M. Society of the East Texas Conference, and also from the society of the Northwest Texas Conference, to attend the annual meetings of the two respective Conference Societies. She would be glad to enjoy these occasions with her sister workers this year, but will not have an opportunity to do so, as the dates for the annual meetings of the two societies are the same as that fixed for the annual meeting of the Society of North Texas Conference, and as she is Recording Secretary of the latter society, duty calls her to be present there. May the blessings of God our Father rest abundantly upon the work and the workers as they meet at the appointed times and places to take counsel together for the spread of his kingdom upon the earth.

We are glad to hear of the interesting Easter program which was carried out with encouraging results by the Bethel Auxiliary, one of the oldest and most faithful in the North Texas Conference, and we hope that other auxiliaries from which we have not heard have been also blessed in the Easter services.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

The W. F. M. Society of the West Texas Conference will be held at Seguin, Texas, beginning June 23, 1900, at 8 p. m. Each auxiliary society is urged to send delegates. The members are earnestly requested to observe Friday, June 22, as a day of fasting and prayer for a good and glorious meeting.

All persons expecting to attend will please send their names to Mrs. Anthony Dibrell, Seguin, Texas. (MISS) ORA WOOD, Rec. Sec. Conf. Society, Gonzales, Texas.

W. F. M. SOCIETY NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Co-workers—The time is near at hand for the annual meeting of our Conference Society in Georgetown, June 1-5. I trust your delegates are elected and reports ready for the same. Let us meet in the name of Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think. Please mention in your reports the amounts subscribed by your societies for the Twentieth Century Fund, and to what work applied. My own preference is to divide our means between the City of Mexico and Havana, Cuba. The former is a very important station, already formed, but without adequate means to build and equip to meet the demands upon it. For Cuba we have a deep sympathy and desire to assist in establishing an institution in Havana that will be a center of light and Christian knowledge to that needy and expectant people. While we feel an interest in all the points presented by our board, yet it would be very gratifying if our means could be centered upon the above places.

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MRS. S. S. MUNGER, Pres. Conf. Society, Lampasas, Texas.

PROGRAM.

Of twenty-first annual meeting of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, from June 1 to 5, 1900, at Georgetown, Texas:

June 1, 8:30 p. m.—Prayer service; address of welcome from auxiliary, Mrs. M. E. Lane; from Alma Norwood, Miss Lula Dever; from Little Workers, Miss Anna Lee Howren; social reunion.

Saturday, 9 a. m., afternoon also, the usual business will be transacted. Every business session will open and close with devotional services.

Saturday, 8:30 p. m.—Music by the choir; opening by Rev. John Neal; music; President's address; song; annual report by Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. P. Mussett; annual report of Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Harper; missionary address by a Chinese student; music; prayer; benediction.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. J. H. Braswell. 4 p. m.—Memorial service, 4:30 p. m.—missionary experience meeting, 8:30 p. m.—Sermon, Rev. J. Campbell.

Monday, Forenoon and Afternoon—Business sessions, 8:30 p. m.—Meeting in the interest of the Twentieth Century Movement; opening and address by Rev. Dr. Allen; conducted by Mrs. M. E. Bullock.

Tuesday—Business sessions, the election of officers, place for next meeting, etc. MRS. S. S. MUNGER, Pres. MRS. J. P. MUSSETT, Conf. Sec.

To the Auxiliaries of the W. H. M. Society of Northwest Texas Conference:

My Dear Sisters—Thinking you would like to hear something from your representative to the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which convened in New Orleans April 11-18, I will write you through the Woman's Department of our Texas Advocate a synopsis of our trip.

A cheerful party of five—viz. Mrs. W. H. Johnson and Miss Mary Moore, of the Dallas Mission Home; Mrs. H. A. Evans, Corresponding Secretary of North Texas Conference Society; Mrs. W. H. Purcell, of Cleburne, who represented the Indian Mission Conference Society, and your Conference Secretary—boarded the 10-15 T. & P. train at Dallas April 9, bound for New Orleans, the "Queen City" of the South. At Marshall, Texas, where we changed cars, we met Mrs. Pemberton, Corresponding Secretary of Little Rock Conference Society, and Mrs. Rudolph, Recording Secretary of same Conference Society. Although most of us were strangers, we were not so long. There surely is "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," and as soon as the formality of introductions was over, we felt at home with each other. Our theme of conversation all the way was how best to advance the cause of our loved Home Mission work, fully realizing that by so doing we were advancing the cause of our blessed Christ.

