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EDITORIAL

THE EVILS OF THE BALL-ROOM.

The performances of the ball-room are contrary to the spirit of the Scriptures and to the Discipline of the Methodist Church. As a result, the Church from its organization to the present time has assiduously opposed the ball-room as hurtful to the health and piety of its young people. Young people, therefore, make a grave mistake when they conclude that there is no harm in the ball-room and that preachers and older members who condemn it are narrow-minded and arbitrary. They make a more serious mistake when they conclude that the Church has no right to step in and curtail the social pleasures of the dance and issue its edicts against amusements of this character. In view of these statements, let us consider a few of the evils of the ball-room and show why the Church enters its protest against it:

1. It is an insidious enemy to the health of a young woman. The exercises of the ball-room usually occur in the fall, winter and early spring. To get ready for its performances, she is expected to lay aside her heavy apparel, put off her winter shoes, dress in a lighter garb, and with bare shoulders and arms expose herself in this outfit to a lower temperature. When she enters the ball-room she whirls around in the dance for hours in violent exercise, returns to her home at a very late hour, and retires exhausted and unstrung. Thus she runs the risk of contracting cold, of overtaxing her strength, of losing sleep, and in this way she often brings on disease and premature decay. These results may not show themselves immediately, but out in life they often develop and she becomes an invalid on the hands of an innocent husband. No young woman can indulge in these dissipations week in and week out with impunity. Nature will enforce her penalty sooner or later, and an impaired constitution will inevitably follow.

2. But, from a purely moral point of view, the ball-room is an enemy to the modesty, refinement and purity of the true womanly nature. Under the circumstance of the dance she is brought into improper and hurtful contact with the opposite sex. We have looked upon the the undue relations of the ball-room, and it is our deliberate conviction that no young woman can be taken into the arms of a young man, pressed to his bosom, loll upon his shoulders, and be fung around by him in the exciting whirl of the dance and maintain the innocency of her thought, the modesty of her manner and the purity of her womanly instinct. Such personal contact, such familiar relation and such exciting exercises as are common on the floor of the ball-room are out of harmony with the laws of prudence and social propriety. They press very closely to the perils of the danger line, and in the parlor or anywhere else they would not be tolerated for a moment in decent society. They break down the wholesome barriers which nature and Providence have wisely established between the sexes, and bring about a promiscuous association

and familiarity not qualified to develop and conserve those manners and traits of character essential to refined and delicate womanhood. This tendency of the ball-room is hurtful in the extreme.

3. The business of the Church is to cultivate a high order of spirituality in the experience of its membership, and to develop in them devoutly religious characters. It is this sort of life that differentiates the true Christian from the world and worldly associations. Now, that the ball-room is of the world and worldly is a proposition that no one can deny. It has nothing in common with religious experience. Its influence is against things of a spiritual kind. It fills the mind and the heart with frivolities, and it banishes all thought of God, of the Church and of Christian duty. Therefore, the devotee to the pleasures and excitements of the ball-room is not active in religious duties, and the Church services are insipid and irksome to her. If she is religious at all, it is only in a nominal sort of way.

Hence, for these and other reasons, the Church is opposed to the performances of the ball-room.

THE PURPOSES AND AIMS OF THE LEAGUE.

The purposes and aims of the Epworth League are fourfold—spiritual improvement, doctrinal and literary instruction, the exercise of a benevolent spirit and wholesome social intercourse. These items either express or imply all that was had in view when the League was instituted as one of the specific organizations of the Church. Our young people need to cultivate deep spirituality in their experience. This is the vital part of their religious characters. Personal assurance of their acceptance with God is the source of Christian life. Without this they are at sea, but with it they know without doubt their exact relation to God and his Church. "Being justified by faith they have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." In the devotional meetings of the League and in its Bible studies this truth is emphasized and this experience is magnified. The doctrine of the witness of the Spirit becomes to them a reality, and if we can succeed in bringing up our young people in this old Scriptural doctrine, the after years will give to the Church stalwart members of the true Methodist type. The primary purpose of the League is found at this point. Then our young people need to become instructed in our own peculiar history as a Church and in the literature which the Church has created. The Literary Department of the League is specially adapted to this work, and if the course of study prescribed is taken up and followed out, our Leaguers will be intelligent members of the Church. They will be prepared to give an answer, or rather a reason, for the hope that is within them. Following this the League develops the helpful spirit in the young people. It will lead them into channels of benevolence and afford them the opportunity to reduce to practice in a systematic way their professions

of faith in Christ. To help the helpless is qualified to broaden their sympathies and bring them into kinship with mankind. And last of all, the social life of the young people is maintained and conserved. They must have social life. If the Church does not provide it for them, the world will—and the sort furnished them by the world will be worldly and hurtful. But if the Church provides it, then their social life will be elevating and helpful. But due care must be exercised lest the social life be permitted to dominate the other departments. Just here we face a danger. To improve the Leaguers in the foregoing departments requires constant effort and wise direction, but to interest them in the social features requires no effort. They take to this naturally and enthusiastically. The fact is that they can run into excesses and dissipations almost unconsciously and become frivolous and superficial. Hence they must be taught that while the social feature is not to be neglected, yet the League is not a frolic and a pastime. For the most part it is a serious business, and substantial improvement of mind and heart is its aim rather than entertainment and recreation. Now if we keep these purposes and aims of the League clearly defined, it will become a very helpful adjunct to the Church in training and directing the energies of our young people.

WHAT THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL GENERAL CONFERENCE DID.

Admitted laymen by a unanimous vote to equal representation with ministers in the General Conference, and seated the provisional delegates elected in anticipation of the adoption of the Rock River proposition providing for equal representation.

Adopted, by a vote of 542 to 94, the proposed constitution, after several amendments, chief of which was that providing for the admission of women as delegates to electoral and General Conferences by substituting the words "lay members" for the word "laymen." The constitution will be submitted to the conferences, and if it receives three-fourths of the votes of the ministers will become the law of the Church.

Voted down a report to change the ratio of representation in the General Conference.

Expressed the opinion that Bishops and General Conference officers should not make a charge for more than actual expenses when officiating at dedications, reopenings of churches and commencements.

Assigned the Bishops to the episcopal residences, instead of permitting Bishops to select their residences by seniority, as heretofore.

Established an episcopal residence for Europe at Zurich, Switzerland, assigning Bishop J. H. Vincent thereto.

Established an episcopal residence for Eastern Asia at Shanghai, assigning Bishop D. H. Moore thereto.

Abolished the episcopal residences at Fort Worth, Texas, and Topeka, Kan.

Elected two new Bishops—David H. Moore and J. W. Hamilton.

Elected two new missionary Bishops for Southern Asia—E. W. Parker and F. W. Warne.

Directed Bishops in foreign fields to prepare written reports upon their respective fields for the next General Conference.

Fixed the pay of retired Bishops at one-half the amount of effective Bishops.

Disapproved the action of Bishop Walden in declining to receive a dele-

gation of ministers of Wisconsin Conference.

Removed the time-limit of the pastorate by a vote of 421 to 235.

Authorized unordained preachers to perform marriages.

Authorized conference examiners to accept certificates of institutions other than Methodist if of approved grade.

Removed the depository of the Western Book Concern and the Central Christian Advocate from St. Louis to Kansas City.

Placed the depository at San Francisco and the California Christian Advocate in charge of a local commission, allowing the paper a subsidy of \$7,000.

Allowed the Pacific Christian Advocate a subsidy of \$8000.

Placed the Northern Christian Advocate at Syracuse, N. Y., in charge of a local commission, to be published, if continued, without loss to the Book Concern.

Merged the Omaha Advocate into the Central, and withdrew the subsidy from the Rocky Mountain Advocate.

Continued the subsidy of \$8000 to the Methodist Advocate and Journal of Chattanooga and Knoxville.

Reduced the number of Secretaries of all societies having two or more to one, except the Freedmen's Aid Society, which continues to have two, and in the case of societies previously having two or more Secretaries, the first Assistant Secretary is to be elected by the General Conference. The Secretary of each society is to be the responsible executive officer.

Directed the various Book Depositories to discontinue the sale of miscellaneous publications other than those of our own Book Concerns, except on orders.

Ordered the appointment of a commission of fifteen to consider and report upon the question of the consolidation of the benevolent societies.

Placed the deaconess work under the supervision of a special board, composed of the Board of Bishops.

Adopted the minority report of the committee, which minority report provided that no change be made in paragraph 248 in the Discipline, relating to sinful amusements, and then laid on the table a motion to adopt the report of the committee thus amended by the substitution of the minority for the majority report. There is a difference of opinion as to the status of the paragraph, some contending that the action laying the minority report on the table removed the paragraph from the Discipline, others that it leaves the Discipline unchanged.

