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EDITORIAL.

AN APPEAL FROM BISHOP CANDLER.

As soon as the facts of the situation in Galveston reached me, I left Atlanta, that I might come here for the help and counselling of our stricken people.

The conditions are appalling. The press accounts have not exaggerated the case at all. The sickening details would overcome the stoutest soul.

St. Johns Church is a total ruin. St. James and West End are injured less, but I doubt if they can be used again. It would be cheaper to pull them down and build up from the ground.

In the Houston District alone there are fourteen churches destroyed, and eleven badly damaged. In the Brenham District I hear there are five destroyed, and one in the Huntsville District.

The churches outside of Galveston can be and ought to be rebuilt before conference. Otherwise we can scarcely make wise appointments for the charges in which they are located. Their needs call for immediate help from the Church in other places.

In Galveston the work can not be done so rapidly. St. John's and St. James should be combined and a good, strong, imposing structure built about midway between their present locations. This central church, with West End, would meet the needs of our people in this sorrow-stricken city for some years to come.

But the people in Galveston can not of themselves provide these two churches. They will have all they can do to restore their homes and support their preachers during the next year. They must have help.

I have therefore sent appeals to many of our leading Churches, from Baltimore to Kansas City, asking them to make immediate collections for the restoration of the churches in the storm-swept region. I now appeal to all the Churches, large and small, everywhere, to send help for this urgent work.

I have detached Bro. Bradfield from the pastorate, putting the membership of St. Johns and St. James, who are left in the pastoral care of Bro. Oxley. Bro. Bradfield is appointed to visit, as far as he can, the conferences yet to be held, and other advantageous points, asking aid to restore our Galveston churches. He will report his collections to Bro. O. T. Hotchkiss, at Houston.

It is of the last importance that as far as possible the churches in the stricken district be restored before conference.

Let all our people in Texas come speedily to the relief of our sorely afflicted brethren. An extraordinary necessity calls for an extraordinary benevolence.

And let our prayers ascend to God as our gifts are bestowed for the relief of these bereaved communities. They need supernatural aid to bear this unparalleled sorrow.

Our money can not restore all, or the best, that they have lost. We can put back their churches. But we can not put the sweet-voiced children into the Sunday-schools nor the aged fathers and mothers who prayed at the altars. These are gone, leaving broken circles and bleeding hearts behind.

Let us give these sorrowing ones churches, where they may find the consolations of His grace whose way is in the sanctuary. This we can do, and seeing there is so much else we can not do, we surely will not be slow to do what we can.

Send contributions at once to the Advocate; thence they will be remitted to Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E., Houston. W. A. CANDLER, Galveston, Texas.

A HEALTHY DENOMINATIONALISM.

As a Church, we glory in our breadth and liberality of spirit in our relation to other Church organizations. There is nothing peculiarly sectarian and exclusive in our claims and pretensions. We recognize all evangelical denominations as legitimate branches of Christ's kingdom, and we do not hesitate to affiliate with them in all moral and religious movements whose aim is the uplift of humanity. We not only meet them half way in all efforts of this character, but we go further and often sink our own special Church interests in the general well-being of humanity. We open our church edifices to all good people, and we invite all ministers to join us in our efforts to help communities. And if they fail to enter heartily into our plans, then we frequently surrender ours and adopt theirs in order that good may be the result. Even at the close of our revival meetings, our preachers not only open the doors of our own Church for members, but also propose to take names for other Churches and turn them over to their respective pastors. There is nothing narrow in Methodism.

All of this, to some extent, is lovely and brotherly, but is there not danger of carrying our spirit of liberality in these matters to the point of denominational latitudinarianism? We honestly believe in the broadest charity and in the warmest attitude of fraternity in our relation to other communions, but it is well enough for us to bear in mind the fact that the Methodist Church is our own Church, and that she is entitled to all of the legitimate fruits of her revival enterprises. In our forgetfulness of this important fact, we have lost a great many results of our labors to which we are justly entitled. No other denomination in the world contributes so many members to other communions, in this way, as the Methodist people. We do not stress the importance of converts in our own meetings coming into our own Church membership. We often permit other people to proselyte our converts right in our meetings and under our eyes, without putting forth any special effort to prevent it. Some of us have an idea that just so these newly saved people go into some branch of the Church and become active, that it does not matter particularly which one they join, and we have heard our preachers more than once encourage this pernicious idea. The time has come when we as a Church need to teach, not sectarianism or exclusiveness, but a stalwart, robust and healthy denominationalism. If the Methodist Church is good enough to save people through its agency from sin and death, it is also good enough to take them into its fold and develop them into efficient and strong Christian men and women. We honestly

believe that there is no religious denomination upon earth that can compare with us in our organized ability to look after the spiritual interests of those converted under the special ministry of our preachers and people. Just at this point the Methodist Church needs to gird herself, stand erect and put forth efforts to claim and take care of her own. We have had enough of this namby-pamby breadth and liberality of spirit, so-called, and now we want the Methodist Church, in her spiritual majesty, to loom up and unfurl her banners over all of the territory and people brought by her into a saving knowledge of the gospel. We want as preachers and people, to learn to spell the Methodist Church in large-sized capital letters. METHODIST CHURCH is the way to write and articulate it. And, in doing this, there is no necessity for showing a spirit of bigotry as some other people do, in the name of Christ continue humble and brotherly toward all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in truth and sincerity.

CONTRASTS IN HUMAN NATURE.

Under ordinary circumstances the contrasts observed in human nature are very striking, but in extreme emergencies they come out in bold relief. We have been impressed with this fact as we have read of the horrors attending the storm-stricken districts. As soon as it was known that the hurricane had struck the coast country and that thousands of people were left helpless and destitute, then from all over Texas the hearts of our citizenship went out toward them in deepest sympathy and tenderest love. Canvassing committees were organized in every community, and personal solicitations were earnestly made in behalf of the afflicted. The Churches and the fraternal societies all took action in raising money, food and clothing and rushing the same to the scene of desolation. Expressions of deepest sorrow were heard from all classes of society, and the devout and religious sent up prayers to God in behalf of the suffering and the dying. Physicians, nurses and rescue committees volunteered their services willingly and cheerfully in whatever way they could be made useful in the time of depression and grief. And in the city of Galveston and along the borders of the storm-swept section, even the people who were so fortunate as to escape with their lives went to work with a will to relieve the suffering and to recover the bodies of the dead. Their deeds of heroism are without a parallel in the history of human valor and sacrifice. No such unselfishness has ever been manifested in this country as that which has been developed by the ravages of that horrible storm. This is the expression of the very best elements in human nature. It shows the divinity of the human heart, and it is the existence of this that imparts intrinsic value to life and human relationship. On the other hand, we have had occasion to notice the manifestation of the most hideous and revolting side of human nature in the face of all this suffering and destruction. The lurking fiendishness still dominant in some hearts asserted its supremacy, and by daylight the next morning, with death and desolation widespread, there were those in the city of Galves-

ton up and out with the early dawn, mutilating and robbing the bodies of the dead. They were pulling them from under the debris, searching for money and jewelry. And if the fingers and ears of the victims were too swollen for these ghouls to slip the rings and trinkets from them, they severed the fingers and ears from the inflated victims and put the gruesome remnants in pockets or valises and slunk off to some private retreat and whitened away the flesh at their leisure until the coveted jewelry was freed from death. The very thought of such conduct is shocking in the extreme, but it showed the existence of the devil in human form. No wonder that the authorities, just as soon as they could reduce matters to partial order issued peremptory command to soldiers and peace officers to shoot on the spot and without ceremony any man found looting the bodies of the dead. This they proceeded to do until many wholesome lessons were taught through the medium of powder and balls to these abandoned specimens of human society. But what a contrast! Angels and devils clothed in human flesh! Men and women giving of their substance and imperiling their health and lives to rescue the dead and minister to the wounded and the dying, while others were giving themselves over to the fiendish work of robbing corpses and defiling the sanctity of death and desolation. But as long as sin lives and reigns in the human heart, those deeds of diabolism may be expected even in the face of weal and misery. On the contrary, where God dwells in the hearts of men angels will hover over the scenes of sorrow and grief and put forth every exertion to unshackle the distress and suffering of all human kind. Grace expels all that is bad in human nature and brings to the front all that is good and noble, but sin expels all that is good in human nature and brings to the front all that is bad, revolting and devilish. Therefore, the one great need of the human heart is deliverance from sin and degradation.

THE ISLAND CITY.

A hasty trip to the scene of the late disaster at Galveston demonstrates that the half has not been told. Neither tongue nor pen can convey to the mind the fearful destruction. It must be seen to be even faintly comprehended.

When Lafitte and his band of pirates inhabited the island and buried their ill-gotten gains in the sands thereof, the barren waste was not greater than it is on the east and southern sides of the island. Immediately after the Civil War this territory was used by the United States troops, then encamped on the island, as a drill ground. Year by year since that date buildings have gradually encroached on the Gulf until, seemingly, that great body of water revolted and put forth its mighty arm to reclaim that which was once its own. Before its awful sweep palatial residences, as well as hovels, went down as feathers are swept before the storm, leaving destitution and death in its wake.

In the eastern end of the city resided the membership of St. James Church, around whose altars this writer worshipped many years. A visit to the old church impressed me that

the great Christian principles inculcated within its walls found practical illustration immediately after the storm. The basement of the church was turned into a great commissary, having since the appearance of a wholesale grocery establishment than that of a sanctuary. Out of this bountiful supply hundreds were daily fed, without money and without price. The damage to this structure is estimated at about \$1000. The parsonage immediately adjoining the church, also suffered material damage.

About midway the city, on the corner of Broadway and Bath Avenue, St. Johns Church was located. This church was the successor to old Ryland Chapel. The pastor at the time the church was moved and its name changed was Gen. I. M. Lewis, then in the vigor of his young manhood. He was blessed with a wealthy membership and the church was soon completed. Few larger crowds have ever assembled on Galveston Island than were present at the laying of the cornerstone of that edifice. When the church was completed, Bishop E. M. Marvin, of sainted memory, visited Galveston for the purpose of dedicating the building. After a masterly sermon, the work of lifting the remaining indebtedness began. The sum was about \$10,000. A simple presentation of the matter soon reduced the amount to \$1000. Bro. T. H. McMahan then rose in the congregation and said "Bishop, proceed with the dedication." Bro. McMahan had given many thousands prior to this. This will give the reader an idea of the wealth of the membership in those days. If I remember correctly, Dr. J. B. Walker received a salary of \$1000 per year covering a quadruplex. As that sacred altar this writer and his wife assumed the cross of the Church some thirty years ago, under the pastorate of Dr. Walker, and it is but natural that the wreck of this beautiful church was viewed with dimming eyes.

The loss in membership by death and by removal since the storm from both Churches will reach about one hundred. Bishop Candler has wisely decided to consolidate St. Johns and St. James, and it is hoped that the responses to appeals will soon place a beautiful church on an eligible site, that Methodism may not suffer further loss in the city.

West End Church was seriously damaged and will require some assistance to again place it on a firm foundation. It is probable this church will be removed farther east, thus giving it more territory in which to work.

I found the preachers—Revs. W. B. Bradfield, C. J. Oxley and S. F. Chambers—as cheerful as one could be under the trying ordeal through which they had passed. They were actively engaged in looking after the welfare of the remnants of their congregations.

It will be absolutely necessary for Southern Methodism outside of Galveston to rehabilitate Methodism in that city. It is hoped that no pastor who has read the appeals of their brethren in distress will fail to make an early collection and send the amount promptly to the Advocate, that it may go forward to aid in re-establishing Methodism in the Island City.

Commerce will demand and rebuild the city, and our Church should lead the van of Protestant Christianity in Galveston. L. B.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM REV. J. L. HENRY.

Pekin has been relieved. The Ministers are safe. We hope this news does in fact include our missionary friends. The relief column, after ten days' marching and fighting, arrived before the capital city. Siege was immediately laid to the city. After a week's siege the gates were blown open and the army marched in, and found that they were in time to save the besieged, two long trying, suffering months had they been shut in by the enemy. Among the besieged there were some of the most well-known men in the United States, Dr. Goodrich, of the American Board; Dr. Martin, for long years President of the Imperial University, as well as celebrated for his standing as a theologian; the Rev. Gilbert Hunt, now widely known, and Mr. Robert Hart, for long years Commissioner of the Imperial Customs. There was also a large number of missionaries, besides the three above mentioned, so you may be assured that the news of the relief of Pekin has relieved many of our hearts also.

During these ten months, one of our principal fears was that the supplies would prove insufficient, and finally our friends would have to give up to the inevitable barbarous massacre. And in dispatches from the besieged, the same fears were entertained by them. But here the weeks slowly passed away without completely exhausting both ammunition and food, was a mystery to us. True, it was reported that the Chinese Government was most generously and liberally furnishing them with food, yet such a report was received with a large degree of skepticism, and finally it was fully denied. But it appears that this mystery has finally been explained to-day by the native press. The explanation is that the foreigners succeeded in digging a tunnel from their quarters to those of a high Chinese official, who was one of their neighbors, and of course friendly to them. And in this manner both ammunition and food were procured. Finally, the paper says, the besieged came to suspect this Chinese official, and lodged charges against him in consequence of which he was degraded. The report does not say whether the besiegers discovered the tunnel or not, but it is natural to infer that they did not, for if they had our kind friends' heads would have been cut off. The reports by the foreign press inform us to-day that the besieged were finally so pressed for ammunition that they made and used silver balls.