We had been instructed to stop at Gretna, a station this side the river from New Orleans. We arrived there the morning of the 10th, found a committee of two awaiting us, one being one of the pastors. They took us in hand, and all responsibilities for us ceased, ourselves and baggage were attended to, and we were made to feel we were honored guests, and all our wants were attended to in a manner that makes us feel we owe a debt of gratitude to the good people of New Orleans that we can never repay. We took the ferryboat at Gretna and went across the river to New Orleans. To me that was most delightful, as I had never been on a large body of water, and the sensation was charming. I was always wanting while in that city to again go on the water, but business before pleasure, and I had to forego any more boat rides. We were assigned to our homes, and were never left until we were safe within the gate and introduced to our hostess. Four

of us Texas women were entertained at the same home, Mrs. J. H. Kellar's. And such a lovely home! Everything that wealth could buy was theirs—beautiful without and within, and an ideal Christian home. It was uplifting to us who were fortunate enough to be entertained there.

Tuesday we spent in sight-seeing, and were well repaid. Quoting from address of welcome by Mrs. F. A. Lyons: "New Orleans is a quaint old city of 250,000 inhabitants, representing nearly every nation on the globe. You may hear many languages spoken besides your mother tongue. We have streets with curious names, dating back to the time when Spain was the dominating power, and public squares that were laid out before Louisiana was sold by France to the United States. We have lakes and parks, flowers and plants of infinite variety; also curios and antiques that never fail to interest visitors from every land." It seemed to us, at every turn of the street cars (and the turns were many), we came to a lovely park, with mounds of flowers, fountains, statues and comfortable seats for resting or lounging. Those we passed every day on our way to church were "Margaret of Orleans," "Lee's Circle" and "Lafayette Park."

Wednesday morning at 9:30 the delegates from every part of the Southland assembled at the Carondelet Street Church. It was 11 o'clock before the meeting was called to order, owing to general officers being in executive session. The church was beautifully decorated, roses abounding in great profusion. Upon the platform, at either end, stood the pictures of our beloved Bishop Keener and wife. Suspended across the platform, in white letters, hung our motto, "The World for Christ." Miss Bennett was in the chair, with all the general officers in their respective places.

Each delegate seemed to be intensely interested from the first, and the interest continued to the close. Three meetings were held daily, the afternoon given to committee work. There were but few changes made in our laws, and from all reports increase was shown along all lines; but we have need for much earnest work, and we were admonished time and again to do more organizing. We need more auxiliaries. We are a great organization, controlling much property. Every woman and child in the Southland should be a member of the W. H. M. Society, helping in this great work. If you could have heard the reports from our different schools, including our own Mission Home at Dallas, the good we are doing and the souls we are saving, how your hearts would have warmed to the work, and how small would seem the little 10 cents per month we are asked to contribute to help along this work. District Secretaries, let us be up and doing, and try to organize a Home Mission Society wherever we find a Church of our denomination.

We were also urged to push the Twentieth Century Movement. We are needing the money now. It was suggested that a committee of three (the President making one of the committee), be appointed from each auxiliary to take the roll-book and visit each lady member of the Church, for at least \$1. We need to work hard, as we, with the North and East Texas Conferences, are expected to work under the same law as we did last year as regards the Mission Home. Let us put our shoulder to the wheel, and do our part at raising the money. Auxiliaries, please do not fail to send your \$1 per month to your Conference Treasurer, to be forwarded to meet the current expenses of our Mission Home. It is ours. We should feel a pride in helping to keep it up. Northwest Texas always does her part. We stand first in number of auxiliaries, number of members, number added during the year, number of meetings held, amount of donations to parsonages. Holston Conference was a little ahead of us on boxes of supplies sent off. Mrs. Yarbrough impressed upon our minds the urgent need of these boxes. Ministers preaching on meager salaries could not keep their charges were it not for these boxes. Can we not have at least one box from every auxiliary of our Conference Society this year? And do not forget to report it to Mrs. Yarbrough.