Authorized the Bishops to appoint a committee of nine to take into consideration the publication of a Lesser Hymnal to be approved by the Board of Bishops.

The question of erecting new churches in the South where churches of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, exist, is left to the judgment of the pastor, presiding elder and Bishop.

The provision in the regulations of the Board of Church Extension, which enabled the board to appropriate the collections from a given conference for the purpose of replacing money lost on loans or interest in that conference, was removed by a resolution providing that hereafter no money collected for church extension purposes shall be used to replenish the loan fund.

A majority of the Board of Bishops was authorized to confirm a professor in a Methodist school of theology.

General Conference officials not re-elected were allowed half pay until the session of their conference, or until they could find suitable employment.

Provision was made for an evangelistic forward movement for the conversion of souls in connection with the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering Movement.

Authority was given to count special contributions to the Missionary Society.

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THOUGHTS OF WAR.

As I have seen some service in two wars—the Texas Revolution and the Confederate—also on several campaigns against Indians, and as my services in all were quite voluntary, I have devoted much thought to my own voluntary conduct in such affairs, to determine whether it was justifiable or reprehensible; and, from this beginning, I have proceeded to consider the justice and injustice of wars in general. As there are two mutually conflicting parties to every war, it is impossible that both parties can be contending for justice, or both for injustice; and hence one party fights for justice, and the other for injustice. It can not be otherwise. It is true that, in many instances, the just party could, by forbearance and peaceable negotiation, honorably avoid war; but this is not always the case; and, even when it could thus have been avoided, the fact yet stands that one party is contending for right, and the other for wrong. Hence we call war just when speaking of those who fight on the just side, and unjust when speaking of those who fight on the unjust side.

As war, from necessity, is prosecuted by killing people, and by appropriating or destroying their property, it is well to consider the subject of killing, and taking or destroying property. When a man willingly kills another, his victim is murdered; and he is dead, whether killed by a thousand soldiers or by one private person. When a man appropriates another man's horse without his consent, and without paying him for it, the latter is robbed; and he has lost his horse, whether it has been taken by a thousand soldiers or by one private person. And, when a man willingly burns another's house, the latter is outraged and he and his wife and children have lost their home, with all other effects destroyed with it, whether the destruction has been perpetrated by a thousand soldiers or by one private person. Thus, killing people, violently appropriating their property, and burning their dwellings, are the same in effect; therefore the same in principle, whether perpetrated by armies of soldiers or by private persons; and they ought to be justly denoted as murder, robbery and arson.

Though the act of killing people willingly is always murder, the personal slayer is not always the guilty party. Those who, while fighting in a just cause, kill their enemies, are not guilty of murder. When a robber waylays a traveler, and kills him to procure his money, then the robber is the guilty party and is justly called a murderer; but, if the traveler in self-defense kills the robber, and thereby preserves his own life, the robber is murdered, but the traveler is innocent; the robber by necessitating the killing, is the real murderer, and murders himself. On the same principle, every man killed in war is murdered. Every one who is killed while fighting in an unjust cause is murdered by his own party who necessitate the killing, and not by those who personally perform it. Whoever willingly fights in an unjust cause, and kills an enemy in battle, is guilty of that man's blood; and if himself be killed in battle while so doing, is guilty of his own blood; but, if his service is compulsory he is innocent, but those who forced him into such service are guilty of the crimes which they force him to commit. Thus, those who, as citizens, voters, legislators or executive officers, encourage, instigate or prosecute unjust wars are guilty of the blood of all men of both parties who are killed in battle, and of all who die incidentally to the war; and are also morally responsible for all the sufferings and losses incidental to it.

Why should a dozen thieves, organized as a clan, be punished as criminals, while 50,000 other thieves, organized as an army, are honored as heroes? The captured sea-pirate, who was brought before Alexander the Great, explained the difference between a small thief and a great one, in answer to a question asked by that great land-and-sea-pirate. "By what right," inquired Alexander, "dost thou infest the seas?" The seaman's complete and truthful answer was: "I am called a robber, because I command one small ship; but thou art styled a conqueror because thou commandest great fleets and armies." The sea-pirate's answer is correct; but why is it so? Verily, in justice, the great robber is as vile as the small one.

The kind or quality of a theft can not justify it. The land-thief is as vile as the horse-thief; and they who rob people of their whole country are as dishonest as they who take a small

part of it. Further; they who forcibly appropriate a country do, from necessity, also appropriate its people, and never fail to govern them by laws which the governed do not make, nor to force them to pay taxes to support the armies that hold them in subjection. Is not this slavery? By what rule of consistency can such invaders of human rights censure the people who once owned Africans as servants?

Petty robbery by individuals is petty war against their neighbors; and grand warfare by nations is grand robbery against other nations.

War for territory is not justifiable because the invaded obtained it by war. They may have obtained it unjustly; but this is no business of other people, and no justification for others to invade them. So far as we know, the Druids may have been the first inhabitants of England. Whether they were such or not, no other people were justifiable in taking it from them. Yet the Saxons, being more powerful than they, drove them into Wales, and appropriated their country. This was robbery. Then, though the Saxons had seized the country unjustly, this was no business of others, and no other people were justifiable in taking it from them, nor in reducing them to subjection. Yet the Normans, being more powerful than the Saxons, both seized the territory, and subjugated the people. This was a combination of robbery and enslavement. By virtue of this grossly unjust conquest the descendants of William the Conqueror yet sit on the throne of England; but this is no business of other people, and would not justify any other people in treating the present inhabitants of England as the Normans treated the Saxons.

I can not justify our ancestors in taking this country from the Indians by force, intimidation and fraud; but this is no business of other nations; and therefore no other people would be justifiable in taking it in like manner from us. We have been born and brought up here, on soil which our ancestors seized unjustly; yet, in our later wars with Indians, we have been necessitated to fight for life; and, in doing so, we were justifiable, for self-preservation is the first law of nature.

Only two causes can justify war, to-wit: self-defense and redress of wrongs. In 1835 and '36 the Texans were justifiable in defending themselves against invasions by Mexicans; and now, if the Turks can not be induced by mild means to pay citizens of the United States for the damage inflicted upon them during the late Turkish outrages in Armenia, in that case our Government will be justifiable in forcing them to do so by war. But war for booty is never justifiable, whether the booty be territory, money or other property. All acts performed in war are criminal or virtuous, precisely as if performed in time of peace; those who perform them, or those who necessitate them, are responsible for them; and God judges us for them accordingly.

Now, as this is a time of "wars and rumors of wars," I, as one humble individual, respectfully solicit the great American people to consider our present and prospective attitude carefully, and, if we have perpetrated any wrongs in recent wars, to urge upon our Government the duty of making ample restitution for them without delay; and, whether we have already wronged any parties or not, to guard strictly against doing so in the future. Further: I earnestly solicit my Christian brethren, of all denominations, to pray earnestly to our Heavenly Father to deliver and preserve us from the guilt of unjust wars.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MISSIONS THE DIVINE GAUGE IN EVANGELISM.

The correlation of missions and education may be questioned by some, but a critical examination of history will prove that they have been thus correlated since the days of the prophets in Israel. The prophets had their college of instruction where the best and most liberal education could be secured—an education of literature as well as for the specific work which was required of a prophet. For many centuries and even down to modern times the best education was the officials among religionists. In many countries for centuries it was not regarded as necessary to educate the masses, only the "priests and the scribes." At the present day that Church that enthusiastically supports education and missions is the most successful in evangelism. Centuries past the Roman Church organized a society, "Societas

de Propaganda Fide," a society having the charge of mission work. Loyolla accepted this position, and to-day in the Roman Church the Jesuits are the Propagandists of the Roman faith.

It is true it was in many countries not an education of literature, but merely a training in the doctrines and polity of the Roman Church. Whenever literature was the best channel of access to the public mind schools and colleges were established, and in all the doctrines of Rome were diligently taught and prizes offered to secure the attendance of the pupils at catechism hour, which was after the parochial school was dismissed. This was to prove true the statement that only literature was taught at the schools. To-day all over our land Rome is propagating her faith through her schools and colleges more than any other agency. At a meeting in Boston to arrange for home mission work a Northern Methodist Bishop stated that Rome by her parochial schools had made mission fields out of territory that had been occupied by Protestant Churches for two centuries.

The Church of Rome has millions of dollars worth of property in all our large cities and many small towns, the rentals of which are used for propagandism. The Protestant Churches might have had as much or more, but are now just beginning to see the necessity of raising funds to endow our schools. It is well that we see it even now and are acting upon it. If our liberality meets the demand we will enter upon the new century with bright prospect and grand results will be achieved.