Shanghai continues quiet. Last week 3000 Indian troops arrived, and are stationed in this vicinity. We are now informed that the French are also sending troops here. And the latest news is that the American Association have called the government to send an American contingent to this city. In view of the threatening attitude of our viceroys recently, it may be a wise measure to place 10,000 foreign troops at this important point. The effect on the surrounding country, far and near, would no doubt be most favorable to peace and order.

Reports of the most shocking character concerning missionaries who have been journeying from distant points to the ports, and of the shameful treatment they received at the hands of all classes, still continue to come. One party numbering ten, and composed of men, women and children, were on the road for fifty days. Mob after mob abused them and robbed them, stripping them of all their clothing, both the men and women, except their breeches (for they were dressed in Chinese costumes), thus exposing their bodies down to their waists, to the burning rays of a summer's sun. Oh, it is passing cruel to relate! What must the actual sufferings have been? Five of the number died as the result of the sufferings to which their enemies subjected them. Some of the poor women were subjected to treatment by the soldiers who were sent to guard them—such treatment that can never be written. Surely China does stand in need of missionaries! Let the Church have her hosts ready for the time when it comes. It will come.

J. L. HENRY.

Shanghai, China, Aug. 29, 1900.

SOME SHOTS.

The editorial bow of the Advocate has been plied so rapidly and so steadily during the past several months against the vices and follies of the day in Church and State, at home and abroad, and the shafts sped have been so polished and true to their aim as to be left quivering in the mark, there has been no need of satiric bolts from any other pen. The writer, under the above caption, in restraining his bow, desires only to note and commend the happy shots of the Advocate. Time and space will not allow to recount them all, as they have been many, though all were good.

The editorial titled "The Divorce Mills of Dallas," in Advocate of July

18, can not be too highly commended for its wise, salutary and needful strictures upon the prevalence of divorce and the lax and easy manner under the laws of the State with which they are obtained. The institution of marriage is divinely ordained, and upon the sacred observance of its bonds depends the welfare of society, the purity and moral elevation of the race. When lightly held in esteem, it indicates a vitiated state of morals among the people. The system of divorce panders to the worst passions of depraved human nature, concupiscence and covetousness. The fault of its prevalence lies at the door of Church and State, in the laxity of the moral tone of the one and the failure of the rigid enforcement of the laws by the other. The Church *ex cathedra* should array itself in firm and inflexible opposition to the evil, and lay down as the only lawful ground of divorce that declared by Christ.

Another timely editorial, in the same issue of the Advocate, was "Let Us Adhere to Our Methodist Usages." Those specially noted in article, from which there is a departure, are the regular form of service as prescribed in the Discipline and the administration of the sacrament. It is readily conceded that the adoption of a stated form of public worship and the ceremonial observance of the sacraments ordained of Christ, which set forth the grand doctrines and principles of Christianity, are essential to the existence and external organization of any body of Christians as a Church. The reading of the Scriptures, the preaching of the Word, with song and prayer, are the ordinances divinely instituted for the service of the sanctuary. The order and degree of these should be fixed and uniformly observed, and not left to individual fancy or caprice. Whatever may be the mode of worship adopted, it should come up to the measure and standard set forth and expressed by the Psalmist when he says, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." It should be such as strongly to enliven the heart and mind, the entire spiritual being, in the worship of God.

The form and order of public worship as devised and adopted by the founders of Methodism, whilst plain and simple, yet is solemn and impressive, and amply sufficient when properly carried out for all purposes of religious instruction, rendering acceptable tribute of praise unto God and the promulgation of the gospel. It has come down to the present generation commended and sanctioned by the wisdom and experience of the past. In the observance of it, the gospel has been preached "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power," the songs of Zion have been sung with the spirit and understanding and melody in the heart unto God, prayer ardent has opened heaven and let down the consecrated glory upon thousands of congregations in audience with Deity, and the log hut, the brush arbor or the country meeting-house, with its plain, bare walls, have been transformed to a Bethel, and the gate of Paradise to enraptured souls. Under its prescribed form of service, the Methodist Church, which at the beginning of the century, to use scriptural metaphor, was but as "a handful of corn sown on the top of the mountain," as seen in prophetic vision, has increased and prospered until it numbers its communicants by the millions.

With this experience of the efficiency of the form and order of service prescribed by the Church, why should there be any departure, ordinarily from it, or change made? Yet, changes and innovations have been made in it under the trend of the age, that, in its hurry and activity and restless pursuit of the new and sensational, the grand and marvelous in art and science, counts the past as effete in its maxims, usages, thoughts and notions, and seeks to establish a new order of things. The introduction of instrumental music into public worship and the delegation of the service of song to a choir has in many churches shut out, whether necessarily or unnecessarily, the congregation from participation in the singing.

In some of the churches, as in the one where the writer of this article attends, the amen corner is now occupied by the organ and choir, which in other days was devoted to the mothers in Israel, whose devout attention was an inspiration to the preacher, and whose tuneful voices were as if angels sung. The amen corner which the fathers in Israel in other days were accustomed to fill is now usually vacant. The fervent responses that upheld the preacher in his sermon, and the loud voices that with sublime harmony completed the music of the congregation, are wanting. What few of each class and sex now remain are scattered here and there in the congregation, and with closed lips, if not with prayerless hearts, pass through the services of the Sabbath. The old hymns sung in other days, and which often spiritually

refreshed the hosts of Zion in their march through time, like the wells and the palm trees of Elim, or the waters of Meribah, the weary tribes of Israel in their journey in the wilderness, are rarely ever sung. The true and spiritual worship of God is often sacrificed to an aesthetic taste for orchestral music.

The comment of St. Paul, in his First Epistle to the Corinthians, sets forth the importance and value of the sacrament or Lord's Supper as an institution of Christianity. At the first stroke of his pen, he touchingly tells us that it was instituted by the Saviour the same night that he was betrayed, and opens up our hearts in affectionate sympathy to accept it. He forcibly states the object and ends of the ordinance. It was appointed to be done in remembrance of Christ—to keep fresh in the memory of his disciples his love for them and sacrificial death. It was to show forth and perpetuate in impressive memorial "the Lord's death till he come." It is a solemn and exalted means of grace to those who celebrate it. It declares and strengthens their faith in the grace and virtue of his death, as a sacrifice and ransom for sin, and that they trust in him alone for salvation.

The apostle in his comment hints that this ordinance should be frequent. The ancient Churches celebrated it every Lord's day. Too frequent repetition may impair its solemnity in the hearts and minds of the communicants. This depends upon the manner and spirit in which the rite is viewed and dispensed. If it is celebrated in joyous commemoration of "Christ as our passover," and "with the unleavened bread of truth and sincerity," it will deepen the current of faith and piety in our religious life, as "streams their channels deeper wear," with every observance of it. If it is celebrated but once a year in each individual Church, it is so rare that the ordinance will fail of its effects as a precious means of grace, and seemingly regarded to be of so slight a value that it might be dispensed with. The command of Christ to his disciples is to observe it until he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and be admired in all them that believe.

The editorials titled "People Who Live in Glass Houses" and "Worse and Worse for the Negro," in issues of the Advocate, August 23 and 29, are just and valiant retorts upon the North for the thrusts it made upon the South. The editor strikes with the sharp point of his lance, as did "the Dishonored Knight" upon the shield of Sir Brian de Bois-Guilbert, when he challenged him to mortal combat at the tourney described in Scott's "Ivanhoe." The Advocate is entitled to the gratitude of the South for the noble and manly defense which it has at all times made in its behalf when unjustly assailed. The editor certainly owes his work nobly, grandly, and is worthy of the highest honor from his Church and the admiration of all chivalrous Southern hearts.

J. M. GREENE.

SHALL WE DIVIDE?

Under this caption I wrote an article against the proposed division of the Northwest Texas Conference. This article has been vigorously attacked by several critics, and I ask a little space for a reply.

1. One critic says it would be easier to station 129 preachers than 240. That depends entirely on the preachers. I played presiding elder one year, and have been intimate with these high officials for several years, and the fact is that about 90 per cent of the preachers are very easily placed. The trouble about placing the others is not so much due to the size of the conference as it is to the size of the preachers and the sighs of the people.

2. Attempt was made to show that the slowness of our growth as a conference was due to our size, our critic alleging that, when he joined, it was growing at the rate of twenty-five a year. The fact is, we never had such a growth but one year, and that was due to the opening up of Greer County, the plains and other parts of the Panhandle. Since then our growth has been normal. Not as fast as we would like, but faster than other conferences in Texas. So that whatever may be the matter with us, it is not our size.

3. It is urged that difficulty of entertainment deprives the territory now to be cut off of the privilege of having the conference up there. The fact is, that six times in the last thirteen years the Annual Conference has met within this same territory. Another fact is that the capacity of our towns and cities to entertain is growing much faster than the conference itself is growing, so that the problem of entertainment is about the same now it has always been.

4. As an offset to the fact that distances will not be materially changed by division, we are told that several railroads are pointing across that territory. When I was stationed at Vernon eight years ago, I contributed money to get a road to Vernon that they said was bound to come right away. It hasn't come yet. When they

do come it will be time enough to reckon with them.

5. Attempt was made to answer the fact that a stock country is necessarily a thinly settled country by saying that parties located on small tracts are doing well. But most people don't know what is meant by small tracts. I know two farmers within eight miles of Vernon, and it takes three sections for them to farm on, and they have barely made a living during the last eight years. A notice recently appeared in the Dallas News to the effect that prospectors were coming into the Panhandle, and could not get a foothold because those already there will not sell and there is not room enough for them unless somebody will leave.

6. The rapid development of Greer County has been appealed to to show the prosperity of the country. This country was full in 1893. Every piece of tillable land had on it a settler, and everybody was happy. In 1895 many of these claims were abandoned. Wire fences were torn down and hauled away. Bro. J. W. Kizziah was sent back East to solicit donations for those who could not get away.

7. I passed a deserted claim with the following sign nailed to the gate post: "Stranger, if you like this claim, drive in and take it. I tried it three years and couldn't make a living."

I am sure the condition of the people is much better now. But the trying experiences of that year are too recent to be forgotten, especially since they had the same land, the same water and sky and wind then that they have now.

8. It has been asserted that the \$2700 more than they raise which is now spent in that territory for domestic missions can be easily raised by having the General Board to give them half of it and let the new conference raise the balance by an increase of assessment. But this would require them to pay at least 50 per cent more for domestic missions than they now pay. And this they are not likely to do, since the amount spent in that country, above what they pay, has increased rather than diminished in the last two years.

9. An appeal has been made to the example and wisdom of our Texas fathers in setting us off, etc.

The fact is that there has scarcely been a year since they set us off that they have not felt toward us like Pharaoh did toward the children of Israel, and were sorry that they let us go. They finally got so desperate that as early as 1881 the Texas Conference sent Dr. I. G. John as a commissioner to beg us for territory. We gave them a generous slice, and still they are not satisfied.

In conclusion, I will say that whatever force there may be in the points above discussed, there are at least three facts which ought to defeat the Vernon proposition:

1. The proposed line cuts off six of the nine counties which make up the North Texas Conference. Such a mutilating of that conference is manifestly unjust and unwise.

2. It makes of the central part of the Northwest Texas Conference a territory less, by six counties, than the present Texas Conference. And since the Texas Conference having proved by experience the unwise of so small a conference, it would certainly be folly to put us in even a worse condition.

3. All the presiding elders in the territory to be cut off, save one, and 50 per cent of the preachers in charge, and nearly all the lay delegates, think it would be unwise and do not want it. Therefore, when the proposition is submitted, let it be voted down with such a thud that even its ghost will never rise again.

JNO. M. HARCUS.

REJOINDER TO BRO. WISEMAN

The chief ground of contention between Bros. Duncan and Wiseman and myself is not whether Methodism in Northwest Texas will "hold its own," but whether there is a prospect of rapid growth. The main contentions of those who favor division are:

1. That the prospect of future development in this part of the State is such as to justify the establishment of a new conference.

2. That the interests of Methodism demand such a measure.

In replying to my article, Bro. W. confines himself to the first proposition. His reason for that course is easily seen; for the second proposition must stand or fall with the first one. The rules of controversy require that my rejoinder be confined to his reply. Now to the argument.

Of my statement that "big pastures are becoming more numerous," etc., Bro. W. says: "This is true, but misleading. The area devoted to farms and small ranches is greater than ever before, and is rapidly increasing." We must concede that Bro. W. knows his own district, and that so far as the territory which he covers is concerned that is a correct statement. But, if applied to Northwest Texas in general, it is an error. In a majority of the counties the increase of population within the last few years has been very

small, and in not a few there has even been a decrease.

Of cattlemen, Bro. W. says: "Few have bought, while many have moved." In a sense this is true. The primitive "cow man," with his "dugout" and free ranges, has about disappeared. But he has given place to another type of ranchman who, as a rule, is moral, intelligent and progressive. Men who devote themselves exclusively to cattle raising were never more numerous in Northwest Texas than at present, and their number is increasing. Another important fact is that most of our business and professional men are investing their surplus earnings in ranch property. Such investments frequently replace whole families by a cowboy or two.

It is further stated: "Those who move give place to settlements." Not always. In many instances they give place to other ranchmen, and not infrequently to ranchmen operating on a large scale. The number of ranchmen who give place to farmers grows smaller every year. And farmers often give place to ranchmen.

"The case in Wilbarger County of a ranchman buying out farmers" is not so unusual as Bro. W. supposes. It space were allowable, I could cite one instance after another.

In discussing the stability of population, my opponent misses the point.