There were but few changes made in our constitution and by-laws. In by-laws of Conference Society, in thirteenth annual report, page 127, article 6, add: "They shall send quarterly reports of this work to the General Superintendent of their department by the 15th of March, June, September and December." In the by-laws for auxiliaries, strike out the last clause of article 3. It shall be the duty of Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers to make a written report at the monthly business meeting of the local auxiliary. The officers of the auxiliary shall be elected by ballot. Our fourteenth annual report will soon be out, and owing to expense of printing, they costing 12 cents per copy and 4 cents to mail, it was thought best to send but one to a society. When you re-

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The board called on Bishop Keener and wife, of which you have heard through these columns. It was indeed a benediction to all of us.

We were also given a trolley ride over the city, and were entertained at the home of Mrs. Walmley in a charming manner...

Altogether, our trip was very pleasant and profitable. But I have talked to you too long. May God's richest blessings rest on you, and may this year be a grand onward march in the Master's cause.

MRS. FLORA N. HEY, Cor. Sec. W. H. M. S. N. W. Tex. Conf. Waxahachie, Texas.

DISTRICT MEETING W. F. M. SOCIETY, TERRELL DISTRICT.

The W. F. M. Society met at Plano at 10 a. m., April 28, with Mrs. R. W. Thompson presiding...

The reports from different auxiliaries were as follows:

Allen's Chapel was represented by E. Pearl Moore. Forney by Rev. W. M. Leatherwood...

It was found that only five preachers on Terrell District had a W. F. M. Society in their charges.

Mrs. Thompson made a few remarks outlining her work, and was followed by a paper read by Mrs. J. H. Boman...

The meeting closed, after a very interesting paper was read by Mrs. Thompson on "Present Opportunities..."

(MISS) E. PEARL MOORE, Recording Secretary.

A IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society of the Northwest Texas Conference will be held in Georgetown, Texas, opening Friday, June 1, at 8 p. m.

We urge each auxiliary society to send a delegate to this meeting, for it is important that you do. We hope each officer will be present.

The railroads kindly grant us one and one-third fare for the round trip, and delegates can secure these rates in buying their tickets.

I plead with all who possibly can to accept the kind invitation of the Paris Auxiliary to attend the meeting of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions...

MRS. J. P. MUSSETT, Sec. Conf. Society, Arlington, Texas.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, through the Advocate, to return many thanks to the W. P. and H. M. Society of Rosebud, Falls County, for the valuable box recently sent to the San Antonio Rescue Home...

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We are especially anxious that one society take up the work of furnishing a box for the hospital. We are just fitting up rooms in that department, and very much need money and necessary articles to make it a success.

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Saturday Morning, June 2—Address to alumni. Saturday Afternoon, June 2—Meeting Board of Trustees, art reception. Saturday Evening, June 2—Entertainment by class in education. Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon.

Monday Evening, June 2—Epworth League. Tuesday Morning, 10 o'clock, June 1—Graduating exercises. The friends and patrons of the college are cordially invited to attend these exercises...

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ALEXANDER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Annual session Sunday, May 27, 11 a. m., by Rev. W. W. Watts, of Longview. Exercises of Primary Department Tuesday, May 28, at 10 a. m. Exercises of Music Department Tuesday, May 29, at 2 p. m.

Baccalaureate address Wednesday, May 30, at 10 a. m., by Rev. B. H. Greatheart, of Tyler, Texas. Graduating exercises Wednesday, May 30, at 2 p. m.

The public is invited, especially our patrons and the preachers of the East Texas Conference.

CHATELAIN HILL FEMALE COLLEGE. Commencement exercises, June 1 to 5, 1899. Commencement sermon, Rev. Seth Ward, Houston. Baccalaureate address, Hon. V. W. Gibbs, Greenfield.

This commencement will be of unusual interest, in that the Woman's Missionary Society will meet here, dividing time with the college exercises. Their first session will be held Friday afternoon. Two business meetings will be held on Saturday.

On Sunday evening the anniversary session, by Rev. Jas. Kilgore, Cameron. Business meetings Monday morning and afternoon and Tuesday afternoon, closing with a Twentieth Century Educational address by Rev. Seth Ward.

In addition to the delegates, a large attendance of alumnae and of ministers is desired.