Our foreign missions have taught and enforced the lesson that successful evangelism demands that education be made the cornerstone of our missionary work.

As a civilized force the English language represents the best elements, purifying and uplifting. The English Bible, the sacred poems of Charles Wesley, Watts, Doddridge, Montgomery, Newton and a host of others are auxiliary in this work. There is no language so well adapted to express and enforce the fundamental and orthodox doctrines of Christianity. Salvation by faith in Christ, the new birth, a conscious evidence of pardon and regeneration, a heaven of eternal felicity are all expressed in words that find a response in the soul that brings joy inexpressible. I think that "the logic of events" point unmistakably to the universal prevalence of the Anglo-Saxon language. In this field of mission work Methodism has an exalted position and a characteristic responsibility that cannot be neglected without challenging divine authority and incurring divine displeasure and forfeiting divine aid. The literature of Methodism, both in England and America, is of the highest order and well adapted to aid in the work of placing the English language in its best form before the world. This is true of her commentaries, sacred poetry, sermons, theological works, devotional and doctrinal, and this is sure to be true with emphasis in all the years to come. The English language enters into more that is of interest to humanity and more that is intimately connected with Christian civilization than any other language in the world. All the high officials of every civilized nation are taught the English language, and it is for us as a Church to place our Methodist literature in their possession, both in English and translated in the language spoken by the masses.

I notice from the reports of our missionaries in China, Japan and Brazil that our educational work is highly appreciated, and evidently it is the best method of evangelists in foreign countries. The people must be educated in our Christian literature if we would reach them with a Christian salvation.

What emphasizes the importance of education in our foreign missions is that the press which holds the scepter of empire in our Christian civilization, may be utilized and become as important a factor wherever our missions are established. The press promises to accomplish what no other agency can, and with economy in time, labor and money, it will not only give to evangelism its greatest success, but will aid in Christian civilization and in sowing the seeds of civil and religious liberty. While the coming century will no doubt be noted for its progress in science and the arts and its achievements in subduing the forces of nature, the press, we believe, will startle the world by its authority and power in all the affairs of human activity. As an educational and missionary auxiliary the press will hold a promi-

nent if not a supreme position in all the years to come. Methodism has a religious literature that only the press can make available in uplifting the nations. To utilize to the best advantage the press and education in our home and foreign missions is the problem that confronts us to-day. Never was the prospect brighter or the outlook more hopeful; never were our resources more varied and ample; never did the promises of God come to us so full of comfort and encouragement. Methodism has been styled the child of providence, and for more than a century she has proved her claim to the title. It is for us to demonstrate that "God is with us" as in the past by our zeal in working and our sacrifice in giving. Our thank-offering for the past mercies and blessings will be the gauge of God's presence and power for the future. A liberal offering will give us in return gospel measure in all the elements of successful evangelism.

While some denominations are revising their creeds to embrace fallen humanity and enlarging the area of redemption, some are reviewing their history and yielding their claim to baptismal succession, and some are deepening their experience to reach a conscious salvation without the aid of baptismal regeneration. We have only to preach in the future, as in the past, the universal redemption of fallen humanity, salvation for all by faith in Christ Jesus, the witness of the Spirit, heaven and hell as the eternal abode of the righteous and the wicked, life eternal or everlasting punishment the state of a. after death, no purgatory or probation beyond the grave. These great doctrines that have been the theme of Methodist preachers for more than a century and that have wrought such wondrous results in evangelism and in bringing the Christian world to accept the infinite and impartial love of God for his creature man, will not be wanting in the future in power and efficiency to enlighten and bless humanity, and that Church which preaches them in all their fullness and freeness will be blessed of God. It is not claiming too much to say that Methodism has placed England and our own country under weighty obligations for promoting a Christian civilization that is pre-eminent in all the world's history. If we are but true to our past history and liberal in our thank-offering, God will surely and abundantly bless us beyond all precedent. J. F. RIGGS, Marshall, Texas.

THE HUMANE FEATURE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We purpose an examination of this subject in the light of the parable of the Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37.

In scripture we have truth and duty stated often in terse terms. Then we have biography illustrating their application, history showing more extensively their general tendency, psalms to inspire us to their practice, prophecy to give credence to the office of the heralds of truth, and parable and narrative to bring home truth in homely phrase.

From two brief commandments all human duty is to be drawn, to-wit, in substance: love to God and love to man. On the first is built all worship, including song, prayer, meditation, study of God's word and of his works. In fact, even the second comes legitimately from the first. As the law of love to men is included in the law of love to God, and yet must be stated in express terms, so the practical duties growing out of this second law must nevertheless be stated authoritatively and borne in upon the conscience and reiterated in order to be felt and practiced on any large scale. The parable under consideration is Jesus' commentary upon said law. We believe that this parable teaches very clearly the humane aspect of Christianity and that its application is not to be limited by our caprice, theology, prejudice, ignorance or selfishness. Let us see:

1. What was the condition of this unfortunate Jew who had been robbed? (1) He was physically in pain and liable to die. (2) He was practically poor. If he possessed any money or property it was valueless to him now. (3) His own nationality would not or could not help him. (4) His religion failed to benefit him in this distressed state.

2. Why was the Good Samaritan's deed the right thing? (1) Because he knew of the facts. (2) Because he had the ability to assist him. (3) Because of the spirit of his deed. He was courageous, kind, generous. Note, Jesus is here describing a true neighbor, that is, one who fulfills the obligations of

a neighbor. These robbers, coming upon Jesus referred to the Jew's benefactor formed. If he had the lesson taught have violated the hearted Levite a Pharisee. He was true neighbor, we and possibly of resting on him.

This simple, widely admired, lesson of human heart and commiseration narrowed its mind. The parable of Jews and Samaritans, tressed, robbed, it applies to people equally to Europe, to command to the subtle the part of man to inhale the unity of the species, the Bible of one or sympathy between world over common interest, place the entire great fundamen love thy neighbor may add that t proven uniform of it uniform Penn found it. Caucasians and has succeeded cans. I know may be too de by it. These have been taught love. Lunatics world of human But these latter illege or possibl "Who is my ne clearly, our full covers all the g tween man and understand not simple duty. "neighbor" re were the Jew r as race, ignor training and h Mountains, oce ments—not all ple so far apa ignorance, con before us we can be. But st But our narrow best and most lesson. We e bors by accidentary view, o ties are merely accidental. If perfect model, living in the in the United beneficence w with his oppor parable. If h full light of th been a membe Church and w a hearty supp of beneficence. inal jurisprude by the strengt erateness of th ple, justifiabl homicide, man second degree degree. On t rect to say th may be deteri ness, the strei ness of the i contribute to a sively plead v and believe th these are a ve tire life of a C plan to do a then to give i accomplishment Christian. Spo freshing, simp ate goodness cumulative fo both large an Jesus was on sick and suffer three millions ing sickness lengthening B a nation of se tion to this I study of cher so that thous without mirac "Greater wor Now, let us i means in its physical ill of those of Chris diseases are t with them bec ness. Again,

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Table with 3 columns: City, Population, Per cent gain. 1890.

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Fire early Tuesday morning swept the

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On last Sunday the forts at Taku fired

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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

SWEETWATER.

W. H. Harris, June 16: We have held a good meeting at Sweetwater. Bro. Byron did the preaching. Some of our leading young people were converted.

MILFORD.

D. C. Stark, June 18: Yesterday we had our Children's Day service in Milford. Our young people performed their part well.

KEMP.

C. C. Davis, June 12: Sunday was a good day for us at Becker; a good congregation at 11 a. m. and a crowded house at night to witness the Children's Day service.

MIDLAND STATION.

G. E. Cameron; Rev. W. L. Nelms, D. D., President of the Board of Education of the Northwest Texas Conference, was with us yesterday in the interest of the Twentieth Century Fund.

MERIDIAN.

C. Bruce Meador: We have just closed a ten-day meeting with grand success. Rev. Abs. Mulkey and wife came to us June 1.

greatly revived. This scribe has been associated with Bro. Mulkey and his wife from childhood; have been in their home and with them abroad, and the high standard that he preaches they both strive to live.

FORT WORTH-CITY MISSION.

I. Z. T. Morris, June 15: We have opened our Mission service at 187 Houst Street, near the T. and P. depot. Service every night at 8:15. The Lord is with us.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

John M. Linn: We have just closed a very successful meeting here, the visible results of which are nine accessions to our Church and one to the Baptist.

SEGUIN.

H. G. H., June 18: A fine time we have had. District Conference just over. Good attendance. Stirring sermons. Report of spiritual condition of Church fair.

YOAKUM.