"Population" means "the whole number of people or inhabitants in a country or portion of a country." (Webster.) The question, then, is not whether the people of a section are all likely to stay where they are, but whether as some leave a like number will come in to take their places. As a rule, when a center in Central Texas moves out of a community, another center moves in to take its place. Hence, in that region there will always be a stable "number of inhabitants" and work for preachers. But in Northwest Texas it is of frequent occurrence that a community gives place to a ranchman who does not live on the ranch—in short, to two or three work hands and large numbers of cattle and coyotes. Hence I still dispute the statement that "the present population of Northwest Texas is proportionately as stable as that of any other portion of the State." And, besides, if it be a fact that "an exact statement of facts will show a greater number of congregations in Central Texas threatened by a floating population of renters than by the sale of homes in the West," that fact is an argument against division. Add to that fact the other one mentioned by my opponent that "communities once held by Methodism" are now being "surrendered to our neighbors from across the sea," and we see at once that not only the Northwest, but our whole conference, is actually threatened with shrinkage.

And when we remember that year before last we suffered a decrease of membership, and that last year our net gain was small, where is the wisdom of dividing?

"As a rule the demand for a change of circuit lines comes from growth." Not "as a rule." Many times it has resulted from shrinkage. This is witnessed by the fact that while in the last four years there has been a continual shifting of circuit lines, few new charges have been formed, and many appointments have been discontinued.

Against the opinion that the contest between farmers and ranchmen must result in favor of the latter, it is urged "This has not been the outcome of the conflict between cowmen and farmers in other portions of the State." No; because it was formerly cheaper for stock raisers to move further west than to buy land. But now, as my opponent admits, "free grass is a thing of the past." What ranges are still open in New Mexico and the great Northwest are already overstocked. There is no "Out West" for stockmen. The tide is turning the other way. California now sends to Texas for part of its beef supply. Ranchmen have been excluded from the Indian Territory. Hence, those in this section are face to face with the alternative of buying or leasing land, or quitting the business. They are not quitting. In fact, the railroads are annually bringing hundreds of carloads of stock cattle into this very section.

"As the price of lands increases the large ranches will disappear of necessity." This short statement begs several questions. Much of the land is not now, nor is it probable that it will be, on the market. In about half the territory of the proposed new conference the land is classed by the State as "arid," and this land, whether school or railroad land, is leased to men of large ranches for an indefinite period. In the balance of the territory, taken as a whole, lands are worth little, if any, more than they were twenty years ago. But if the price of land should rise, it does not follow that ranchmen will give it up. They argue that there will always be a demand for beef, that the passing of free grass has made it more expensive to raise cattle, and that the consequent scarcity of supply will cause ranch products to always command a good price. Ranch-

men are meeting cheer by gradually replacing cattle with Herford or of the best quality, rounding their pastures, that will stand for many are building larger and additional windmills, nesting different ranches all with their town residences outside world by means of telephone lines by expense. By securing and killing the prairie stray so much grass, and ing four-fold the value pasture. Does all the large ranches a year? They are herds of them are growing in number is increasing.

Not long since I ask stockman, who was busy he could get, his reason in land instead of cattle was: "In a few years land and some other things I can get cattle at. He is merely one of the policy of cattlemen Northwest Texas and Kansas, and they have brains and money to scheme. Add to all the increasing tendency of stockmen to make their Worth and Dals, and a large increase in population, extremely hazy.

Only last year the wheat whose home is in Louisiana a large pasture town on the railroad, placed several farmers raises. Straws show wind blows.

My opponent makes year's good crop of wheat it is said that not more of the territory under voted to wheat culture much of the remaining available for that purpose this is the first good crop several years, it will be that this year's wheat justify the establishment of a conference.

With ranch owners in parts of the country in control of the northwestern conference territory, with their own Church crowding us to the walls and central portions, existence of many Churches by the fact that their own homes, the promoters must rest their case on than the prospect of gain in extension. E. L.

P. S.—One of the arguments against division that is found in the fact three-fourths of the territory of the proposition are against such a

A QUESTION OF METHOD

I allude to the question and by whom the Church in Texas was time that this question settled into positive movement. McTyeire, in Methodism," on preference to introduce Methodism in Texas prior to Ruter, Fowler and Adams: "Let us not forget before, Wm. S. \* \* \* itinerated from Missouri Arkansas and Louisiana \* \* \* From 1821 to presiding elder on the trial, then a part of the territory, Salasota, being older on the 120 from 1825 to 1823. T. to the Sabine River, a occasionally and but the Americans who disregarding the Roman Mexican authorities positively so asserting implies that Wm. Ste actually enter Texas between 1823 and 1822 elder of the Louisiana that then he came a River from the Louisiana to Dr. Ruter's "He crossed the Sabl 19, 1827. \* \* \* He few miles he found a calling the neighbors of his first sermon house. \* \* \* He being in the neighborhood had been organized by p. 613.) Those state upon the authority of page 615, again McT other pioneer was F a native of Kentucky licensed to preach by the Illinois frontier \* \* \* he settled County, Ark., and was preacher. In 1829 he the presiding elder, visited Austin's Colo 1824, and preached in and on the Colorado and San Felipe.

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A QUESTION OF METHODIST HISTORY.

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1824, he organized a Church in San... Augustine, and made such headway..."

As opposed to this account "of the... books," Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, in his..."

1. It is made on undoubted authority... We presume upon testimony of..."

We do not know whether this is the... authority on which Bro. Nichols thinks..."

S. W. TURNER. Quannah, Texas.

WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS—DANCING.

Before dismissing this feature of... the subject let us hear from Major..."

dancing in seven States before about... 100 congregations, numbering from..."

Mr. Faulkner says: "Some of the... lowest and most disgusting deeds..."

To this question Major Penn says... I asked the proprietors and the proprietresses..."

No one will deny that Christ and his... apostles traveled from place to place..."

Let us examine it by the try-square... Acts 8:4. "Therefore they that were..."

Give to this relic of heathendom... But Christians are exhorted in the..."

EPISCOPAL METHODISM—OUR MINISTRY.

"And no man taketh this honor unto... himself, but he that was called of..."

1. Our ministry, has it divine sanction... and example in God's Book? In..."

2. In our itinerancy we might claim... prophetic as well as apostolic example..."

No one will deny that Christ and his... apostles traveled from place to place..."

Let us examine it by the try-square... Acts 8:4. "Therefore they that were..."

So reader you see we are backed both... by prophetic and apostolic practice..."

Discouraged

Men, who have suffered the tortures of... dyspepsia, will find encouragement in..."



Medical Discovery is used the result in a... perfect and permanent..."

Chronic Dyspepsia may cause... Dr. Farnes' Medical Discovery..."

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Secular News Items.

The following is the summing up of the status of matters at Galveston at this writing. We clip it from the News.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 22.—The Southern Pacific completed its track to Virginia Point last night and resumed train service into Galveston this morning.

Insurance Inspector Yonens has finished his canvass of buildings lost in the district entirely swept away by the storm.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has finished laying a nineteen-conductor cable across the bay, and has almost finished stringing a new cable from the bay to the office.

Ex-Congressman Walter Gresham has made the suggestion that the people of Galveston County apply to the State for relief from State taxation for two years under a provision of the Constitution made to fit such emergencies.

At a meeting of the Central Relief Committee Mr. John Sealy announced, in response to inquiries as to rehabilitating the hospitals, that he and his sister, Mrs. R. Waverly Smith, would provide for the repairs of John Sealy Hospital as soon as a report could be had from their architect.

The Central Relief Committee authorized the opening of saloons between the hours of 6 a. m. and 7 p. m. beginning next Monday.

At a meeting of the School Board today the Superintendent of Schools was authorized to have immediate temporary repairs made to three of the school buildings in order to open the schools as soon as possible.

At a meeting of the City Council, held this evening a committee was appointed to confer with the Central Relief Committee to-morrow, with the object of obtaining funds to support the necessary departments of the city government, such as the Fire, Police and Waterworks Departments.

Galveston will swing onto her own in the matter of grain exports, but to do so Galveston banks will have to do the financing which has hitherto been done by New York, St. Louis and New Orleans banks.

Mr. Fennelly said that the exporters had no idea of abandoning Galveston. Just as much grain will go that way as has ever gone in the past, but money to move the grain would have to come from Galveston banks instead of from other cities.

The banks of New Orleans, St. Louis and New York, said Mr. Fennelly, "do not care to finance the exporting of grain through Galveston any longer. This is well understood. I do not think there will be any trouble in arranging that end of it

through Galveston banks, however." Mr. Fennelly was in Galveston just as soon after the storm as he could effect an entrance into the city.

"It does not look as if I intended to abandon Galveston," said Mr. Fennelly, "when I am opening an office there, does it? I will be in Galveston myself and run the business until it gets well under way. We will, of course, maintain our office here."

The Mayor of Galveston, as we go to press, sends out an official "appeal" to the American people touching the losses of the city, and the present needs of the storm sufferers, and the "appeal" is endorsed by Gov. Sayers and Clara Barton. We clip from the statement the following facts:

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 25.—To the American people: Seventeen days after the storm at Galveston it is still impossible to accurately estimate the loss of life and property. But it is known that the dead in the city will number at least 9000, or approximately one-sixth of the census population.

Along the beach front alone upward of 2000 houses, by actual map count, were totally destroyed. Of these not a timber remains upon the original site and the wreckage constitutes the embankment of debris extending along the entire beach front three or four blocks inward for about three miles.

In the removal of this debris, in the clearing of streets, in making temporary repairs to houses not entirely destroyed, in distributing supplies and in the general work of restoration our entire citizenship are engaged. Men whose services could not be secured at this season for \$50 an hour are giving their time without compensation.

Our people are meeting this disaster with characteristic American pluck. Not forgetting their dead, they nevertheless hide their sorrows and turn their faces cheerfully toward the future.

Were our task but to afford temporary relief and to care for the wounded and the orphans an appeal to Texas alone would be sufficient. The wounded and the orphans are comparatively few, since only the sturdiest were able to combat the maddened elements. But a greater and graver work confronts us.

Heavy orders for cement, brick, nails, iron, tin and other building material were placed in New York on September 29 for prompt shipment to Galveston. Orders for general merchandise were also quite numerous and in large amounts. The Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society has asked for contributions for the rebuilding of places of worship destroyed by the hurricane in Galveston.

The Citizens' Relief Committee, organized by the Merchants' Association, has turned over its work to the Relief Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Rt. Rev. Nicholas A. Gallagher, Bishop of the Diocese of Galveston, has made an estimate of the losses to Catholic Church property by the storm. He places the loss of property in the city at \$325,000, outside the city in this diocese, \$25,000 for nine frame houses, making a total of \$350,000.

From San Antonio the following item is sent out: "A cloudburst in the valley of Nueces River Saturday night did much damage to property, and also, according to reports received here, resulted in the loss of life on the ranches. The Nueces at Uvalde jumped up 25 feet in two hours, broke telegraphic communication and threatened the Southern Pacific bridges over the Nueces."

Sept. 18-21.—Proposal of the German Government in regard to the delivery of the responsible authors of recent crimes committed in Peking, and the reply of the United States thereto.

The Government of His Majesty, the Emperor, considers as a preliminary condition for entering into diplomatic negotiations with the Chinese Government, a surrender of such persons as are determined upon as being the first and real perpetrators of the crimes committed in Peking against international law.

The representatives of the powers in Peking will be in a position to make or adduce in this investigation fully valid testimony. The number of those punished is of less importance than their character as principal instigators and leaders.

In a late dispatch we give the following account of the great miners strike in the Northern coal region: An effort will be made to start the collieries located in Schuylkill County with the protection of three regiments of the State National Guard.

Havana, Sept. 23.—Thirty-one new cases of yellow fever have been officially reported since Friday, making nearly 100 now under treatment. Capt. Geo. S. Cartwright, Twenty-Fourth United States Infantry, who was taken down with the fever last Monday at Camp Columbia, is dead.

The Italian press has a good deal to say, wires the Daily Mail's Rome correspondent, about Marie Corelli's novel, "The Master Christian."

formally declare war; and, taking advantage of Germany's position as a belligerent, he will proceed to seize everything available with the German forces and fleet.

The Boer war is practically ended. President Kruger is an exile, having taken refuge on Portuguese territory at Lorenzo Marques, where the Portuguese Government guarantees him safety until a Dutch ship can carry him to Holland.

Under the instructions issued by President McKinley, April 7, the Philippine Commission assumed powers of legislation and appointment, and the general control of all civil affairs in the Philippines, last Saturday.

It is now expected that the return of the volunteers from the Philippines will begin about the middle of November. There are about 21,000 of them and it will require all the transports nearly six months to bring them home.

One day it is asserted that Roumania and Bulgaria are on the brink of hostilities and the next comes the news that there is the prospect of an amicable agreement. Yet the contention between these two Balkan States is not settled, and unless restrained by one or more of their powerful neighbors there may be a clash of arms between them.

President McKinley has asked ex-Presidents Cleveland and Harrison to serve as the American members of the International Tribunal of Arbitration, for which provision was made by the Peace Conference at the Hague.

London, Sept. 26.—The news from China indicates that events are rapidly drifting in the direction of war between China and Germany.

"Russia has handed over the Taku-Pekin Railway to Germany."

Of the recent rains and the threatened overflow along the Colorado River, the Daily News Tuesday had the following dispatch:

Austin, Texas, Sept. 24.—Gov. Sayers to-night wired to all points south of here warning notices that the most terrific flood in the history of the Colorado River, which passes this point, is now surging down through the mountain gorges to the northwest of here, and is expected at this place by midnight.

Goldthwaite, Texas, Sept. 24.—To Gov. Sayers: Notify all towns on Colorado River, and have towns notify country points that river is ten feet higher than ever known and is still rapidly rising.

The river has been rising very rapidly at this point since 4 o'clock this afternoon, and reports from Goldthwaite at 8 o'clock to-night say that the water is still rapidly rising there.