EXCURSION RATES TO COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

On account of commencement exercises, tickets will be sold to Georgetown and return, on May 25 and 26, good until May 29, where one-way rate is less than \$2.25, for one and one-third fare; where one-way rate is \$2.25 to \$2.50, round trip for \$2.50; where one-way rate is more than \$2.50, round trip for one fare. The following roads have granted the above rates:

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Colulla. Sun July 15. Prospect Hill. Sun July 15. Travis Park. Sun July 15. Pleasanton. Sun July 15. Amphion. Sun July 15. Fearall. Sun July 15. Bexar. Sun July 15. Upland. Sun July 15. D. H. Harris, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Hollinger. Sun July 15. Geneva, at Indian Creek. Sun July 15. Winter, at Bowman. Sun July 15. Robert L. Sun July 15. Cowan. Sun July 15. Basket, at Turkey Creek. Sun July 15. Indian Creek, at Chappell Hill. Sun July 15. Fleming, at Energy. Sun July 15. C. S. S. Sun July 15. Comanche. Sun July 15. Center City, at Bethel. Sun July 15. Zedler. Sun July 15. May. Sun July 15. Barker. Sun July 15. H. W. S. Sun July 15. Lemota. Sun July 15. Goldthwaite. Sun July 15. Bangs. Sun July 15. Santa Anna. Sun July 15. Hylton. Sun July 15. D. F. Sossabaugh, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

First Church. Sun July 15. Weatherford mts. Sun July 15. Peasler. Sun July 15. Santo. Sun July 15. Tourler. Sun July 15. Gordon. Sun July 15. Palo Pinto. Sun July 15. Mineral Wells. Sun July 15. Conde Memorial. Sun July 15. Hockabay. Sun July 15. Millsap. Sun July 15. Aledo. Sun July 15. Rocktown. Sun July 15. Whit and Bethesda. Sun July 15. Ranger. Sun July 15. Brockbridge. Sun July 15. Ellaville. Sun July 15. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

EXCURSION TO LOUISVILLE, KY.

Via "Sunset Route"—Account Confederate Veterans' Reunion. For the above named occasion, agents of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad have been instructed to sell excursion tickets to Louisville, Ky., May 27 and 28, good returning until June 8, at unusually low rates.

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PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION 1900.

First District—Bishop A. W. Wilson. Japan Mission, Hiroshima, July 25. Korean Mission, Seoul, Aug. 1. China Mission, Shanghai, Oct. 15.

Second District—Bishop J. C. Granberry. Western, Ashlan, Kans., Aug. 25. Missouri, Fulton, Mo., Sept. 12. St. Louis, St. Louis, Sept. 19. St. W. Missouri, Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 28. Holston, Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 19.

Third District—Bishop R. K. Hargrove. Western Virginia, Ashland, Ky., Sept. 5. Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 14. South Carolina, Chester, S. C., Nov. 28. N. Mississippi, West Point, Miss., Dec. 2. Mississippi, Brookhaven, Miss., Dec. 23.

Fourth District—Bishop W. W. Dungan. Montana, Stevensville, Mont., Aug. 28. East Columbia, Dayton, Wash., Sept. 12. Columbia, Albany, Oregon, Sept. 29. Pacific, Oakland, Cal., Oct. 4. Los Angeles, Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 12. Virginia, Norfolk, Va., Oct. 14.

Fifth District—Bishop C. B. Galloway. Tennessee, McMinnville, Tenn., Oct. 21. Arkansas, Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 7. Little Rock, Hot Springs, Nov. 21. White River, Jonesboro, Ark., Nov. 29. Louisiana, Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 12.

Sixth District—Bishop E. R. Hendrix. Brazil Mission, Sao Paulo, Brazil, July 25. Kentucky, Nicholasville, Ky., Sept. 17. Louisville, Elizabethtown, Ky., Sept. 17. North Georgia, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 17. North Alabama, Decatur, Ala., Nov. 2. South Georgia, Cuthbert, Ga., Dec. 6.

Seventh District—Bishop J. S. Key. N. W. Mexican Mts., El Paso, Tex., Oct. 11. Cent. Mexican Mts., City of Mexico, Oct. 25. Mex'n Border Mts., Monterrey, Mex. Nov. 1. German Mission, Castell, Tex., Nov. 8. Indian Mission, Vinita, Ind. T., Nov. 15.