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

EMORY CHARGE.

G. M. Fletcher, June 12: Our second Quarterly Conference convened at Sabine Pass June 9. Rev. W. J. Owens of Minicola charge, came to preside, but got sick and had to return home.

CHURCH HILL CIRCUIT.

J. M. Smith: Tatum was the place of our second Quarterly Conference, June 9-10. Bro. C. R. Lamar, our much loved presiding elder, was promptly on hand Saturday at 11 o'clock.

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CONFESSING CHRIST.

To the confession of Christ there can be none but captious objections. Christ needed, Christ found, Christ saving from sin "unto the uttermost," Christ dwelling within, Christ keeping from falling, Christ the bread of life—not a crust, but the "whole loaf," as Rutherford confesses—Christ the well of water in the heart, and Christ a perfectly satisfying portion. But why confess Christ a perfect Savior? For the same reason that he is to be confessed at all. If he is enthroned within, and reigns after all his foes are expelled, let him have the laurels of a conqueror wreathing his brow. This is especially obligatory, since the devil has loudly professed that he has so strongly entrenched himself in the human soul that he is inexpugnable till death's power is added to that of the Son of God. Why not let people find out from our lives instead of our lips that Christ is made unto us sanctification? Why not by the same method let the world discover your apprehension of the forgiving Christ? The answer in both cases is, that Christ himself has appointed the instrument by which he shall be confessed, namely, the mouth, while the life confirms what the lips utter.—Doctor Steele.

USELESS WASTING OF STRENGTH.

If women only knew it, they waste a great deal of strength by undue expenditure of emotion on small occasions. Part of the training of our young girls should be along lines of self-repression, in the way of the quiet manner, the restrained speech, the tranquil expression of face, and the reposeful carriage of the body. A young husband, accustomed to the calm gentleness of a mother who might easily have been mistaken for a friend, so silent and dignified was her fortitude in the presence of disasters, so equal was she to every emergency, was shocked and alarmed not long ago, to find his idolized wife almost thrown into convulsions by a household catastrophe of some sort—something not more dreadful than the breaking of a cherished bit of china. The girl wife came of a family whose custom it was to express themselves volubly, and to fly into frantic states of mind when there was apparently little reason for vehemence.

Apart from the lack of god taste here displayed, women often wear themselves out by too lavish a display of feeling. One may feel acutely without tearing passion to tatters, and it would be wise for mothers to inculcate on growing children a wholesome self-restraint.—The Presbyterian.

FEEDING THE WOLF.

"There stood on the kitchen shelf in the old farmhouse where I was born," said a New York business man, "a stone wolf with a slot in its back. Into this slot went the savings of the family, cent by cent. Once a month my father unscrewed the wolf's back and took out the money. It all went to buy land to add to our farm. He had an ambition to be known as a large landholder, and everything was sacrificed to that. The milk, the vegetables and the beef which the farm produced were sold and we children were fed upon the refuse. We grew up pale, weak and sickly and the money saved went into the wolf's stomach. My father had a good income, but my mother did all the work without help. At forty she was an old woman. Once or twice she asked for a week's holiday or little trip to the city. Father would consent and then he would convince her of the extravagance of the plan. She begged that we might be sent to college, but father talked so much about the expense that she dropped the matter. She used to long for a magazine or book to read; for a chance to hear music; for some es-

cape from the deadly barrenness of our life, but it was never given to her. The cost always had to be reckoned first and the wolf got the money. The homelife, which might have been wholesome and attractive, was hard, greedy and cruel. My mother died, worn out with working to feed that hungry wolf. By-and-by a railroad was built which helped other parts of the country at the expense of our own neighborhood. The value of the land decreased and father was left with a lot of worthless land on his hands. We had sacrificed all that was best in life for it and we got no return."

There are few American families in which petty avarice is a marked characteristic, but there are many in which thrift is misdirected, and what should be only a means is allowed to become an end. The frugality which looks toward a realization of nobler aims and the attainment of broader and richer life is worth every effort and self sacrifice; but the hoarding which starves body and soul merely to add acre to acre or to pile one useless dollar upon another is a pinnacle of folly to which no creature but man has ever risen.—The Interior.

CHEMISTRY IN MODERN LIFE.

The disinfection of the sick-room and the antiseptic methods which go far toward the creation of modern surgery all depend upon chemical products whose long list increases year by year. Crude drugs are now replaced by active principles discovered in the laboratory morphine, quinine, and the like—and instead of the bulky, nauseous draughts of olden time, the invalid is given tasteless capsules of gelatin or compressed tablets of uniform strength and more accurately graded power. A great part of physiology consists of the study of chemical processes, the transformation of compounds within the living organism, and practically all this advance is the creation of the nineteenth century. Modern bacteriology, at least in its practical applications, began with a chemical discussion between Liebig and Pasteur as to the nature of fermentation; step by step the field of exploration has enlarged, as the result of the investigations we have preventive medicine, more perfect sanitation, and antiseptic surgery. The ptomaines which cause disease and the antitoxins which prevent it are alike chemical in their nature, and were discovered by chemical methods. Physiology without chemistry could not exist; even the

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A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

phenomena of respiration were meaningless before the discovery of oxygen. The human body is a chemical laboratory, and without the aid of the chemist its mysteries can not be unraveled.—Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.

THE BROOM CURE.

In an article on "The Lady Who Does Her Own Work," Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe dwells on the value of housework in giving the very healthiest form of exercise, and for the average woman shows it to be far preferable to the work of the masseurs, who, even in those days, more than thirty years ago, seem to have found plenty of patients.

"Would it not be quite as cheerful and less expensive a process," she asks, "if young girls from early life developed the muscles in sweeping, dusting, ironing, rubbing furniture, and all the

multiplied domestic processes which our grandmothers knew of?" And then adds: "I will venture to say that our grandmothers in a week went over every movement that any gymnast has invented, and went over them to some productive purpose, too."

Here is a hint which women with thin arms would do well to take. It is said to be really a fact that Clara Louise Kellogg, the singer, when a young girl, was much annoyed by the attenuated appearance of her arms when she began to don evening dress at her crowded concerts. Some one recommended a brisk use of the broom, which advice she followed, and soon had a round, plump member as the reward of her labor. If a thin, listless girl, with a dull eye and stare, can by any means be persuaded to try the "broom cure," she will be astonished to find what a beautifier it really is.—Selected.

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SECOND QUARTER, LESSON 13, JUNE 24.

QUARTERLY REVIEW.

Golden Text: "Thy kingdom come." Matt. 6:10.

We clip from Torrey's Pocket Commentary the following review of the quarter:

The principal fact of Lesson I. is, that the multitude from all parts of the country flocked about Jesus and He taught them as never man taught. The great central truth is, that there is blessedness for anyone that will have it, but this blessedness is found in just the opposite direction—from where the world seeks happiness—it is found in humility, sorrow, gentleness, spiritual hunger and thirst, mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and being persecuted for righteousness' and for Jesus' sake.

Lesson II. has no facts in it, but searching lessons and glorious promises. The great central truth is, to be sharp-sighted in discernment of your own fault rather than those of others, and then to trust the Father and ask Him for whatever good thing you need.

The principal fact of Lesson III. is, that a ruler of a synagogue, humbled by sorrow, cast himself at Jesus' feet, and besought Him to come and lay His hands upon his daughter who lay at the very point of death. While Jesus lingered to help a sick woman, death came to the little girl, but Jesus by His word brought the dead maiden back to life. The great central truth is that Jesus is the Son of God, Master of death itself, and we need never fear, only believe.

The principal fact of Lesson IV. is, that a gentle-hearted Roman captain, having a sick slave boy, sent first one company of friends, then another, to meet Jesus and ask help of Jesus, not thinking himself worthy to approach so great an one nor to have Him come underneath his roof, but believing that all sickness was as subservient to the word of Jesus as his soldiers were to his word. Jesus wondered at his faith and healed his slave. The great central truth is, that the humility that considers itself to deserve nothing, but ventures to ask great things, gets all it asks.

The principal fact of Lesson V. is, that John, being left in prison, his energetic spirit fell into uncertainty, but he wisely sent to Jesus to have his doubts settled, asking, Art thou the Coming One, or look we for another? and is answered by being pointed to the divine works Jesus did. The great central truth is, that Jesus is the Coming One, the Son of God, but good men are weak and may in hours of trouble fall into doubt, and Jesus will deal tenderly with and solve all such doubts if they are brought to Him.

The principal fact in Lesson VI. is, that Jesus sternly upbraided and pronounced direct doom upon the cities that had the great privilege of seeing His wondrous works, but repented not; but all the laboring and heavy laden He invited to Himself, promising that responsibility and guilt are measured by opportunity, and that great grace, if abused, instead of exalting to heaven, pushes down to hades.