At Athens, Texas, Sept. 24.—In the case of Jim Patterson, who has been on trial here several days, charged with the killing of Constable Rhodes, of the Trans-Cedar Precinct, on the night of December 21, 1898, the jury returned a verdict of guilty this morning and assessed his punishment at fourteen years in the penitentiary.

Lord Roberts reports from Pretoria, under date of September 24, that the Guards under Pole-Carew occupied Komatipoort that morning. The bridges were found intact. Much rolling stock, locomotives and truckloads of Long Tom ammunition were captured.

The Health Problem is much simpler than is sometimes supposed. Health depends chiefly upon perfect digestion and pure blood, and the problem is solved very readily by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Before some preachers will throw a stone at a sin they want to know who is hiding under it.—Ram's Horn.

Advertisement for Hartshorn's Sarsaparilla, featuring a portrait of a woman and the text "THIS AUTOGRAPH IS NEVER ON A POOR SHADE-ROLLER AND NEVER ABSENT FROM A GOOD ONE."

Notes From the NORTHWEST TEXAS CANYON.

R. Frank Buls, Sept. 24. Inst. this county voted on with result as follows: Motion 118: against prohibition for prohibition, 51.

Jim M. Bond, Sept. 19. is still going on at Bent W. Young, of Putnam Co. of the preaching, and he there have been forty-five versions. Half of them are M.'s; what digging Char Twenty-six additions to have been seventy since last month. Will come the 5th Sabbath in this more meetings to hold.

Jim M. Bond, Sept. 24. ing at Benbrook closed rained out. We had sixty and thirty-seven additions in was the same one Mary's Creek, as I was the gragation—only moved the two meetings there conversions and fifty add Charlie Young, of Putnam most of the preaching. We will continue at Albedo day. We have four more hold before conference.

R. F. Dunn, Sept. 19. meetings on the Green's are all over for this se have been about 116 con reclamations, and about been received into the C charge, by vows and oth conference. My assistant Kiker, and I have been in our meetings by the efficient local preachers of I also had timely and y from Rev. S. J. Vaughan, Station, and Rev. H. A. I in Station, and others w appreciate. Our financial hopeful, and the spiritual our people is better, we was one year ago. We and appreciative people cessors may count them nate in their "appointme

J. K. Watson, Sept. 22: busy time since we came of the first of June. We h protracted services, and good has been accomplish place. We have had thirt sions and eleven access Church. The disparity two is due to the fact number who were conve ready in the Church. The terests of the Church ar We have celled the bull quite, and will also pain out before conference. raise \$200 debt on the well as pay in full all We serve a good people.

J. T. Owen, L. P., Sept. 2. Quarterly Conference, Creek charge was to 15th and 16th of Sep stewards were not rec adjourned to Wednesday We have had a very plea itable year on Green's We have two postors of R. F. Dunn and C. F. have ten appointments held meetings at each of good meetings at most of have been about one bu sions, more or less. The loved for their work's s

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CANYON.

B. Frank Bule, Sept. 24: On the 22d inst. this county voted on prohibition...

ALEDO.

Jim M. Bond, Sept. 19: Our meeting is still going on at Benbrook. Bro. C. W. Young, of Putnam Circuit, did most of the preaching...

ALEDO.

Jim M. Bond, Sept. 24: Our meeting at Benbrook closed yesterday. It rained out. We had sixty conversions and thirty-seven additions...

HARRIS.

R. F. Dunn, Sept. 19: Our revival meetings on the Green's Creek Circuit are all over for this season. There have been about 110 conversions and reclamations...

COMANCHE CIRCUIT.

J. K. Watson, Sept. 22: It has been a busy time since we came on the circuit, the first of June. We have held five protracted services...

GREEN'S CREEK.

J. T. Owen, L. P., Sept. 22: The fourth Quarterly Conference for Green's Creek charge was to have been the 15th and 16th of September...

judgment of this scribe that the conference would do well to return these pastors. Of course we are loyal Methodists, but I am just fishing...

CROWELL.

C. E. Lindsey: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is past, and we are making the home run for conference. I have nearly finished my second year on this charge...

GLEN COVE CIRCUIT.

G. W. Templin: I have closed my round of camp and protracted meetings on Glen Cove Circuit. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad and give him all the glory...

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DODD.

T. W. Lovell, Sept. 24: Prohibition re-election at Dodd Saturday, September 15. Prohibition victory by 110 to 11. Rejoice with us!

COCHRAN AND CARUTH.

C. H. Govette, Sept. 22: Last Sunday night we closed at Cochran a splendid meeting, which had been in progress two weeks. Rev. W. M. P. Rippey preached us three searching sermons at the beginning of the meeting...

The Baptist. The Church was lifted by the power of the Holy Ghost on higher ground than perhaps she had ever reached before in all its history.

NEVADA.

S. W. Miller, Sept. 17: Yesterday was a good day at Nevada, notwithstanding the excessively hot day. I was kept busy. A ride of four miles and performed a marriage ceremony...

GREENWOOD.

Bascom Johnson, Sept. 21: We began our protracted meetings for the Greenwood Circuit July 1, at Rush Branch. Preached from Saturday to Sunday night week, with eight conversions and reclamations...

GAINESVILLE MISSION.

L. G. White, Sept. 21: I have just closed my third and last meeting for this work. Rev. Nat. Read, of Peoria, did the preaching here in Gainesville for me. A more earnest and practical preacher I never knew...

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

EDDOM CIRCUIT.

J. W. Bridges: Our protracted meetings have all been held. We have had some very fine meetings. The Lord has been with me in power. There have been about one hundred conversions and seventy-two accessions to the Methodist Church...

KILGORE.

T. T. Booth, Sept. 24: The Kilgore charge is holding its own though there is still room for improvement. I have been greatly hindered this year in my work from sickness in my family, though, thank God, they are all alive and in moderate health...

MARVIN.

W. R. McCarver, Sept. 22: Our meetings for this charge have all been held. Our first was here at home—Marvin. At this point we were assisted by Bro. Douglas of Maxey charge. He was with us six days, preaching twice a day...

and bearing fruit. We are hopeful of clearing the deck by conference on a financial line, except that the preacher may be behind. We have nearly all the claims offered by the Church...

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL.

By call of the presiding elders, together with Chairman and Secretary of Board of Education, September 25-30 is the time designated in interest of Twentieth Century Movement. Last every pastor in West Texas Conference observe in same proper way this week...

NOTICE BRETHREN.

Please read Article 132, page 19, of the Discipline, and let us go to work this quarter to get our permanent register correct. And who not the "blessed" this round ask us in regard to this book. I believe that not keeping a permanent register by the pastor accounts for some of the loss in our membership.

We have just had a great opening of Vanderbilt University. The prospects were never brighter for a great year. A finer student body I never saw anywhere.

THE METHODIST DINING HALL. Is the place to get your meals while attending the State Fair. It will be under the management of the ladies of the Oak Cliff Methodist Church.

A TEXAS WONDER! HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY.

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With warm shampoos of CITHURA SOAP and light dressings of CITHURA, purest of emollient skin cures. This treatment at once stops falling hair, removes crusts, scales, and dandruff, soothes irritated, itching surfaces, stimulates the hair follicles, supplies the roots with energy and nourishment, and makes the hair grow when all else fails.

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clare war; and, taking ad-Germany's position as a he will proceed to seize available with the German fleet. ected that Germany will u Sung forts and the Kian l, thus dominating Shang- also believed that she will on the Yang Tse from the and endeavor to seize the s, including the valuable s. Failing in this, she will up all the province of Kith of the Yang Tse King- nch will support Germany. rumor, but reliable infor- will probably be confirm- foreign Office. Prompt ac- sary to prevent a coup, constitute a serious menace interests. as handed over the Taku- ay to Germany."

ent rains and the threat- along the Colorado Riv- News Tuesday had the spatch. exas, Sept. 24.—Gov. Sayers red to all points south of g notices that the most l in the history of the Col- , which passes this point, ging down through the orges to the northwest of epected at this place by The warning notice was Gov. Sayers in response to g telegraphic warning: site, Texas, Sept. 24.—To : Notify all towns on Col- and have towns notify ts that river is ten feet ever known and is still iz. Very urgent. PHIL H. CLEMENTS, "State Representative." has been rising very rap- point since 4 o'clock this and reports from Gold- o'clock to-night say that still rapidly rising there, was reported to be fifty- t dark at that point. All Colorado watersheds very have fallen during the ys, and the rise reported n now is twenty feet high- one that broke the Austin rked the city's light and last April. It is expected ance of this great rise will ustain about midnight, and a the lowlands to the south y, and all points reached egraph or telephone were ed with by the Governor th the warning to escape food arrives. Great alarm he result of the rise.

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erts reports from Pretoria, of September 24, that the ler Pole-Carew occupied t that morning. The found intact. Much roll- omotives and truckloads n ammunition were cap- a few rifle shots were Roberts adds: "Paget has usmus Camp, 3000 cattle, and twenty-five prisoners, made another big haul of Lord Roberts also reports Boer troops remaining in Transvaal are completely t" and says they are most- the foreign mercenaries to Lorenzo Marquez ow-Portuguese Government maintain them while re them a passage to their untries.

Health Problem der than is sometimes sup- depends chiefly upon per- and pure blood, and the iced very readily by Hood's You may keep well by mply for any stomach or Its cures of scrofula, salt th, dyspepsia, rheumatism cases are numbered by the family cathartic is Hood's e preachers will throw a e they want to know how ler it.—Ram's Horn.

APH IS NEVER ON DE-ROLLER ESSENT. THE GENUINE HARTSHORN

Our Young Folks

BILLIE FAIRFIELD'S PROMISE.

When Billie took the milk... she asked him whether he would bring another quart that night...

"Oh, mother, I can't go away on these alone..."

When Billie got into the kitchen his mother stood at the door with her hat and apron on...

Mrs. Shelley explained, when she opened the door, "What made you come away on her tonight?"

Billie explained, "Mrs. Fairfield answered, and Billie wished nobody would look at him."

"Thank you, mother, she said, mother, be quiet when they had started to leave again..."

"Buy the tooth and sell it not," said his mother, "The mother was your promise, Billie. Would you sell the tooth just to get rid of walking up to Mrs. Shelley?"

Billie made an answer. He was ashamed again.

Presently he asked his mother whether she would slide down Billie. Mrs. Fairfield hesitated, but she was a small woman...

"Why don't you do something to me, mother?" he said, while they were washing themselves at the big coal stove in the sitting room.

"The mother looked at him. "Thanked him, pretty hard work for me to whip such a big boy as you are."

"Don't you want to help instead of making me do more?" "I'll tell you how you'll be punished, Billie," she continued.

"Fortune-telling was Billie's favorite hobby, and this was a blow that he had to bear."

"He said his father would say 'cottage pudding' to each other for a long time afterward if anything was in danger of being neglected or forgotten."

FOR HIS MOTHER'S SAKE.

The May sun set in a halo of glory over Chancellorsville's gray field strewn with the dead and dying.

Among those who came at dawn in search of loved ones who had fallen was Mrs. Lynne, one of the many of the women of the Southland whom the war had bewildered.

with great care prepared him savory morsels to tempt his appetite...

"Poor boy he'll see his mother only when he meets her in heaven," said the tender-hearted surgeon...

"Oh, mother, dear, can't you do something to ease the poor boy's pain?" asked her own boy, turning his eyes in the direction of the suffering soldier...

"Yes, I can, and I will, my precious boy," said his mother, with a firm voice. "For your sake, Henry, and for his mother's sake..."

"Mother, oh, how glad I am that you have come," murmured the sufferer. "Now that I hear your voice and feel your hands upon my head..."

That magic word, "mother," opened Mrs. Lynne's heart, and the white, upturned face was bathed in the tears of "the enemy"...

Days and nights of intense suffering under burning rays of a Southern sky followed, and then his strength exhausted, Mrs. Lynne's son went on the long journey to the home above...

Years passed, the war ended, and Paul Shelby, the boy befriended, whose life the Southern mother had saved, returned to the home of his childhood...

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change for a paper, and the conductor, passing him, laughed: "Caught this time, Joe! You'll have to run to Fourteenth Street."

"Don't care," laughed Joe in return; "I can sell all the way back again."

"A white-haired old gentleman seemed interested in the boy, and questioned him concerning his way of living and his earnings..."

"Ah, I see. That makes it hard; you could do better alone."

The shabby little figure was erect in a moment, and the denial was prompt and somewhat indignant: "No, I couldn't! Jim's somebody to go home to; he's lots of help..."

"Fourteenth Street!" called the conductor, and as the newsboy plunged out into the gathering dusk, the old gentleman remarked to nobody in particular: "I've heard many a poorer sermon than that."—Forward.

"Now, Thomas," said a certain Bishop, after taking his servant to task one morning, "who is it that sees all we do, and hears all we say, and knows all we think, and who regards even me in my Bishop's robes as but a vile worm of the dust?"

Boys, what are you worth to your parents?—The Advance.

Of course, what we have a right to expect of the American boy is that he shall turn out to be a good American man. Now, the chances are strong that he won't be much of a man unless he is a good deal of a boy...

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He was a bright-eyed, barefooted, shabby little fellow, and the manner in which he wormed his way through the crowd and offered his papers in every direction proved that he was used to his business and not easily daunted. The train started while he was making

MINISTER'S FOOD. Its Value Discovered during Absence of Family.

Rev. J. B. Ley, pastor of the First M. E. Church, South Tampa, Fla., had an interesting experience when his family were compelled to leave on account of the yellow fever. He says: "Last September, when we were visited by a yellow fever scare, my family left for an indefinite stay in the interior."