Eighth District—Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald. Alabama, Ozark, Ala., Dec. 5. Baltimore, Roanoke, Va., April 2, 1901.

Ninth District—Bishop W. A. Candler. West Texas, Gonzales, Tex., Nov. 1. Northwest Tex., Georgetown, Tex., Nov. 11. North Texas, Denton, Nov. 29. East Texas, Pittsburg, Tex., Nov. 29. Texas, Rockdale, Tex., Dec. 5. Florida, Bartow, Fla., Dec. 12.

Tenth District—Bishop H. C. Morrison. Denver, Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 30. New Mexico, White Oaks, N. M., Sept. 8. Illinois, Marion, Ill., Sept. 20. W. N. Carolina, Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 2. North Carolina, New Bern, N. C., Dec. 5.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

May 10—S. M. Owsby, sub. Y. C. Hillborn, sub. S. R. Hay, sub. J. C. Carr, sub. S. M. Thompson, sub. J. J. Carter, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. J. C. Smith, sub. C. E. Lindsey, sub. A. P. Smith, sub. D. S. Burke, sub.

May 11—M. K. Frost, sub. J. W. Bridges, sub. J. P. Turrottine, has attention. J. S. Williams, sub. G. W. Harris, sub.

May 12—J. Marvin Nichols, sub. Jas. Campbell, sub. Ben Hardy, sub. P. H. White, sub. A. G. Nelson, sub.

May 13—C. Rowland, sub. Geo. A. Walkup, sub. has attention. W. H. Wright, sub. D. A. Gregg, has attention. J. L. Russell, sub. G. W. Day, sub. J. W. R. Bushman, sub. O. A. Shook, sub. Jesse Willis, sub. Jas. A. Walkup, sub.

May 15—J. H. Chambers, sub. J. W. Daniel, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. and trial sub. T. B. Vinson, sub. A. M. Brooks, sub. Mar. M. Smith, sub. J. M. Mills, sub. Henry T. Hill, sub. T. J. Dorman, sub. J. W. Trasher, sub. P. H. Ed. Bott, sub. Ben H. Bonds, sub.

May 16—Jas. R. Steele, sub. A. H. Hays, sub. O. P. Kilger, sub. L. S. Henson, sub. Sam E. Hay, sub. J. P. Patterson, sub. J. S. Hockabee, sub. R. H. Fields, sub. C. E. Brown, sub. E. P. Williams, sub. W. J. Houston, sub.

SANTA FE EXCURSIONS.

Excursion tickets will be sold as follows on dates mentioned: Washington, D. C.—May 19 and 20, account annual session Imperial Council Mystic Shrine.

Georgetown—May 25 and 26, account dedication and commencement exercises Southwestern University. Louisville, Ky.—May 27 and 28, account United Confederate Veterans' Reunion.

Fort Worth—May 21 and 22, account annual reunion Texas State ex-Confederate veterans. Waco—May 21—account reunion Mexican War veterans. New Orleans—May 29 and 30, account annual Convention Travelers' Protective Association.

Paris—June 11 and for trains arriving June 12, account State Christian Missionary Convention. Breckham—May 20 and 21, account Cotton Ginners' Convention.

For rates and limits call on nearest Santa Fe ticket agent, or address G. P. & T. A., S. KEEFMAN, G. P. & T. A., Galveston.

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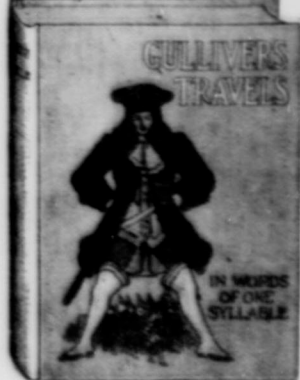
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She suffered a great deal, well, she said when asked About twelve hours before I fell and said: "Mamma, I am going to heaven, and all, farewell, cold world; I'm Sweet hour of prayer, and all, "Mamma, don't you see I have? Don't you see those laying" and with that smile said, "I saw Virgil and papa and then gradually her hands to the floor, the man with that had gone on before, up not, for your dear Mary looking out for you. Host-dispensation of God's providence light to lead you into of rest, where you will meet, say again; and I hope that I and kind hands will train little babe so that it may way that its dear mamma some day, in the sweet by will meet to rest, too. A FRIEND.