The principal fact of Lesson VII. is, that a self-sufficient Pharisee invited Jesus to dine, but neglected to show Him the ordinary courtesies of life, while an outcast woman filled His heart with joy by a love that anointed His feet with ointment, bathed them with her tears, wiped them with her hair, covered them with her kisses. The Pharisee was rebuked, but the woman was sent into peace with her many sins all forgiven. The great central truth is, that Jesus is the forgiver of sin, and the one who has consciousness of the greatness of the sins forgiven is the one who will love much.

The principal fact of Lesson VIII. is, that Jesus preached in the open air, with a fishing smack for a pulpit, the sky for a roof, the hillside for pews, a farmer for a text, and great multitudes for an audience, speaking in parables to reveal truth to hearts open to it, but to conceal it from those who loved it not. The great central truth is, that the word of God is precious seed; our hearts the soil in which it is planted, and we should see to it that our hearts are neither trodden hard by worldly interest, nor shallow, nor letting the truth sink deep in, nor occupied with the cares of this world, deceitfulness of riches, pleasures of this life and lusts of other things, which like thorns choke the word, but we should listen to, understand, receive and hold fast the Word of God.

Lesson IX has no new facts, but sets forth great truths about the kingdom. Its great central truth is, that there are two growths always going on, the growth of the glorious company of "Sons of the kingdom," and the hideous company of "Sons of the evil one." The growth will go on until the end of the age, and then there shall be final separation, the sons of the kingdom being garnered into and shining forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father, the wicked tied up in bundles of evil companionship and agonizing in the furnace of fire.

The principal fact of Lesson X. is, that Jesus, going about ministering to the spirits, souls and bodies of the un-shepherded masses, set His disciples to praying the Father to send forth laborers into this abundant harvest field, and when He had got them to praying, He set them to working in the field themselves. The great central truth is, that God gives workers in answer to prayer, but uses very divergent types of men.

The principal fact of Lesson XI. is, that John the Baptist offended Herodias by his faithful denunciation of her sins, and lost his head, but gained a noble place in the world's history. The great central truth is, that a drunken king and a dancing girl are a combination that ends in blood and infamy.

The principal fact of Lesson XII. is, that Jesus took a little boy who had only five barley crackers and two sardines for capital into partnership with Himself, and spread a table that fed and filled five thousand men. The great central truth is, that Jesus is the Son of God, sufficient for any emergency, and able to feed and fill all who will obey Him and sit at His feet to receive from His hand.

Epworth League Department.

"ATLANTA IS THE PLACE."



The southern Epworth League Conference will meet in Atlanta July 25-29, 1900. This will be the first general conference of the Leagues of Southern Methodism, and doubtless will prove a great and historic event in our League work. It is fervently hoped that it may prove the starting point of mighty purposes and Church-wide plans for victory by the younger hosts of Methodism. Let everybody who loves the League and who can do so go up to this great assembly.—Epworth Era.

Topic for June 24: Our Eternal Destiny.—Matt. 13:47-50.

We take the following exposition of the lesson from the Christian Advocate:

1. Character determines destiny. Some persons confuse reputation and character. As is well known to all who stop to think, character is what one is; reputation is what one's neighbors think of one. The two may coincide or they may be as wide apart almost as heaven and hell. God alone knows all about each one of his children, but the conscience is usually a pretty safe guide, especially when illuminated by the Word and by the Holy Spirit. It is a profitable exercise for men and women to sit down in the silence and solitude of their inner chambers and commune with their own spirits and with the Spirit of God concerning their spiritual condition. No more important question confronts the young Christian than this: "What is my character in the sight of God and my own conscience?" Unless one has a character which is void of offense toward God and men—like a good conscience—one is in imminent peril, since it is solemnly true that character fixes destiny. And under the generous provisions of the gospel dispensation every human being may be the architect of a good character. In view of the tremendous issues involved one should seek the constant guidance of the divine Spirit.

2. Death fixes destiny for each individual. Much valuable time has been squandered in the discussion of the question: "When will the end of the world come?" Our Lord distinctly tells us that the great and terrible day shall come suddenly, at a moment when men are not expecting it, but of the day and the hour knoweth no man,

not even the angels in heaven. The very fact that it is to come as a thief in the night demonstrates the folly of indulging in controversy concerning its coming. But of one thing we may be quite sure—the end will come for each one of us when we shut our eyes for the last time upon the scenes and associations of earth. As the tree falls so will it lie. We are sent into this world as to a school in which to be educated for the duties, responsibilities and enjoyments of the future. There will come to each one of us a supreme moment when we must step out of the narrow bounds of mortality into the wide opportunities of eternity. And at that awful moment destiny takes its final shape. This is the teaching of both reason and revelation. It is the conviction of common sense.

3. The angels are God's reapers. Such is the teaching of the verses that have been selected to illustrate and enforce this topic. Such is the teaching of other portions of Scripture. We do not know very much about the mysterious beings that do the bidding of the Creator throughout the universe. We know they occupy a higher position than man in the scale of creation. Here and there throughout the Book we obtain glimpses of their operations. Always they are the agents of the Father in his benevolent intentions toward the race. They come in the morning of the world to reprove, warn, guide, assist the chosen of heaven. An angel announces the coming of the Lord of life to the virgin, and a band of angels proclaim the advent to the startled shepherds on the hills about Bethlehem. Angels, we have reason to believe, are ministering spirits to the heirs of salvation, guiding their footsteps and leading them through unseen dangers. And, finally, they will be the agents by whom the Judge of all the earth separates the deserving from the hopelessly bad at the end of the world.

4. Each one shall go to his own place. This is the law of the natural world as well as of the spiritual. In this world every human being seeks out those companionships which are most congenial. To the drinking man the atmosphere of the saloon is perfectly home-like. The maudlin, profane and evil conversation which he hears there, and in which he participates, is entirely to his liking. But such a place would be a perfect hell on earth to the sober, God-loving man. His sights and sounds would fill his soul with horror. On the other hand long association with criminals converts any one into a contemner of that which is good. There are persons in this Republic who would be horribly uncomfortable at a religious meeting and who would rather associate with a murderer than with a preacher. These persons are shaping their own destiny here and each will go unto his own place at the end of the world. It will not be a pleasant or a happy place, but it will be exactly the sort of place for which character prepares. God does not condemn any soul; the soul determines its own associations.

5. For it is a fact that the impenitent shall dwell in misery. We may not lightly deal with the mysteries of the future. God has not shrouded the destiny of the race in uncertainty, as some declare, for revelation distinctly affirms that those who love God keep his commandments, trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and exemplify their faith by upright lives shall behold the King in his beauty and shall dwell in an eternity of blessedness. It is also set forth in language that can not be misunderstood, save by those who are willfully ignorant, that the soul that sinneth it shall die. It is declared that an eternity of misery awaits the impenitent and rebellious, not because God delights in the sufferings of any one, but because the soul that violates the commandments and seeks its own pleasure in forbidden ways works out its own ruin and makes its own eternal destiny.

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And the stately ships go on To their haven under the hill; But oh! for the touch of a vanished hand, And the sound of a voice that is still. —Tennyson.

VERNON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Vernon District Conference was held at Graham, Texas, May 31-June 3. Rev. J. H. Wiseman, P. E., presided with dignity and conducted the business of the conference with accuracy and dispatch.

Rev. Thos. S. Barcus was elected Secretary, and George H. Craig, Assistant. The attendance was reduced because of swollen streams and other hindrances, but the conference was thorough in its work and enthusiastic in its spirit.

Rev. J. S. Tunnell, of Albany, representing the Conference Board of Missions; Rev. C. R. Wright, of Hillsboro, representing the Board of Church Extension; Bro. Frank Reedy, representing the Dallas Publishing House, and the indomitable Home Mission worker, Sister Purcell, were with us from the opening and did efficient work for the interests which they represented.

The previously announced plan of the presiding elder to have all conference collections secured before the sitting of the District Conference, in order that plans for the vigorous prosecution of the claims of the Twentieth Century Educational Fund might then be inaugurated, had been thoroughly carried out by the preachers. It was also found that \$1400 had been secured on this fund. The preachers are enthusiastic, appointments for mass meetings have been made throughout the district, and we confidently expect our pro rata to be fully secured before we meet in Annual Conference at Georgetown.

At the close of Dr. Wyatt's address a subscription of \$220 was raised for the Twentieth Century Fund in a few minutes, and this amount will doubtless be largely increased at Graham.

The next session of the conference will be held at Chillicothe, a centrally located town on the Fort Worth and Denver Road, of easy access to all the district and to visiting magnates.