"I had, for about two years, been under considerable physical and mental strain, and my nervous system seemed to utterly give way. I had some excellent physicians, but their remedial agencies failed to reach the case—at best affording only temporary relief."

"So I began to make two meals a day, supper and breakfast, on Grape-Nuts and cream or milk, and had nothing else. I confined myself to the proper allowance, not overeating. The improvement was marked, almost from the first—my digestion was better, sleep became regular and restful, and I began to gain flesh. I could soon do work with less fatigue and more satisfaction."

"My nervous system has been wonderfully improved, and today I weigh more than I have ever weighed, and find my strength equal to all the responsibility. This is not all; on the return of the family Grape-Nuts became a regular article of food at the morning hour. The children ate it and improved."

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### THE HARD PLACES.

When we finally review life's pilgrimage, we shall probably find that some of the best places in it were the apparently insurmountable difficulties that at times seemed to hedge up our path altogether. The times when we could not see the way before us, but could only cling close to God and let Him lead us, have been among life's best hours. The deep vales and densely shadowed gorges, the precipitous cliffs, the mountains that we could not go around or through, but must climb over the turbulent stream that we had had to go through—all these to the faithful soul have been places of blessed companionship with Christ.—Northern Christian Advocate

### THE CHRISTIAN'S STRENGTH.

I crossed the ocean on a powerful steamship, which weighed more than twenty thousand tons, and pushed her way against wind and wave at the rate of over twenty knots an hour. I could not see the propelling force. That was hidden deep down in the glowing furnaces, helped constantly with fresh coal. That illustrates the spiritual life of every strong, healthy, growing Christian; his strength is measured by the inward supply of divine grace. The spiritual force and progress of a growing Christian prove that his life is hid with Jesus Christ. Happy are you if your neighbors who can see you every day can know by your outward conduct that your inner life is led by an unseen Christ.—Rev. T. L. Caylor, D. D., in Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

### THE LIFE OF TRUST.

What a vast portion of our lives is spent in anxious and useless forebodings concerning the future, either our own or that of our dear ones! Present joys, present blessings slip by and we miss half their sweet flavor, and all for want of faith in Him who provides for the tiniest insect in the sunbeam. Oh, when shall we learn the sweet trust in God our little children teach us every day by their confident faith in us? We who are so mutable, so faulty, so irritable, so unjust; and He who is so watchful, so pitiful, so loving, so forgiving! Why cannot we, slipping our hand into his each day, walk trustfully over that day's appointed path, thorny or flowery, crooked or straight, knowing that evening will bring us sleep, peace, and home?—Selected.

### THE HIGHEST JOY.

God has designed that we should find our highest joy in doing our best to serve others best. Pleading as it is to the Christian to experience the joy of the Holy Ghost, yet it ought to be evermore remembered that no large measure of his joy can be resident in one's heart for any considerable length of time unless one will engage in serving unselfishly his fellow-men in such ways as the Holy Ghost shall direct. We see repeated statements in the New Testament of the swelling joy of the apostles and disciples, and it is very noticeable that such joy grew out of their doing what their Lord told them to perform. It was when they were making the joy of others the chief object of their own pursuit that they themselves experienced the highest and most abundant joy. Can you see the lesson?

### LIFE FROM ABOVE.

A sculptor may take a piece of rough marble and work from it the figure of a Madonna; but it is still nothing but marble, and lifeless. A carver may take a piece of wood and work out of it a scene of conviviality, but it is still wood and insensible. A watch-cleaner may take a watch, the mainspring of which is broken; he may clean every wheel, cog pin, hand, the face and the cases, but the mainspring not rectified, it will be as useless for going and time-telling as before. A painter may decorate the outside of a post-house with the most beautiful colors, but if he produce no change within, it is still a post-house. A poor man may clothe himself in the garb of a monarch, but he is still a poor man. A leper may cover all his spots with his garment, but he is still a leper. So the sinner may reform in all the externals of his life, until he shall attain to the normal finery of Saul of Tarsus or Nicodemus, a master in Israel, but except he be born again from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.—Bate.

### SELF-KNOWLEDGE.

To know one's true self is one of the greatest attainments of this life. A vast number of people have supposed, after reaching an advanced stage of experience, that they knew themselves thoroughly well. They were exceedingly positive in the conviction that it

was not in their hearts to betray a friend nor injure an enemy. They felt certain that they loved God with all their heart and had a perfect love for all his children. And yet under some crucial test they have finally discovered that their self-knowledge was vitally and very deficient. There was subtle weakness in their hearts which they had not known. Their love was not so rampant as they had supposed. In the absence of great temptations it was easy to feel lovely and be kind and true. The truth is, the best of Christians know themselves only in part. Perfect self-knowledge cannot be attained this side of heaven.

### FAITHFUL SERVICE.

"High hearts are never long without hearing some new call, some distant vision of God, even in their dreams; and soon they are observed to break up the camp of ease and start on some fresh march of faithful service." This is one of the fine statements, not often quoted, of the late Rev. James Martineau. It is the privilege of the Christian to sound this new call, and to create the inspiration in the "high hearts" now resting in the "camps of ease," and quickening them for the onward march. The responses are oftentimes encouraging to the faithful minister, and he rejoices when his leadership is acknowledged and followed. Every faithful minister has the assurance that the divine voice of duty, voiced by one who would sincerely and prayerfully do good to his fellows, always finds an answering response in due time. "No voice, however feeble," writes Whittier, "lifted up for the truth ever dies amidst the confused noises of time. Through discords of sin and error, woe and death, it rises a deathless melody to blend with the great harmony of a reconciled universe."—Selected.

### FOLLOW THE CLOUD.

All that the children of Israel had to do in the wilderness was to follow the cloud. If the cloud moved forward, then they moved as it did. I can imagine the first thing Moses, or any of the people, did when the gray dawn of morning broke, was to look up and see whether the cloud was still over the camp. By night it was a pillar of fire, lighting up the camp, and filling them with a sense of God's protecting care; by day it was a cloud shielding them from the fierce heat of the sun's rays, and sheltering them from the sight of their enemies. Israel's shepherd could lead his people through the pathless desert. Why? Because he made it. He knew every grain of sand in it. They could not have had a better leader through the wilderness than its Creator. And, sinner, can you in all your difficulties or doubts and fears, have a better leader than Jehovah? Oh, I like that good, old hymn:

"Guide me O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand,  
Bread of heaven! Give me this day,  
Food for my weary soul."  
—Selected.

### WHOM TO INVITE.

The old minister closed the book and looked around the village church. "You are told," he said, "when you make a feast to call to it, not your rich neighbors, but the poor, the maimed, and the blind. Now some of you is going to eat out a fine dinner or supper this week. Some of us never in our lives gave a great entertainment. Yet the order is to us. I want each of you, when you go home, to consider what God has given you besides food with which to make a feast, and who are the poor folk whom you should bid to it."

People glanced smilingly at each other, for the good man was full of queer suggestions. But the idea remained in the minds of some of his hearers, making their Sunday afternoon uncomfortable.

It bothered Phil Dorrance as he sat alone in his room. He usually sat alone except when at his meals. Phil was the blacksmith's son, whom his father, by dint of years of hard work and saving, had sent to college. He was grateful to his father, but he felt his education had made a great gulf between him and the old man. His companions were his classmates. He had meant to spend this afternoon with some of them, discussing a paper he had written on the history of the Reformation. Instead, he took it down stairs to the kitchen, where his father and mother in their Sunday clothes, sat nodding over the fire. How bare and empty their lives were—work and sleep!

"I want to read you something I have written," he said cheerily.

They drew up their chairs, their eyes sparkling with pride and delight, and listened with a keen, shrewd intel-

ligence which surprised him. They were able, too, to correct some mistakes he had made, and to give him some facts new to him.

"I haven't had as pleasant a day for years, Phil," said the old man when the paper was finished. His old mother said nothing, but kissed him, her eyes full of tears.

In another farm house Grace Pool sat, also thinking of the old Doctor's suggestion. She was a musician from the city, who cared only for classical music. At home her playing gave even pleasure to friends whose musical taste had been cultivated.

"They are my rich neighbors," she thought. Rising, she went down to the parlor, and opened the piano.

"Suppose," she said, "we sing some hymns—all of us."

The farmer called in the boys excitedly. "We haven't had the piano opened since Nancy went away," he said. "Come, grandma, I'll move up your chair. You must join us."

They sang, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Nearer My God to Thee." Sarah, the black cook, came to the door and threw in a wild note of triumph now and then. The discord sometimes made Grace shiver, but she played on.

Grandma asked for the old hymns she had sung when she was a girl, and the boys for "Hold the Fort."

When the afternoon was over the farmer said to Grace: "It's been a real happy time. You play as well as my daughter Nancy."

Grandma laid her wrinkled hand on Grace's shoulder. "The happy hours are so few at my age," she said. "God bless you for giving me this one, my child!"

So the minister's suggestion was carried out.—Selected.

### SUGGESTIVE THOUGHTS.

The Spirit does not drive; it leads.  
The manna had to be gathered.  
To devil goes to Church regularly.  
Neglect is a sure symptom of idleness.

Satan is the pirate that sails the like-warm sea.  
Ask God for what you want and use what you get.

The Jordan was not divided until Israel reached its banks.  
The widow's meal increased only as she used it.

God does not use men's hearts for savings-banks in which to deposit his grace just for safe-keeping.

Don't worry about tomorrow; you may die before sundown.  
Don't condemn the well because the pump is not primed.

Good apples can be told by the number of seeds in the tree.  
Repentance is the only path that leads to the cross.

As long as there is life there is action.  
If you can't swing the mail, hold the wheel.

Pray for your pastor. Remember, it is the men behind the guns that win the battles.

Pray to God, and pay no attention to the devil listening at the keyhole of your closet.  
The lowest foundation-stone never

forms a higher function than the left-foot keystone in the tower.

A Spanish Newspaper said: "The open Bible destroyed Covarra's fleet."

Don't take a child by the nape of the neck and throw him out into the middle of a theological mystery.

Agnosticism has no more attraction for me.

Should God need your help to reach the highway to heaven, he'll call when you're ready.

Until then don't worry about your road tax.—Harna McDonald, in Religious Telescope.

### YOUR OWN CROSS THE BEST.

There is a poem called "The Change of Cross." It represents a weary one who thought that her cross was sorerly heavier than those of others whom she saw about her, and wished that she might choose another instead of her own. She slept, and in her dream she was led to a place where many crosses lay, crosses of diverse shapes and sizes. There was a little one most beautiful to behold, set in jewels and gold. "Ah this I can wear with comfort," she said. So she took it up, but her weak form shook beneath it. The jewels and the gold were beautiful, but they were far too heavy for her. Next she saw a heavy cross with fair flowers scattered around its sculptured form. Surely that was the one for her. She lifted it, but beneath the flowers were thorns, sharp thorns which tore her flesh. At last, as she went on, she came to a plain cross without jewels, without carving with only a few words of love inscribed upon it. This she took up, and it proved the best of all. She was not to be borne. And as she looked upon it, inscribed in the columns that fell from heaven, she recognized her own old cross. She had found it again, and it was the best of all and lightest for her.

God knows best what cross we need to bear. We do not know how heavy other people's crosses are. We only know how heavy ours is. How is it, other than what we know it is? How is it other than what we know it is? How is it other than what we know it is? How is it other than what we know it is?

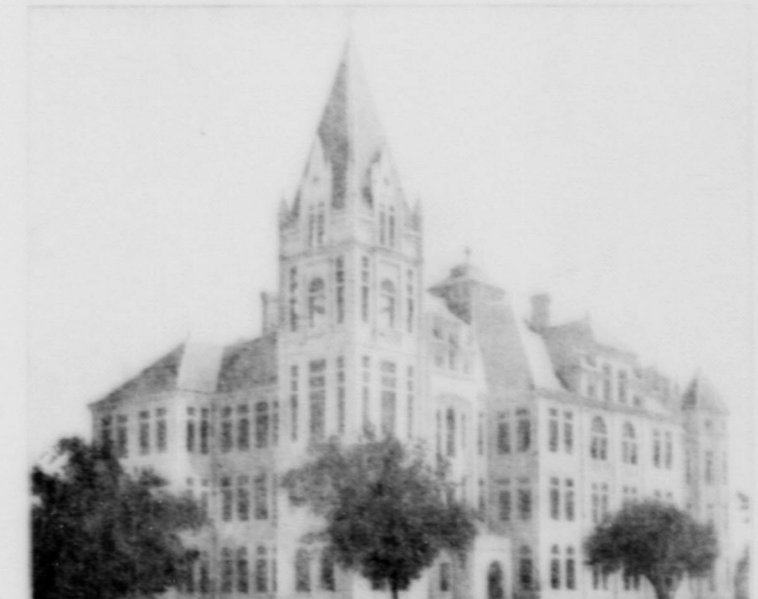
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Now is the time for the Leagues of Texas to put forth special effort to raise funds for the Methodists of the storm districts. The young people are specially adapted to this work, and this occasion furnishes them the opportunity. Therefore let all of our Leagues who have not done so, go to work at once and collect money for the help of our people in the coast country. Send your contributions to Brother Blaylock in this city, and he will keep an accurate account of them, give you credit in each issue of the Advocate, and send the amounts to the proper authorities on the ground, to be used by them in helping our people.

See in another column three letters from South Carolina, and mark the kindly thoughtfulness of our people thousands of miles away from us. Surely, when hearts that far away remember us, no preacher in Texas will fail to give his congregation an opportunity to help the helpless in the hour of suffering and calamity. The people will respond if the opportunity is given. They are responding from all over big, broad and stupendous Texas!