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The ends of the earth were represented in the city of New York, on the 21st ult. in attendance upon the Ecumenical Conference of Missions, which continued in session ten days. This was the fourth conference of the kind ever held, and transcending all others in magnitude, scope and potentialities. Of the similar meetings—though on a much smaller scale—the first was held in Liverpool in 1866, two others in London in 1878 and 1888 respectively. Preparations for the recent meeting began in 1889, and so thoroughly was it planned, and so faithfully were the plans executed, that nothing seemed to be lacking for the greatest success and largest results. It was eminently fitting that this world-wide gathering should have been welcomed by the President of the Nation and the Governor of the State—President McKinley and Governor Roosevelt—and still more gratifying to think that there was no mere perfunctory service, but heartfelt Christian salutation in honor of the Master and the missionary cause. No less was the occasion honored in its permanent President, in the person of ex-President Harrison, whose heart thrilled with intensest interest in the great occasion.

This greatest gathering of the kind that was ever held, and upon the most vital interest that ever engaged the head and heart of man, should not be allowed to become a thing of the past, ending with the dogology and benediction; but out of it should come greater comity and co-operation, wiser methods and quickened zeal on the part of all evangelical Churches in the conquest of the world for Christ. It was the privilege of a lifetime to have sat at the feet of such veteran missionaries as Hudson Taylor and John G. Paton, and hear them recite the trials and triumphs of missionary effort under most adverse conditions, and to have had before us the fruits of such labors, in unmistakable evidence of both the saving and elevating power of the gospel. Possibly the most interesting character of all the women present—without regard to race or previous condition—was Miss Singh of India, a convert from Hinduism, and a graduate from the Methodist College for women at Lucknow. So impressed

by her speech and manner was ex-President Harrison that he said, in effect, if he had given a million dollars to missions, and Miss Singh were the only result, he would not begrudge the gift.

But she was not alone. Many were the trophies of the cross—men and women redeemed from the degradation of paganism and rejoicing in the highest experiences of our Christian civilization.

The one thing that rejoiced me most was that, of the twenty-two hundred delegates, fully one-third being foreign missionaries, on no occasion did I hear a discordant note. The gospel as preached by them gave no uncertain sound, but on all points involving the fundamental conditions of salvation they were most satisfactory and assuring. Oft was I led to realize that "those had received the Holy Ghost as well as we," and "by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." And from this hopeful, helpful feeling, I realized as never before that my own Church was not alone in the great missionary work, but, supplemented by other evangelical Churches and agencies, she is multiplied seventy-fold, or more, in the work of the world's evangelization. The work of missions is practically the work of the nineteenth century, and mainly of the last fifty years. A few facts and figures, I am sure, will be helpful and heartening: Total number of general missionary societies, 537. Of these 88 represent the Woman's Boards of the several Churches. Total number of missionaries, 15,460; native helpers, 77,358; communicants, 1,217,684; nominal adherents, 4,114,236; contributed to missions last year, \$19,128,129; and in addition to this fully two millions were given by the natives in foreign lands; schools, 29,197; pupils, 1,019,378, about one-third being girls; Bible translated into 121 languages and dialects, and representing the speech of four-fifths of the population of the world—thus leaving only one-fifth of the world's population yet to be provided with the Bible, but these represent about 1600 languages and dialects; number of Bibles and portions of scripture annually circulated, 2,535,466; volumes and tracts, 11,194,698; publishing houses and printing presses, 148; papers and magazines, 366; circulation, 297,435;

hospitals, 255; dispensaries, 753; treatments, 6,647,840. These most interesting data will give some general idea of the combined forces and agencies of Protestant Churches employed in the salvation of the world. From the discussions it was clearly brought out that there is need of greater comity and co-operation, there being too much duplicating and overlapping each other's work. To illustrate, in one city in Japan there are nine schools, sustained by different Churches, when possibly two well-equipped schools would be adequate for the patronage of that place, and the seven others could do more efficient service elsewhere. And the same may be said of an unnecessary number of hospitals and dispensaries at certain points. If practicable, in the more important mission fields conferences should be held by the leading Churches, and through a commission, or otherwise, provide for a better distribution of their forces and adjustment of territory, under the general idea that any form of Protestant Christianity is better than paganism. Such comity and co-operation would make it possible to preach the gospel to every tribe and nation within the twentieth century. Meantime, the Churches should vie with each other in the furtherance of the great cause.