The following are the delegates elect to the Annual Conference: C. W. Johnson, R. W. Hall, W. L. Tankersley, J. W. Casey.

Resolutions expressing the conviction of the Vernon District that the Northwest Texas Conference should be divided were passed, with but two dissenting voices. Jerome Duncan, R. W. Hall and J. T. Griswold were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial "Urging the inauguration of such measures as will secure such division, and present the same to the Annual Conference during its next sitting at Georgetown."

Graham bestowed upon the conference royal hospitality with lavish hand; and our popular pastor, Gus Barnes, fulfilled his pledge to make it "the most enjoyable of District Conferences!"

There was but one note of sorrow to mar the harmony of the joyous occa-

sion—the sad news which reached us of the death of a little son of Bro. J. T. Bloodworth, of Haskell. To him was extended the profound sympathy of the entire district, and fervent prayers went up from fraternal hearts to the throne of grace on his behalf.

Rev. M. C. Dickson, who is now supplying the Paducah charge, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The religious services were spiritual throughout, reaching a holy climax in the love feast conducted by Rev. J. S. Huckabee, of the Weatherford District, on Sunday morning, and in the sermon of great power which followed, preached by the presiding elder, whose theme was, "The Mission of Methodism." It was good to be there, and I am sure that the entire conference will join me in this message to the Church in Texas. In the language of our great founder: "The best of all is, God is with us!" JEROME DUNCAN. Vernon, Texas.

UNCLE DICK AT LIVINGSTON.

The Beaumont District Conference is held at Livingston. Nearly all the pastors are young men; a number of them are without families. The district is largely in the timbered portion of East Texas. It is cut up by the I. & G. N., the T. & P., the E. & W. Texas, the East Texas, a part of the Southern Pacific Railways. This last road is now built from Sabine Pass to Nacogdoches, and from Dallas to Athens. All through the country lands can be bought for from two to ten dollars per acre. Much of the land is good and well timbered, and it is the place for poor people to get them homes. They can buy lands in any quantity and of almost any kind, price or quality. Livingston is the county town of Polk County, and has about two thousand people; very good courthouse built of brick or stone, and a public school building. The churches are not a credit to the town nor the Christian people. Our church is old and is much in need of repair—but more in need at a new house. May the Holy Spirit and good sense move this good people to build a nice modern church house.

Up to this time, Friday evening, this has been a very interesting conference. Bro. Milam has learned better how to hold a District Conference, or he is putting out his best efforts. It is his fourth year on the district, and possibly he is doing his best. His preachers are all in accord with him in his work. They work together with him. The business is conducted without rule or stiffness. Any brother relates anything connected with his work that he desires, and in his own way. One brother says: "There is a town in my work of over a thousand people, all owned by one man. He builds and rents to a man any kind of a house he desires; builds and lets the preacher have a house free of charge. He will not sell or give the land away. The preaching house is free for all; and so is the schoolhouse. The name of this town is Call, and the owner's name is Adams."

This district is improving. Some charges that were missions a short while ago are now self-sustaining stations.

They are moving up on other lines. They have in many places freed themselves from the whisky tyrant. They tell me that four whole counties and parts of others have gone prohibition. They say it prohibits too.

One of the best men and best preachers rose and said: "Brethren, pray for me. My people are doing everything for me that can be done. They pay me my salary, feed and clothe my family, but their children and neighbors are not saved. God sent me here to save souls and not draw a salary." His tears were bitter and his heart was breaking. The conference went to prayer, and the Holy Spirit came upon all the people. We look for a revival on that brother's work. Will not brethren in other parts of the work take warning. There is a day coming when God will call for a settling up of these matters. The sword is coming—the people are perishing. Somebody, something is to blame.

The presiding elder says that twelve new churches have been built, or are in process of building. Two new parsonages have been completed. This shows the work to be coming up. But

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Bro. J. T. Smith comes in and throws life into the body, and then Bro. A. A. Wagnon comes, and the pot boils. These men are both full of fire and good common sense. They talk missions and education. Sister Call, from Orange, is a champion in the work and is thoroughly alive. The presiding elder allowed me to preach and advocate the claims of the Methodist Orphanage. The congregation gave a liberal collection for the hour and the people present Bro. Perry, the popular pastor, gave me the kindest treatment, and his good wife is a jewel. The Southwestern University and the Alexander Collegiate Institute were favorably spoken of by Smith, Wagnon and the writer. We go to Lunfkin and then to Garrison. The business of the district is finished in two days and is well finished. The presiding elder has done well.

Bro. Perry, of the Livingston Circuit, is a mighty opposer of whisky and advocate of prohibition. He was in the lead of the fight that drove whisky from Livingston and gained the good will of all the people. When the fight was on the people made up a purse of over \$60 and presented it to him with many other good things. If other places want a strong man to help them in the temperance work they can not do better than get this good man to help them in this great work. Write to him, Rev. J. M. Perry, Livingston, Texas. He is a good worker for the Texas Advocate, too. He is coming man with humility of study. R. W. THOMPSON.

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Richard Le Galliene, who has recently written a criticism of Kipling, is now in turn himself undergoing a criticism at the hands of Kipling's friends. Among other things, the critic accuses Kipling of "Philistinism;" on the other hand, in many respects, he commends the poet highly. The title of his book is "Rudyard Kipling—A Criticism." \$1.25.

"Of making many books there is no end"—especially on the English-Boer war. Of course, among this literary multitude there are many worthless works, but a meritorious effort is "London to Ladysmith by Way of Pretoria," by Winston Churchill. It is the story of the author's personal experience in the field and as a prisoner, and is rich in interest and incident. \$1.50.

There are two books just from the press which merit attention. "A Dream of a Throne" is the title of a story of a Mexican revolt by Charles Fleming Embree. It is highly commended. \$1.50. The other book is "Empress Octavia," a romance of the reign of Nero, by Wilhelm Walloth. This book has been translated from the German by Miss Mary J. Safford, and it is a story of genuine merit. \$1.50.

Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster is soon to publish a diplomatic history of the United States, which he is going to entitle "A Century of Diplomacy." Mr. Foster is especially fitted for his task, as he has served diplomatically in Mexico, Russia, Spain, Germany, China, Japan, British West Indies and San Domingo, and has been a member of the most important high commissions sitting in this country for many years.

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The Nassau Literary Magazine, the periodical of Princeton University, recently took a vote of the majority of the students of that institution as to who were the most popular authors, and what were their most prevailing works. Among poetry, Longfellow's "Evangeline" and "Paul Revere's Ride" ranked first; Shakespeare rank-

ed second. In essays, Irving led the list, with Burck for a second. In fiction, Scott's "Ivanhoe" came first, but Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans" was a very close second. This indicates that American college boys show a very probable preference for American writers.

"The Ways of Men" is the way that Elliot Gregory—a self-confessed "idler"—heads a collection of essays recently published. It is not certain for what class of readers they were intended, but they may be recommended for juvenile readers as altogether harmless. While his "muse" makes no attempt to soar above the Aonian Mount, but even addresses itself to the discussion of such themes as the "Worthlessness of Dogs" with a sangfroid worthy of a real essayist. Nevertheless, his interesting style makes the book readable, and it will happily meet the demands of those who seek light, airy reading. \$1.50.

The addresses of the late Dr. Richard S. Storrs, who was for ten years President of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, have just been published in book form. The addresses were delivered mostly at the successive annual meetings of this board, and their general theme is "Foreign Missions." Each lecture views the subject from a new standpoint, and thereby "missions" is discussed in all its relations. Dr. Storrs was for about fifty years pastor of a Brooklyn Church, and was a man of rare mental attainment, as well as unusual force and eloquence. His works are sure to quicken and direct the missionary zeal of all who read them. \$1.00.

One of the worthiest works that has been issued in a long time is Robert Grant's "Unleavened Bread." It is the story of an ambitious young woman who attains to one after another of her hopes. The book deals fearlessly and vigorously with the social conditions of our modern life, and is actually startling in its naturalness and truthfulness to life. While the interest of plot is not inordinately vigorous, the story—which is merely a veiled satire on the giddy and ambitious "club" woman of the day—is invigorating and suggests a train of thought which would be very profitable indeed to every reader. This book is enthusiastically recommended to all, for its worth is far above mere entertainment. \$1.50.

The uprising of the "Boxers" in China has at this moment focalized public attention on the tottering celestial empire. Just exactly what the "Boxers" are, and what their intention is, is rather uncertain. But suffice it to say, Eastern affairs are fast approaching a crisis, and China is soon to furnish the world a budget of very interesting history. If you are desirous of knowing something of the conditions leading up to the present state of affairs and of the land of the "Boxers," there is a very notable book on China which has been published recently. It is "China in Transformation," by Archibald R. Colquhoun, who for a long time was a resident of China and knows Chinese people well. This book deals thoroughly with all the political conditions of the empire, and indicates the probable future of the nation. It is very interesting, and has an excellent equipment of maps and illustrations.