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me," says the Master, and Texas never had such an opportunity to help Christ as at the present time. The spirit of his great gospel can rather up its strength and give full expression to its power in the present emergency. Sermons and homilies on the storm visitation are well enough, but the opening of the heart and the pocket is the real test of our sympathy and love under present circumstances. Human woe is making its agonizing appeal, and our ears must be on the alert to hear and our hands open to minister.

The responses that are coming in to the relief of the suffering in the coast district from all over the civilized world are proofs positive of the brotherhood of man. Sometimes we grow a little pessimistic in our view of the real spiritual power of the gospel over the hearts of mankind, but the manifestations of liberality now being shown by all classes and from all sections of our country go a long way to reassure us that after all the gospel is doing more for the human heart than is seen on the surface. Calamities, even in their awfulness, are softened by these touches of genuine sympathy and love. They bring to the front and make prominent the dormant merit of our common humanity. After all, the old world, with its many faults and much wickedness, is making progress in the Christian virtues.

## EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

The devil flings out false signals.

Talk is cheap, but good deeds are valuable.

A sour disposition puts the teeth on edge.

A short pasture promotes rot among the sheep.

Men are just as fond of gossiping as women are.

When a man is down he needs a lift rather than a lecture.

Little children are perfectly truthful until taught to deceive.

Doctors, preachers and undertakers see the sad features of life.

Some men, like some cattle, become afflicted with blind staggers.

When your child drops a piece of china it is awkwardness, but when you drop it is nervousness.

A woman with a sweet disposition, a gentle manner and a firm purpose is God's angel in the home.

## A SUNDAY WITH FIRST CHURCH, FORT WORTH.

It has been my intention to spend a Sunday with the First Church people ever since my connection with the Advocate, but one engagement after another has prevented me until last Sunday. So I went over and was the guest of Bro. Mouzon and his earnest congregation. However, the day was rather threatening in the forenoon, and in the afternoon and even into night it was rainy and disagreeable; but at the morning hour for Sunday-school there was a fair attendance of pupils and teachers, enough to show me that this department of the work under the superintendency of Bro. Barnum is thoroughly alive and making progress. When the time for public service arrived there was present a good congregation of appreciative and responsive people. We had a pleasant and I trust a profitable occasion.

First Church is one of the foremost congregations in the Northwest Texas Conference. The building—a good, substantial and commodious brick—is a little to one side of the Methodist and resident population, but it is nevertheless accessible. It is the spot made dear to a great many hearts on account of long and tender association. The auditorium is neat and tasteful, and a handsome new pipe organ stands just in the rear of the pulpit. I presume that the membership of the congregation will amount to 600 or more. Near by is a good parsonage, where the pastor and his family are comfortably at home. I had the pleasure of abiding with them and our association was delightful. I always feel doubly at home in a Methodist parsonage and in company with the preacher's family. Rev. I. Z. T. Morris took dinner with us, and we found him good company. He is very busy looking after homeless children, and he is accomplishing great good.

This is Bro. Mouzon's third year at First Church, and he continues deservedly popular with his people. He is a man of culture and consecration and a preacher of more than averagability. He stands among the foremost in a conference of good preachers. His work in Fort Worth has been eminently successful, and if he keeps his health he has a future of usefulness and rich promise. His wife and two interesting little girls make up a family adapted to the work of a devoted minister.

Despite the bad weather, in company with Bro. Mouzon, we went over and looked in upon the new church structure at Missouri Avenue. Now and then we have been meeting up with members of that congregation, and they have invariably told me that they had the church building in Fort Worth. So we wanted to see it. They are correct. It is a splendid stone

structure, very nearly completed, and it will be ready for dedication the second Sunday in November. Bishop Candler is booked for the work upon that occasion. I am told that the membership of this congregation are mostly working people, and that they do not represent the wealth of the city. They are said to have but one man of means in their congregation. Well, one would not believe this after looking upon this handsome structure. It has been built and furnished when the latter work is completed—at a cost of at least \$20,000, and it is in the front ranks of the leading church edifices in the conference. In connection with the auditorium it has a large stone annex used for Sunday-school purposes, over which all sorts of rooms for the use of society meetings are situated. With these two thrown together, I judge the seating capacity to be about 1000. I met Rev. Sam Barcus, the pastor. He is a young man, but he has been directing things like one who had the wisdom of the fathers. All of the brethren over there are hopeful and pressing things for their approaching conference. We have a long list of subscribers in Fort Worth, and I did not feel like a stranger among them. As usual I met with a number of old friends—friends of the long ago. One of them was Robert Harle, with whom I went to school when we were little boys. Another was Frank Sprinkle, whom I knew at Marion, Va., on my first circuit in the Holston Conference. And another, Judge David Humphreys, a kinsman, who used to live in Dalton, Ga. He is now a prominent attorney in Fort Worth. It was refreshing to meet such friends under the circumstances.

G. C. R.

## LOCAL PREACHERS' CONFERENCE.

Some time ago Rev. W. C. Young, a local preacher in First Methodist Church in this city, called a Local Preachers' Conference to meet in this city during the month of October. He did this after due consultation with many of our traveling preachers. We endorsed his suggestion and still endorse it, not that such a conference is in any sense official, but that it would afford our local brethren an opportunity to meet, get acquainted, hold consecration services, take counsel together as to the best methods for improvement, and plan with reference to larger efficiency in the work of the local ministry. In North Carolina our local brethren have just such an Annual Conference and for ends above indicated. They have had this for years, and it has accomplished great good. As to the one called by Bro. Young, we have had a great many communications from our local brethren, many of them wise and prudent and a number of them otherwise. We have published none of them, but referred them to Bro. Young for such use as he deemed proper to make of them. He has charge of that department, and all letters upon that subject go to him instead of appearing in the Advocate as separate communication. He edits them wisely and impartially. This explanation is due our local brethren who have written on the subject, but none of whose articles has found a separate place in these columns. That is Bro. Young's matter, and we have turned the whole thing over to him. But if our local brethren wish to be heard on any other question of interest these columns are open to them just as freely as to the traveling preachers. We make no discrimination, but reserve the right to carefully edit all matter coming to this office for publication.

The Epworth Era is an exceptionally fine paper for our young people, but the last issue of it pressed its art pictures to the verge of questionable admissibility. We are very fond of pictures, but we prefer to see them at least partly dressed. One fig leaf makes an exceedingly scant dress for the nude statue of the human form, but when even that part of the apparel is omitted, then the statue is better adapted to

a private corner than a public museum or the columns of a public journal.

We are in receipt, from Barbee & Smith, quarterly sample copies of our Sunday-school literature. They are all up to their usual standard of excellence, unless it is the Magazine, which, if possible, is beyond its predecessors in real merit. Dr. Atkins, our Sunday-school Editor, is giving us a literature unsurpassed in its adaptation to the needs of the young and the old in this department of our work. It has reached a very high standard.

## BISHOP CANDLER IN GALVESTON.

As soon as the distressing news of the Galveston horror was spread abroad, Bishop Candler left his home in Georgia and came at once to the stricken district to look after our interests. This was a wise step upon his part, and it proves him to be a leader worthy of the place he occupies in the Church. Texas is his district, and he made it his business to come at once to the scene of our calamity and put forth every effort to rally and encourage our stricken people and to help arouse Methodists in general to the necessity of lending a helping hand at once to our afflicted membership in the coast country. On the first page of this issue and in the first column of the editorial department will be found his "Appeal" to the Christ-like spirit of Texas Methodism. Let every preacher and his people throughout this commonwealth speedily heed these ringing words of our Bishop and take special collections for our own distressed Methodist people. In order to prevent confusion and save our brethren on the ground unnecessary private correspondence, let all moneys, as far as practicable, be sent to the Advocate, and Bro. Blaylock will immediately acknowledge the same and remit it by draft to Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss at Houston. All amounts will be properly credited and published weekly in our contribution column. If any person wants his contribution specially directed, and so advises, it will go as per direction. If all contributors will follow the above suggestion, then there will be system and order in the manner of our giving, and the Church can see in every weekly issue of the paper just how we are progressing with the work of relief. The money will not be kept in this office away from its destination, but will be sent speedily to Bro. Hotchkiss, presiding elder of the Houston District, to be used by him and those officially associated with him in whatever way they deem the wisest and best. Bro. Blaylock has already forwarded to Bro. Hotchkiss drafts for \$1927.48. And as fast as it is received at this office it will be acknowledged and sent forward.

## GALVESTON NOTES.

I found Bro. Solomon, of Shearn Church, Houston, sitting quietly among the ruins of his church. It is damaged to the extent of about \$5000. This congregation, Bro. Solomon says, will rebuild promptly without outside aid. His membership has rendered valuable service in providing for the necessities of the distressed people arriving from Galveston.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, presiding elder of Houston District, which brought up the best report made at the last Annual Conference, will find himself much crippled in his work. The storm has reached the remotest recesses of his charge. Though downcast, he is not overcome, by any means, but is bending his every energy in the alleviation of the suffering people in his district.

## ANOTHER TOUCHING INCIDENT.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 23, 1900.—Dear Governor Sayers: I am a little "Texas" girl. Last year I was ten years old (on the 11th of July) and my grandma sent me \$1. She died the next month, and I decided to keep the \$1 always; but since the storm has been raging I will enclose it in this letter for you to send to some little girl whose papa and mamma

and grandma were lost in the storm, and will keep your receipt instead. I know this would please my dear grandma. Good-bye, and God bless the little girl who gets my grandma dollar. Very truly,  
ANNETTE BROWN.

Box 177, Care Robt. J. Brown, Little Rock, Ark.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 24, 1900.—Miss Annette Brown, Box 177, Care Robt. J. Brown, Little Rock, Ark.—My Dear Young Friend: Yours of the 23d inst., with the enclosure of \$1 as a contribution for the storm sufferers, has been received. I thank you very much indeed for the donation and will see that it goes to some one who needs it. God bless you, my young friend, and may you be forever safe in his keeping. Very sincerely your friend,  
JOSEPH SAYERS,  
Governor of Texas.

## THE BROTHERS ARE RESPONDING.

Italy, Texas, Sept. 24, 1900.—Dear Blaylock: Please find enclosed \$12 for our Church needs in Galveston. This is a voluntary contribution from a few who waded through the mud to get to church yesterday. Yours truly,  
T. S. ARMSTRONG.

Itasca, Texas, Sept. 14, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas. Enclosed find one dollar (\$) for food sufferers. Credit W. J. Johnson, Itasca, Yours,  
J. D. HENDRICKSON.

Itasca, Texas, Sept. 24, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas: Find enclosed one dollar (\$) for Church in Houston District. Sent by W. J. Johnson, Yours,  
J. D. HENDRICKSON.

Itasca, Texas, Sept. 24, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas—Dear Brother: Find enclosed one dollar (\$) for Houston District. By W. J. Ansley, Yours,  
J. D. HENDRICKSON.

Campbell, Texas, Sept. 24, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: Enclosed find money order for \$6 for our Church in flooded district. Please send to O. T. Hotchkiss, Houston, to be used in his district, where he thinks best, to our preachers and their families. This money is from Campbell Sunday-school, M. E. C. S. Yours truly,  
J. T. BLUDWORTH.

Malakoff, Texas, Sept. 24, 1900.—L. Blaylock—Dear Brother: Enclosed please find \$6.79, collected by Oakland Sabbath-school, to be applied to the destitute in coast country.  
L. G. GRIFFIN, Supt.

Rhame, Texas, Sept. 24, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: Please find enclosed \$5 from Rhame Circuit, Bowie District, North Texas Conference, for Galveston sufferers. Yours truly,  
FRANK M. SHERWOOD, P. C.

St. George, S. C., Sept. 20, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—My Dear Brother: I enclose money order for \$54.80, from my congregation and friends here, for the Galveston sufferers. Please receipt for same and forward amount to proper authorities at Galveston. Very respectfully,  
WATSON R. DUNCAN,  
Pastor M. E. Church, South.

Hamilton, Texas, Sept. 21, 1900.—Dear Brother Blaylock, Dallas, Texas: Enclosed find P. O. order for \$16.95, a contribution sent by the people of Fairy to the Galveston and coast sufferers. Respectfully,  
REV. A. P. SMITH.

Carbon, Texas, Sept. 22, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas—Dear Brother: Enclosed please find express money order for \$18.15, as a donation from the Sunday-school at this place for the benefit of the storm sufferers. Please use to the best advantage. Our prayers go with the donation. Yours truly,  
J. W. FAIRBAIRN,  
S. S. Supt.

Bailey, Texas, Sept. 22, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Bro.: Enclosed you will find \$1 from Mary and Milton Bludworth—50 cents each. This is for the Galveston sufferers, or where it is mostly needed among the storm-stricken people. Little George Alexander sends 5 cents. My people here have sent about \$50 through another source. Respectfully,  
W. J. BLUDWORTH.

Petty, Texas, Sept. 22, 1900.—Dear Bro. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas: Please find enclosed exchange for \$50 for storm sufferers. You can say in the Advocate that this was collected at White Rock Church last Sabbath, and as soon as I can get around my circuit I will send more. God's blessings upon those unfortunates is the prayer of our people. Bro. Blaylock, you will please send \$25 of this to Bro. W. T. Lovell, Houston, Texas, and the other \$25 to Bro. J. A. S. Shannon, Emberson, Lamar County, Texas. Bro. Shannon has lost all he



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If you send cash or stamps to us for either of these articles, if not as represented, we will refund money.