To the Moravians must be accorded supremacy in the missionary movement, not only in point of time, but in self-sacrificing devotion, in that they have one missionary for every forty-eight members. True, to some extent, they are aided in their good work by some other Churches; but no Church, as yet, has reached their high standard of missionary excellence. On this line it was very gratifying to have learned, in a private way, that a certain Presbyterian Church, of secondary rank, financially speaking, in the city of New York, was sustaining eight missionaries in foreign fields and paying in the aggregate \$50,000 for Church purposes. And from attendance upon the young people's meetings of that Church, I discovered that they were being faithfully drilled in the duty of Christian benevolence, and in this furnish an example of what should be the case in all Churches.

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One other line of discussion interested me much, and that the great necessity of not allowing our converts in heathen lands to become mendicants. Not for the "loaves and fishes" are they to be won unto us; but as soon as possible they are to become self-sustaining, self-propagating and self-perpetuating—"the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself." The amounts saved from idleness will soon enable them to become self-sustaining, if only properly applied. But for many years they will probably need the supervision and guidance of our trained missionaries, lest they go off at a tangent or lapse again into idleness.

Never before did I so fully realize the potentialities of co-operative Protestant Christianity as on this great representative assemblage of the nations of the earth, each hearing the gospel in his own tongue—not a confused babel, but a veritable pentecost. The ability and opportunity are ours, and duty commands. I can not further tax the columns of the Advocate with this article, although much more remains to be said of the manifold suggestions of this miniature of world-wide missions. Suffice to say, a wide and effectual door of entrance into all foreign fields is open to us, and none called of God need be idle, with so many channels of missionary service accessible.

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Stevens-Anderson.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Dalhartfield, Morris County, Texas, at 7:30 p. m., May 8, 1899, Mr. Martin L. Stevens and Miss Maud Anderson, Rev. T. H. Wilson officiating.

Recher-Hogan.—At the residence of Mr. James Hogan, in Fort, Texas, May 7, 1899, Mr. R. W. Scales and Miss Alice Hogan, Rev. W. B. Hays officiating.

Warner-Mossingill.—In Burke, Texas, Sunday, May 6, 1899, at the parsonage of the bride, Mr. Marion Warner and Miss Laura Mossingill, Rev. J. D. Burke officiating.

Vaughan-Kelly.—At Diboll, Texas, May 2, 1899, at the home of the bride's mother, Mr. J. W. Vaughan and Mrs. Laura Kelly, Rev. J. D. Burke officiating.

Hidinger-Young.—At Center, Texas, on March 1, 1899, Mr. William Hidinger and Miss Lucy Payne, Rev. J. E. Yarrington officiating.

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This great Met in session in Chicago has proved local. From the territories there were materials asking the G. eliminate the speckling certain a dancing, card-playing. These were r committee on the Stat After taking the r consideration it w jury decided not lation in question of the body of the it in the Supplement come more adviso This is to all int backward step, and worldly element in the Church. The question" has aga fore the body. It last Tuesday, so press dispatches, discussion, the co was decided to ad gates to the Gen according to a forme already licensed Church; and now more steps for the will be to admit ti connection, ordain pastoral charges, ultimately come things is at all rel are giving well- many of the mem bers of that great l and grave fears a the final result. Just elected two n Rev. J. W. Hamilt years has been ti Freedman's Aid David H. Moore, brilliant editor of tian Advocate, a former is one of t aggressive membe Methodist Church less able and prom bert Haven was pr the bishopric, but his views of the have conversed w him express himse Bishop Hamilton i and genial, but he as a great leader much as the colo denied as a Bishop Bishop Hamilton i for the negroes in ops. Bishop Moor type of man. He tive, judicial and rience as preach shown him to be high responsibility our sister Church this great and go position of trust a tion of these met whole week of th after ballot was c was reached. Ma cated by their spe