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NORTON—Vivian, infant son of Henry and Myrtle Norton, was born at Daugherty, Texas, April 1, 1899, and died of measles and pneumonia at Kemp, Texas, February 11, 1900. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Kemp, Texas. May the Lord bless the parents in their bereavement. C. C. DAVIS, Kemp, Texas.

NORTON—Norman, son of Henry and Myrtle Norton, was born at Daugherty, Texas, October 15, 1897, and died of consumption at Mill Creek, Brazos County, Texas, June 5, 1899. His father brought his J. and M. E. Blackburn, was born in California to Kemp and laid them to rest by the side of little Vivian, who preceded him a few months. The parents are now doubly bereaved. May the Lord bless them in this sore trial. C. C. DAVIS, Kemp, Texas.

MATTHEWS—Little Estelle, daughter of Robert D. and Mrs. Sallie Matthews, was born at Big Springs, Texas, July, 1898, and died at Baird, Texas, June 5, 1899. Less than two years were allotted to this sweet babe on earth, but she lived not in vain. Heaven has become more real since she is there. A sunny face and a dimpled hand beckon us on. She was the death of my grandchildren to die in infancy, but they live in the presence of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." H. A. BOURLAND.

MERRELL—Hiram Merrell, infant son of J. A. and Mary Merrell, was born November 12, 1899, and died June 1, 1899. Another flower has blossomed on earth to bloom in heaven. Little Hiram's stay on earth was short, but long enough for the affections of mother and father to be entwined around him and to be greatly missed from home. Grieve not, parents and loved ones. God's ways are always best, though they seem hard sometimes. Look up and trust in Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." AUNT LIMMA, Irone, Texas.

BALEY—Anna Evaline Baley, born February 5, 1895, and died March 18, 1899, and Mittle Lorraine Baley, born June 21, 1898, died April 3, 1899, daughters of C. C. and M. E. Baley, were two precious flowers that have been taken from this sinful world and transplanted in the city of God. These dear little girls suffered much, but they are safe in the arms of Jesus, where no pain nor death can molest their peaceful rest. It seems so hard to say good-bye, but our heavenly Father knoweth best. Look up, dear parents; see those dear little hands beckoning you to heavenly lands. M. S. LEVERIDGE, P. C., Sipe Springs, Texas.

GROVES—Little Cecil Herbert Groves, son of H. M. and M. B. Groves, was born August 8, 1898, and fell asleep in Jesus May 25, 1899. Another precious flower is plucked for the adorning of the palace of God. Being the only child, he was the idol of father and mother. The darling little form will no longer be seen in the home; the sweet, innocent prattle is here forever hushed, but the remembrance of this little one is as a sweet perfume that shall give fragrance and encouragement to this life and be a golden link that ties parents to that heavenly home. M. S. LEVERIDGE, P. C., Sipe Springs, Texas.

DRYDEN—Lou Kettle Dryden, (nee Mitchell), daughter of W. A. and Nancy J. Mitchell, was born September 12, 1866, was happily married to A. J. Dryden March 29, 1899, and only lived a few months. She died December 22 of the same year, and was laid to rest at Kendall's Chapel, on one of the brightest Christmas days the writer ever witnessed. Her married life, though short, was very happy. She was a devoted and consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, and a Christian from childhood, her mother's constant companion for many years, tender-hearted and affectionate by nature, a devoted daughter, wife and sister. He who doeth all things well said: "It is enough; come up higher." She expressed a great desire to live for her mother and loved ones, but was not afraid to die, and gave directions for her burial. To the heart-broken mother and sorrowing relatives and friends we would say, look to Him who did send us a comforter. He alone can soothe our sorrows, and some day we will meet our loved ones where troubles never come. ONE WHO LOVED HER.

COTTRELL—Mrs. Mary J. Cottrell (nee Griswold) was born in Bowling Green, Ky., March 1, 1827, was married to Watson Cottrell September 9, 1858, and died in Temple, Texas, June 8, 1899. Truly a noble woman has fallen. For more than twenty-five years she walked daily with God. She and her husband have been the very model of Methodism in Temple. They stood nobly by the Church and supported it to the extent of their ability. In their house the preacher found a home for more than a year, and daily were his wants ministered to by the hands now cold in death. And then when First Church had prospered and a small colony

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BLACKBURN—James Oliver, son of S. J. and M. E. Blackburn, was born in Carroll County, Ark., June 29, 1859, and died of congestion, near Cedar Station, Kaufman County, Texas, June 2, 1899. Ollie was a good child, obedient to his parents, and loved by all who knew him. May the Lord bless the parents and brothers and sisters in their grief and sorrow. C. C. DAVIS, Kemp, Texas.

VAUGHAN—Little Elva Jewel came to the home of Bro. and Sister Fred Vaughan, January 16, 1899. For nearly sixteen months she was the light of that home. Especially was she the joy of her two aged grandfathers. She was so affectionate, so kind to all, but that cruel plague, scarlet fever, seized her little form, and on June 1, 1899, the smile amid the tears of loved ones was kissed away to spirit land, and Jewel is with God. J. T. H. MILLER.

WHITLEY—Reuel Everett, son of J. W. and Dell Whitley, was born March 25, 1899, in Jackson County, Texas, and departed this life June 9, 1899, at the home of his grandfather, T. J. Whittington, near Morales, Jackson County, Texas. In the death of this precious little boy home is made sad and lonely to a grief-stricken father, mother and little brother, who mourn their loss. Grieve not, fond parents and brother; God's ways are always best, though sometimes they seem hard. Trust in Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." God help the bereaved ones to meet little Reuel Everett in heaven, is the prayer of their pastor, A. G. NOLEN, Hallettsville, Texas.

PERKINS—Mark Perkins was born September 19, 1842, and died May 3, 1899, in Abilene, Texas. My first acquaintance with Bro. Perkins dates back about seventeen years and in Church work. At that time Methodism was quite weak in Abilene, and it often devolved upon me to conduct the weekly prayer-meeting in the absence of the preacher in charge, and Bro. Perkins and one other brother were about all the help I had. Although he had been a soldier in the Federal Army in the Civil War, he cheerfully affiliated with the Methodist Church, South, of which he remained a consistent member until his death. He was one of the stewards of the Abilene Station at the time of his death. He was a devoted Mason, and the craft honored his memory by a suitable burial service and otherwise. The Church services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Hyder, at the district parsonage. By his daily labor he accumulated a small sum of money—enough to pay his burial expenses and erect a suitable monument at his grave. He had never been married and left no family to mourn his loss. He died in an unconscious condition. We have only his godly life as an index to his great hereafter. WESLEY SMITH, Abilene, Texas.

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HORN—Mrs. Cynthia Horn, known as "Grandma" Horn, was born in the State of Georgia, February 11, 1812. She was first married to Daniel Ledbetter and became the mother of five children by him, two of whom are still living, namely, Mrs. Margaret Horn, of Collin County, Texas, and Mrs. Pate, of the Indian Territory. On July 8, 1845, she was married to Rev. Jeremiah Horn, and the following November they settled in Collin County, Texas, where "Grandma" lived the remainder of her days. As a result of her second marriage she became the mother of four children, three of whom are still living, namely, Mrs. Ruth Martin, wife of Rev. Jere Martin; Mrs. Callie McNeill, wife of Mr. Thomas McNeill, and Mr. Wesley Horn, all of Collin County. Sister Horn first united with the Baptist Church, but soon after coming to Texas she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which she remained a member until her death. Bro. and Sister Horn were among the early settlers of Collin County and their home was one of the early preachers' homes. Indeed, the preachers used to hold services in their house. This, together with the labors of Bro. Horn, will indicate the position they occupied in the early establishment of Christianity in this part of the country. "Grandma" read her Bible often, and was a woman of much prayer. She was kind to her associates and faithful in the performance of her Christian duties. Though confined to the home for some time before her death, she bore her sufferings with patience and gave full assurance to loved ones that she was ready and willing to die. She passed away on the afternoon of June 1, 1899, and her remains were interred in the family burying ground. We commend the bereaved ones to God, and to the word of his grace. Her pastor, ALBERT L. SCALES.