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Round Rock, Texas, Sept. 17, 1900.—Dear Bro. Blaylock:

Seguin, Texas, Sept. 20, 1900.—Dear Bro. Blaylock:

Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 17.—J. D. Hamilton Treasurer,

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had in the storm, and has since gone to Emberson, Texas. Yours for God and humanity,

Leesville, Texas, Sept. 21, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Bro.:

Nolanville, Texas, Sept. 21, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock—Dear Sir: Enclosed please find sixteen dollars and fifty cents

Chatfield, Sept. 22, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Esq., Dallas—Dear Brother:

Colorado, Texas, Sept. 22, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas: Enclosed find exchange for \$12 for our brethren

Silverton, Texas, Sept. 20, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas—Dear Bro. Blaylock:

Bartlett, Texas, Sept. 21, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Bro. Blaylock:

Station A, Dallas, Texas, Sept. 22, 1900.—Dear Bro. Blaylock: Please find enclosed check for \$5, in behalf of Galveston sufferers.

Paris, Texas, Sept. 19, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother:

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 21, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, City: We herewith hand you one of our traveling men's

Dripping Springs, Texas, Sept. 21, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother:

Queen City, Texas, Sept. 19, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Bro.:

Greenwood, Texas, Sept. 18, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock—Dear Sir: You will please find three dollars and fifty cents

Uvalde, Texas, Sept. 17, 1900.—Dear Bro. Blaylock: In compliance with your call in Advocate of 13th, we yesterday devoted our incidental expenses toward the object of that call.

may if you wish send it to C. J. Oxley for relief of himself and the other Methodist pastors. I am yours truly,

Dexter, Texas, Sept. 18, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—My Dear Brother: We send you \$3 from my family for the Galveston sufferers.

Garfield, Texas, Sept. 19, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: I notice Bro. J. W. Bergin's appeal in the Advocate. Enclosed please find \$10 for his people at Alvin.

Cedar Bayou, Texas, Sept. 18, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: Enclosed please find post-office money order for \$25 to be used by our Church for the relief of the storm sufferers.

Coppell, Texas, Sept. 15, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Sir: Enclosed please find \$2 for the relief of the Galveston sufferers.

Aurora, Texas, Sept. 18, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Sir and Friend: Enclosed please find money order for \$1, which amount accept for storm district sufferers.

Friendship, Texas, Sept. 18, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Sir: I see in the Advocate you are trying to get up money for the Galveston sufferers.

Chireno, Texas, Sept. 17, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: You will find enclosed postoffice money order for \$5 for Galveston sufferers from the M. E. Church, South.

Rising Star, Texas, Sept. 18, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—My Dear Brother: I send enclosed money order for \$20 from my Church here for the coast sufferers.

Harwood, Texas, Sept. 17, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: Enclosed I send you 25 cents for the Galveston food sufferers.

Tecumseh, Callahan County, Texas, Sept. 17, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: I enclose order for \$7.50. Please send to flood and cyclone sufferers where most needed.

Woodland, Texas, Sept. 17, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: I send you \$10.25 for the Galveston relief fund.

Lamasco, Texas, Sept. 25, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: Enclosed is \$1.75 for our storm sufferers.

Blooming Grove, Texas, Sept. 25, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: I enclose \$21.50 for the food sufferers on the coast.

Kerens, Texas, Sept. 25, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas—Dear Brother: Find enclosed \$7.50 for the storm sufferers at Galveston and other points.

Decatur, Texas, Sept. 24, 1900.—Rev. G. C. Rankin—Dear Brother: The Home Mission Society of Decatur Auxiliary, Bowie District, North Texas Conference, encloses \$5 to you, asking you to please forward same to Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, presiding elder

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Table listing names and amounts contributed to the Storm Sufferers Fund, including John Wiley, Rev. W. P. G. Roush, and various churches.

FROM BRO. OXLEY.

Please acknowledge the following amounts from our charges: Bryan (with more to follow) \$25.00, Gainesville 42.80, Dew 22.75, Waxahatchie 10.40, Fredericksburg 12.25.

THE NEEDS OF OUR STRICKEN COAST

My Dear Sisters: I have just returned from Houston, Galveston and our storm-stricken coast. Many of our ministers, especially Bros. Oxley and Bradford have told of the awful devastation, suffering and sorrow.

Thousands of families lost all their clothing and are without bed clothes. Much of the second-hand clothes was a mere make-shift to meet present emergencies. We must come to their relief when from the awful shock they recover from their dazed unconsciousness.

INDIA RELIEF FUND.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the India Relief Fund, including Elgin, Ewors, Leagan, and various individuals.

Sunday-School Department.

THIRD QUARTER, LESSON 14, SEPTEMBER 10.

REVIEW.

Golden Text: "Ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your yourselves."—James 1:22.

The thirteen lessons of this quarter cover seven or eight months of the life of Jesus, from April, A. D. 29 to November, A. D. 29. It was a period full of action and interest, and the lessons are full of suggestions. The great truth that stands out more clearly than any other is, that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God. This is seen in numberless ways. It would be well to go through the lessons of the quarter and note the way in which this great fundamental truth appears.

Lesson I, Matt. 14:22-23. The great central fact of Lesson I is that Jesus, after the miracle of the loaves and fishes, sent away first his disciples and then the multitudes, then going into the mountain prayed until nearly day-break, while his disciples labored to bring their boat to shore through the storm. Toward morning Jesus came to them walking upon the sea, and the wind ceased and they came straight-way to land. The great truth of the lesson is that Jesus is the Son of God, Master of the laws and forces of nature and worthy of worship.

Lesson II, Matt. 9:22-24. The great central fact of Lesson II is that the next day after the miracle of the loaves and fishes, the people sought Jesus again, not because they had any appreciation of the deep spiritual import of the miracle, but because they desired the satisfaction of their natural appetites. The great truth of the lesson is that Jesus himself is the Bread of Life and that whoever really eats this bread shall be fully satisfied and live forever.

Lesson III, Mark 7:24-31. The central fact of Lesson III is that a heathen woman, Syrophenician, came to Jesus to deliver her daughter from the power of a demon, approaching him as the Son of David. Slightly repulsed, she held on by faith until she got what she sought and received commendation for her great faith. The great central truth is that faith overcomes all obstacles and brings the blessing.

Lesson IV, Matt. 16:13-28. The great central fact is that Peter confessed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and was commended for his divinely-given perception of this foundation truth. The central truth of the lesson is that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Lesson V, Luke 9:24-26. The great central fact of this lesson is that Jesus, going up into the mountain with Peter, John and James to pray, as he prayed, was transformed before them, his countenance shining as the sun and his garments becoming white and dazzling. Moses and Elijah stood with him, but God proclaimed of Jesus only, "This is my beloved Son; hear him." The great central truth is, Jesus is the Son of God, and law and prophets must give way to him.

Lesson VI, Matt. 18:1-14. The great central fact of Lesson VI is that the disciples coming unto Jesus and asking him, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus took a little child and stood him in the midst and said, "Except he be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." The great central truth is, self-abasement is the path to exaltation by God.

Lesson VII, Matt. 18:21-35. The principal fact is that Peter, coming to Jesus and asking whether he should forgive his sinning brother seven times, Jesus replied "seventy times seven" and then related a parable that showed how irrational was our refusal to forgive men their paltry offenses when God had forgiven our great offenses. The leading lesson is, if we do not forgive men from the heart their trespasses against us, God will not forgive our sins against him.

Lesson VIII, John 9:1-17. The great fact is that Jesus, passing by and seeing a man born blind, made clay with his spittle and sent the man to Siloam to wash, and he came back with his sight. The central lesson is that Jesus is the Son of God and has power to open sightless eyes.

Lesson IX, John 10:1-16. The great central lesson is that Jesus is the Door to salvation, pasture, liberty, security, and the Good Shepherd who is come that men might have life and have it abundantly, and to that end lays down his life for the sheep.

Lesson X, Luke 10:1-11, 17-20. The great central fact is that Jesus, seeing the greatness of the harvest field and the fewness of the laborers, set seventy men to praying that laborers be thrust forth into the harvest and then sent them. The central lesson is, there is great need of laborers, and we should first pray the Lord to send them and then go ourselves.

Lesson XI, Luke 10:25-37. The fact, a lawyer attempted to test Jesus' wisdom as a teacher, but had his own sin and failure pointed out to him. The

central lesson, do not try to limit the number to whom you must act the neighbor, but rather seek to find how many men there are to whom you can prove yourself a neighbor.

Lesson XII, Luke 12:13-23. The leading fact, a rich man was greatly prospered in his crops and undertook to build large barns to hold his great harvests, saying to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years." But God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." The leading lesson, the man who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God is a fool.

Lesson XIII, Luke 12:55-66. The leading fact, Jesus urged his disciples to be always ready for his coming back again. The leading lesson, Jesus is coming again suddenly and unexpectedly; those who are waiting for him and fulfilling their stewardship will be greatly blessed, but those who say in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth his coming," and neglect their duty and indulge self, will be taken unawares and banished to the agonies and shame of the outer darkness.

Epworth League Department.

Lesson Topic for September 30: "Our Foolish Excuses."—Luke 14:15-24.

We take the following lesson from the Epworth Herald:

The Guest's Remark.—These words of the guest were a quotation often used by the rabbi. To the man who said it it evidently had not very much meaning. It sounded pious; it was really cant—the expression of a sentiment which the man did not himself feel. The representation of the future life as a great feast, where the faithful might eternally gorge themselves, was not much above the conception of a paradise of sensual delights, such as the Mohammedan hopes for; nor is it much lower than the conception of eternal laziness, which is not unknown among Christians. Jesus, however, did not criticize the conception directly; he only showed how little the Jews appreciated the blessedness of which the man spoke so glibly.

The Insult.—The refusal to attend the feast was not the result of a plot among those invited. It simply arose from general indifference. The excuses were all very slight. The field and the oven could have been examined at another time; the wife would not have stood in the way of all invitations. Yet the excuses were all fairly presentable. A man with a new farm may naturally be very busy in it; a man who is making a considerable purchase will ordinarily place it first in his interest; it is not strange for a newly-married wife to absorb her husband's time and attention. The excuses thus resemble those given by men for refusing God's invitation in being at once plausible and worthless. Jesus was compelled to detect a situation that would probably never exist in actual life. The relation of the Jews to God was so unnatural, in view of all their privileges, that no likeness to it in human relations seems at all life-like. It is quite different when Jesus speaks of himself and his work. He has no difficulty then in finding illustrations which, while not fully covering the ground, set forth the quality of his work, and at the same time are true to life.

Our League has put on new life. Under the leadership of Mrs. F. L. Massey, the devotional department is moving up. We are getting on a higher plane of being and of usefulness. While our chapter numbers only fifteen, yet our average attendance is eighteen. The reason assigned for this is, in our recent contracted meeting held by our pastor and assisted by Bro. Neal Rowland, we were reclaimed from a back-slidden state, and made new resolutions. And to show our sincerity in this, we are showing to the world that we are loyal Christians and Leaguers, and have in us a good portion of the stuff called stability (stakeability, if you please).

Not only the League, but the Church is moving along on all lines. Our young people can't be surprised in usefulness when it comes to Church work. We have some excellent young men and women, and they realize that some day in the near future they will have to take the place of some of the old soldiers of the cross and make pillars of the Church.

May God bless them all, and may they press onward, in the wish of their co-worker in Christ Jesus.  
R. N. ONEAL.  
Corn Hill, Texas.

SOMETHING WORTH REMEMBERING.

An anecdote recorded of Thomas Fuller illustrates the goodness of his heart as well as his ready wit. Dr. Fuller had an extraordinary memory. He could name, in order, the signs on both sides of the way from the beginning of Paternoster Row at Ave-Maria Lane to the bottom of

Cheapside. He could dictate to five several amanuenses at the same time, and each on a different subject.

The doctor, making a visit to the Committee of Sequestrators, sitting at Waltham, in Essex, they soon fell into a discourse and commendation of his great memory, to which he replied: "Tis true, gentlemen, that fame has given me the report of a memorist, and, if you please, I will give you an experiment of it.

They all accepted the motion, and told him they should look upon it as an obligation, praying him to begin. "Gentlemen," said he, "I will give you an instance of my memory in the particular business in which you are employed. Your worship has thought fit to sequester an honest, but poor, Cavalier parson, my neighbor, from his living, and committed him to prison. He has a large family of children, and his circumstances are but indifferent. If you will please to release him out of prison, and restore him to his parish, I will never forget the kindness while I live!"