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J. M. Perry, pastor of Livingston charge, was elected Chairman of Campaign Committee, and led in the fight, placing himself in the hearts of all people who have the best interests of their country at heart. The entertainment of the conference by the citizens showed their appreciation of the cause of Christ. The occasion was an enjoyable one to both citizen and guests. Preaching was of a helpful type, highly spiritual and very instructive. Bro. V. A. Godbey preached us a highly instructive sermon on the Twentieth Century Educational Movement. "Uncle Dick" gave us one of his best sermons. His visit did us good. J. T. Smith was with us and preached several times to the delight and profit of all.

The business sessions of the conference were pervaded by a spirit of spiritual devotion rarely ever seen. Many persons, both preachers and laymen, were heard to remark: "This is the most spiritual District Conference I ever attended, especially the business sessions." There was such a strong conviction of duty expressed by the preachers, such expressed determination to meet every responsibility; notwithstanding the many discouraging surroundings faith in success in the name of Christ seemed to be universal. T. J. Milam, presiding elder, said: "We are expecting to see a revival all over the district, and our motto is: Collections in full and \$2500 on the Twentieth Century Fund; about \$1700 promised already." There has been built in the district two parsonages, one more contemplated, and we expect to be able to report at least twelve church houses, making an average of one a month at our next Annual Conference. All the interest of the Church were carefully looked after. Those who have been living in the bounds of the district for several years rejoice to see the marked improvements on all lines. We are doing but little so far for the Epworth League, but expect to move up on this line of work, too.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society had their meeting Saturday night. J. T. Smith, of Tyler District, made a stirring address for them. It was indeed a profitable occasion.

The Woman's Home Mission Society occupied a part of an afternoon session of the conference. We were greatly benefited and we believe every preacher went home under the inspiration of this occasion to co-operate with these hands of noble Christian women.

Strong resolutions were passed concerning our schools, the Texas Christian Advocate and the temperance cause, some of which will occur in the Advocate. A very touching resolution was offered, showing the esteem in which the presiding elder, T. J. Milam, was held by the preachers and people and the high appreciation of his work, this being the fourth year of his presiding eldership of this district.

It was ordered that the following resolutions be sent by the Secretary to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication:

Whereas, many of our members move from place to place; and

Whereas, many of these are lost to the Church through the inability of the preacher to find them.

Resolved, That we agree and exhort all others to write the pastor where the person or persons are moving, giving him information sufficient to enable him to find said persons.
JAS. E. CRUTCHFIELD.

Inasmuch as the Texas Christian Advocate holds up to the world an exceedingly high standard of Christian virtue and by the vigor and purity of its editorial matter, the choice articles and very practical counsels it gives to the Church at large; and

Whereas, we think there are very few more potent factors for good in all our connection, and not one in our immediate State which so much advances every branch of religious work, be it

Resolved, that we, as preachers, rally to the help of our beloved editor, Dr. Rankin, and keep this paper continually before our people with the motto, "An Advocate in every home."

K. P. BARTON,
S. D. HORGNER,
M. I. BROWN,
Committee.

Whereas, Beaumont District has during the last four years made a vigorous and healthy growth, both of a spiritual and material character, as a branch of the organized Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and

Whereas, much of said growth and development is due to the admirable and efficient system of organization and executive administration, be it therefore hereby

Resolved, 1. That the District Conference desires to express a universal sentiment that pervades every Church in the district to the effect that Rev. T. J. Milam as presiding elder of this district during the last four years has been a faithful and efficient servant of the cause of Christ and his Church; that he has been our faithful and kind friend and adviser, always ready to sacrifice himself to the Master's cause and always instructing and reproving in love and charity, combining a high order of executive ability with indefatigable zeal and energy, humble and modest, but firm and courageous, and possessing a lovable and dutiful family, we regard him as a model presiding elder, and have learned during our official connection to love him as a brother.

2. That we sincerely and deeply regret that with the present year his term as presiding elder of this district expires and we believe the best interests of our great and good cause can best be secured by continuing him in that office in any district to which he may be eligible.

Resolved, further, that the Secretary of this conference be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Texas Christian Advocate, asking permission to have same appear in the columns of that valuable paper.

(Signed)
K. P. BARTON,
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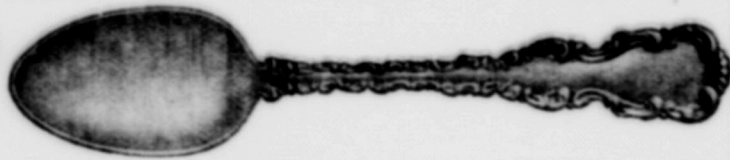
The Western District Conference, German Mission Conference, convened at Elm Creek, near Seguin, June 7. All the preachers were present with the exception of A. E. Rector, who is on a trip to Europe. A majority of the lay members were in attendance and took active part in all the proceedings. The local preachers were conspicuous for their absence, not one attending from an outside charge.

Bro. Weise, our presiding elder, called the conference to order at the appointed time, and conducted the business of the conference with caution. Every detail was handled with due deliberation, and the conference transacted all business in harmony and we trust to the upbuilding of the work entrusted into our hands. The respective brethren could report growth on all lines in their different congregations. New members have been gained since the last Annual Conference in every charge on the district—in several as many as fifteen or twenty, which is an unusual experience with us Germans.

One brother, R. Moerner, who is serving the Elm Creek and Cibolo congregation as supply this year, was recommended to the coming Annual Conference for admission on trial. Bro. Moerner has been a teacher for many years, and has served faithfully as local preacher for a number of years. In him we shall get an active and consecrated worker.

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Bro. Sinex was with us for rest, as he put it. Despite the fact that the brethren kept calling him Professor, he kept humble and was a real blessing to us. He did good work for education in general and our University in particular.

We were glad to have with us also Bro. J. Wilson, of Seguin, who came twice to pep in on us.

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The Abilene District Camp-meeting is making progress. All arrangements are being made for a great time. The district will be here in force. Large room for our friends who will camp in their covered wagons. Shade, water, wood, pasture. Let every Methodist family come and bring their neighbors throughout the entire district. We are preparing for a choir of 250 or 300, which will be organized and conducted by Bro. T. G. Whitten, who can't be surpassed as an organizer and conductor, and is at home in a great meeting. Then we have some good leaders in Abilene and throughout the district. So you may expect some great gospel singing. A large number of tents will be put up and ready for those who want them. We are trying to make the cost to every one as little as possible, as the meeting is not for anybody to make money out of, but to stir the Church and save sinners, and to this end we invite everybody to come and help in the work and get the benefits of this old-fashioned camp-meeting. Meeting opens Wednesday, the 27th inst. C. E. BROWN, Secretary.

"THE REVIVAL. No. 3."

The above is the title of a new song book just issued by Chas. D. Tillman, of Atlanta, Ga. We have a copy of it before us and we turned through its pages with interest. As a matter of fact we are not specialists in literature of this sort, nevertheless we have a taste and an ear for music. There is no part of the worship that we enjoy more than good singing, especially the singing of the old hymns. This book of Mr. Tillman has many of the old hymns in it interspersed with many of the best new hymns. The volume is the outgrowth of experience in revival meetings. The author has had much experience in revival services, having been associated with Rev. Sam Jones and Rev. Geo. Stuart in revival work. The songs used in this book are those which he has sung in the great con-

gregations which have hung upon the matchless words of these two great revival preachers. The music is suited to this sort of Christian work, and it has been instrumental in the conversion of hundreds of souls. The book does not propose to be a Sunday-school book, though it is adapted to Sunday-school work, but the name of it tells what it was composed for—revival work. Its advertisement appears in this paper, and by reference to it you will see that among its many excellent qualities it is placed at a price within the reach of all people.

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Cards are unive means of gambling frequently used as tion and pastime. mer sense, they are good people as hurt as used in the latt spectable Church p no harm in them often find in many homes the practice a source of amuse happens, in order the social game, and the participan tional eagerness th Now the question is: Does card pla come under the he sions as can not be of the Lord Jesus' that none other t answer can be give Why do we take t

1. It is a waste there is no adqua Card playing is a and it fixes itself u en with wondert learn to love it as love his drinks, a play the more tl Thus the infatua ccess of amusement, time is wasted th better use. Then or moral improv makes no one any tainly makes no o the contrary, it p promotes late hour Can a conscientio encourage a practi habits and charact We think not.

2. The influence the home is often your children. Y ment around your it by your exampl But have you any boys will not play from home and u stances? You tea is no harm in it, harm in it under can see none in it, gambling den. We than one boy in t habit of gambling mother and sis dreamed of the ex over him and of t it would afterwar played for recreati ther and played fo the habit is once l break it off. Can afford to encoura weighted down w children? Can t thing that is ope character?

3. The habit of home takes all of playing out of ca idea of danger ou bears the same r that dram-drinkin ness. Handling c mon to the hous