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**SERMON**  
 Frenched at the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference, Seguin, June 24, by Rev. F. H. C. Elliott. Published by the unanimous request of the society. Text, Ex. 14:15.  
 Though keenly realizing my inability to do justice to this important occasion, yet I am deeply grateful to God for the privilege of standing before you as an ambassador of Christ, to speak a word in the grandest cause that ever enlisted the energies of humanity. And I earnestly pray that the Holy Spirit may strike some chord in our natures that will vibrate in perfect harmony with the purpose of God.  
 I am convinced that the text is appropriate to the occasion, and to our need to-day. Scarcely any theme in the Old Testament has been so repeatedly used in its spiritual application by the writers of the New Testament as the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage and their journey to the promised land. It is rich in strong, practical and beautiful lessons for all ages and for all peoples.  
 The command of God to Moses in our text is in harmony with God's purpose, and has been the divine bugle-call from the beginning. From chaos to perfect order; from darkness on land and sea to the light that shines from every sun and scintillates from every star; from the tiny blade to the full corn in the ear; from the smallest insect to God's masterpiece, man, it has been and always will be progress. Not standing still nor lying at rest, nor stagnation with the divine purpose. The planets must move, the billows must roll, and the rivers must flow—on, from the fall in the garden to the triumphant entry through the gates of the beautiful city; on, from the bricks without straw to the house of many mansions; on, from tribal to world-wide government; from tallow-dip to arc and incandescent light; from hieroglyphics on birch-bark and stone to linotype and lithograph; from ox-cart to palace car and automobile; from trumpet to telegraph and telephone. Progress everywhere. And humanity all through the ages, when true to itself, has realized that "here we have no continuing city, but seek one to come." Science has only stopped long enough to mark the place where it has pitched its tent, then on again on its journey toward a promised land: knowledge and wisdom are girded for a journey, with knapsack and canteen, stopping only long enough to replenish their stock from fountain and field, and continuing their march toward the land of milk and honey; and religion has been traveling from the rude tabernacle in the wilderness toward the magnificent temple of the universal human heart.  
 But God has understood, and has been always seeking to teach us he can never give the command to "go forward" until he has by his divine power set us free. Slavery and progress can no more dwell together than light and darkness. Freedom has alight and preceded progress in all lands and in all ages. Bound with chains of evil, the soul can not travel toward the land of perfect peace. As with the soul, so with all the powers of our nature, and in all lines of human activity. So God has sent his servants everywhere, preaching the truth that shall make them free; pointing to the Paschal Lamb whose blood can loose all bonds and open all doors. Unbinding the poor cramped feet; releasing the chains of sensual appetite; releasing the beclouded intellect from its prison-house of ignorance and superstition and bringing it out into the full sunlight of Christian knowledge and wisdom.  
 And at no time in all the history of the world has the divine power been more manifest in overthrowing the outward opposition to Christianity than to-day. Athelism and infidelity have no master minds to lead them now. The iron doors of man-made dogmatic theological creeds are giving way before the pressure of the universal atonement of Christ. China is in the midst of a great moral upheaval that promises to overthrow her walls of exclusion, and her mighty domains be open to the army of God. India's starving millions are being fed from the crumbs that fall from the Christian's table, as well as the Bread of Life. Spain's chains have been stricken from her subjects in the islands of the sea. "In darkest Africa" the light of the glory of God, as it shines in the face of his Son, is beginning to break; in the hermit nation, Korea, God has opened a door; and the land of the Montezumas is beginning to blossom with the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. Truly God is giving to his Son the heathen for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. This being true, what is our great need to-day? The Church of Christ, and especially our own beloved Methodism, needs to be freed from the power of sin. On her banners her old-time inscription needs to be re-written: "Holiness unto the Lord." The


blood must be upon her households, and the power as well as the guilt of sin removed.  
 We need, also, to be freed by God of selfishness; to have our vision widened until it sweeps past home and native land; to let aid societies, with their motto of "Charity begins at home," be buried and forgotten, and in their place rise Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies; to be like Michael Angelo, who said he wore the lamp upon his artist's cap that upon his great pictures might be cast no shadow of himself, and have within us the light of God's love, so that on the great work we do there may be cast no shadow of ourself. Methodism needs to remember that the world is her parish, and no limited, contracted belief or practice tolerated in her ranks.  
 We need, also, not to be afraid of what may seem an impassable sea of difficulty before us. The power that has freed us from the bondage of sin can divide the waters. Let us look not at the seas of difficulty, but to the divine power that is able to overcome the world. It may seem sometimes as if the Master heads us not, but the answer will finally come, "be it unto thee even as thou wilt."  
 Our need to-day is to remember that the divine presence is always with us. The Holy Spirit is our pillar of cloud by day and our pillar of fire by night. Where he leads we may not be afraid to go, and preach even in Rome the unsearchable riches of Christ. We may be in far-off lands, but he is with us always, even to the end of the world.  
 Another great need and precious lesson taught us is that God will always provide for our needs. Many times we may dream that the bread has given out, but God scatters the manna in our midst and out of our Rock brings forth refreshing streams. When China needed an intelligent, consecrated, loving, devoted woman, God called and sent to China Miss Laura Haygood, whose work abides, though she be parted from us; when a door was opened in Korea, God found a Lambuth and a Reid to enter the door. When we so sorely needed trained nurses and skilled hands of women, God found a Nathan Scarritt to supply the need in founding the Scarritt Bible and Training School. When the great need of Southern Methodism was a central university, God brought together the great McTyeire and Vanderbilt; and when Texas needed heroic men to enter her borders to educate the children of Methodism, God laid his hand on Ruter, McKenzie, Thrall, DeVilliss and Mood, and we have entered into their labors. Always the bread has come; always God has remembered our need. The crust of oil shall not fall nor the cask of meal be empty; no Elijah but what God feeds; no widow of Soreeta who is unprovided for. Precious lesson, divine comfort. Before those who have a little strength and have kept his word, he has set an open door which no man can shut—an open door to the boundless stores of divine grace, infinite wisdom, infinite love. No hand but your own can close the door through which you may enter and have audience with the King; no power but your own can prevent your access to the table set in the presence of your enemies; no one but yourself can keep you from being led in green pastures and beside still waters—an open door to the heart of the world. If you are right with God, no power can keep you from reaching humanity. Walls of centuries will fall at your approach, and Kings and rulers tremble at your testimony. Already Methodism has made great marches toward the goal. Millions have been converted at her altars; great material wealth has been gathered; magnificent educational institutions are equipping and training her hosts. Her outposts have been extended until the people called Methodists griddle the globe, and the hymns of Wesley rise with every breeze. Southern Methodism, from the ashes of the desolation of civil war, has built a temple in which are the altar, the mercy seat and the shekinah of God's glory. And her brave sons are preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ in other lands and in other tongues. Her women, too, have braved all the hardships of the itinerant life, and have given to the South a rich legacy in sons and daughters. They have been true helpmeets in all the battles and triumphs of the gospel. And not least in the success which we enjoy has been the Woman's Foreign Mission Society. Establishing its schools on our borders and in China, Brazil, Mexico and Cuba, and with the blessing of God, it has left an influence for good which eternity alone can measure. But though grateful to God for all that has been done, yet I feel to-day that God would send his message with renewed power. "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."  
 Great problems are before the Church in the closing of this remarkable century, and an almost incalculable amount of work to be done, which can only be accomplished by a great advance on all lines of Christian ex-

perience, consecration and effort. Therefore, it behooves us all to go forward in our prayers. As the great General said to his almost disheartened soldiers, "Beyond the Alps lies Italy," so God would say to his army, "Beyond the silent, rugged, majestic Mount of Prayer lies the sun-kissed, flower-gemmed land of peace and blessing. Let us be more frequently in our closet of prayer. Let the whole army of God "fire kneeling." Pray more frequently, more earnestly, more persistently, more expectantly, more unselfishly, more specifically. Let the incense of prayer make fragrant your lives, and ascend as a memorial before God. Meet demon-possessed men with prayer and fasting. Shake the world as Wesley shook England, Knox shook Scotland and Jonathan Edwards shook New England, with the power of prayer.  
 God calls us also to go forward in our individual faith. Before us lies the vast sea of opportunity and possibility. We have been toiling all through the long, dark hours with such poor success. The Master is on board the ship, and he is watching us as we examine and see how little has been done; and the divine command comes to us to-day, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." Go forward in your faith until mountains shall move, and out of your weakness you are made strong; until mouths of lions are stopped and the violence of fire is quenched; until the armies of the aliens are defeated; until your loved ones, dead in trespasses and sins, are received into life again. You may wander in dens and caves of the earth and be tormented and afflicted, but the world will not be worthy of you. But God has promised that, though in this world ye shall have tribulation in Christ ye shall have peace; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith.  
 God also sends his command to go forward in our liberality. The liver and the gold are God's, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. In his divine laboratory the diamonds and rubies of the earth have been fashioned; the pearls in ocean depths are his handiwork. But our hands must mine the gold and silver and gather earth's jewels, and we must come and lay our treasures upon his altar. Too long have we been giving him the fractional currency, while we keep the bank notes and shining eagles for ourselves. Many will be turned away in "that day," sorrowful, because they were rich and refused to lay upon God's altar their wealth. We need our universities endowed. Our Vanderbilt is suffering for means; our own beloved Georgetown needs its new building paid for, and an endowment; Coronado needs a chapel, and San Antonio College is crippled for want of means; while from China and Cuba comes the plea for educational advantages. Forward in your liberality, until not only shall your \$75,000 Twentieth Century Fund be raised, but until every silver dollar is sent on its flight of goodness and mercy, bearing truly the super-scription, "In God We Trust." Go forward in your hope. Too long the night of pessimism and despair has overshadowed us. Instead of having perched in our homes the dark ravens who send forth their dismal croakings of "Nevermore, nevermore," let us listen to the melody of the nightingale of hope, that sings as he soars in the brightness of the stars of God's promises, "It is better further on." "He that goeth forth weeping bearing precious seed, shall come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." "Be ye therefore steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." "The crowning day is coming by and by."  
 Forward, the whole line—from every tiny tot in Sunday-school and orphanage to the feeble tread of the old guard. Forward in your love for Christ, until you get so close to the Master that the spray from your hearts shall lave his feet, and break the alabaster box until the ointment of your supreme affection shall anoint your Lord—until there burns the flame of that perfect love that casteth out all fear. "Lord, thou knowest all things—thou knowest we love thee;" but grant that we may manifest that love by feeding thy sheep; by leaving the ninety and nine and seeking the lost; until with one fold and one Shepherd together we sing the new song. Alleluia, Amen.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the W. H. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference, will convene at the Methodist Church in Alvarado at 11 o'clock a. m., October 12, 1900, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

MRS. I. A. PATTON, Conference President, Alvarado, Texas.

NOTICE.

The ninth annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the West Texas Conference will be held in the Methodist Church at Luling, Texas, October 27, 1900. Every auxiliary is earnestly requested to send delegates.

MRS. J. L. CUNNINGHAM, Conference Secretary, 718 Avenue C, San Antonio, Texas.

NOTICE.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Home Mission Conference Society of North Texas will be held in Decatur, October 23-25. We hope to have a full representation. Following the precedent of former meetings, we urge each auxiliary to send two delegates.

MRS. L. H. POTTS, Conference President, Gainesville, Texas.

Through our page in the Advocate I want to say a word to members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference in regard to the Twentieth Century Offering.

Our Church has determined to raise a million and a half dollars by the close of the century as a thank-offering for the abundant mercies and privileges that have come to us during these last hundred years.

Through woman's influence the gospel has already gone into strongholds that nothing else could open and has found entrance into many homes, dark with ignorance and superstition, carrying there the light that beams only from the cross of Christ.

The schools to which it has been promised are depending on it, and much may be gained by prompt payment. You remember how Miss Norville, at our conference, pleaded for help for Mary Keener Institute in the City of Mexico.

In other fields besides Mexico the call is just as urgent. The success of missions, the salvation of souls, depend on the enlargement of buildings and better equipment of schools.

those whose dust lies sleeping there, of the marvelous answer to prayer, that doors might be opened and the way prepared for messengers of the gospel, we can not give up China.

During the past century we have seen a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, that the government of the Prince of Peace should increase; and, in the years to come, it will be fulfilled in much larger measure.

Now is the time to gather an abundant harvest from the long years of self-denying toil and seed-sowing, and the call is upon us to open hearts and hands and purses to meet the great opportunity.

I fear that in many of our auxiliary societies the special collections are too often started with one dollar per member, when some ought to give five or ten dollars and perhaps more.

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MARY E. BULLOCK, Richie, Texas.

To the Members of the W. F. M. S. of the Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters—Again and again have hand and pen refused their service, yet each time the effort is renewed, answering the despairing "I can't" with the almost equally hopeless "I must."

As naturally as children in sorrow turn to "mother," we of the entire Conference Society turn to see what Mrs. Park will say and do; and, like children whose mother is smitten and helpless, we are all the more bewildered because the calamity has fallen

on her first and dearest. True, she was away from the city and the storm, but her home, and those who made it home, are all gone.

Miss Etta Toothaker, who used to love so well to work for and with us, but who has for nearly two years been almost a helpless sufferer, floated out from her sick-bed into the harbor that has no storm, and landed where they never say, "I am sick."

S. PHILPOTT, Dew, Texas.

The correspondents of Mrs. S. S. Park, Corresponding Secretary Texas Conference W. F. M. S., will until further notice send their communications to Laredo Seminary instead of to Galveston.

Report of Treasurer of Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference, for quarter ending September 15, 1900.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Contingent fund, Educational endowment fund, Twentieth Century fund, etc.

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Houston District—Fourth Round. El Campo, at El Campo, Sept. 29, 30. Wharton, at Wharton, Sept. 30, Oct. 1.

To the Preachers and Members: Our district has suffered very greatly, and this year has brought very much disappointment and sorrow and distress.

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of the past and present of their country. Our past dealings with them are set in a light which promises permanent good will and the contrast between New and Old Japan, brought about by intercourse with Christian nations, is presented as the ground of an optimistic forecast.—The Outlook, New York. The price of this book is \$1.

The Boston Tea Party.

Stamp collectors will be interested in two stamps in our possession, taken from some of the packages of tea destroyed in the Boston harbor on the night of December 16, 1773, by the infuriated citizens of Boston, disguised as Indians. The imposition of this duty on tea, without the consent of the American people, is one of the prime causes of the Revolutionary



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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Weatherford District-Fourth Round
Gordon and Strawn... Sept. 25, 26
Mineral Wells... Oct. 4, 7

Fort Worth District-Fourth Round
Smithfield, at White's Chapel Sept. 25, 26
Grapevine, at Grapevine... Sept. 25, 26

Cordeanna District-Fourth Round
Dawson, at Harmony... 10th Sun. Sept. 24
Hubbard City, at H. C. S. p. n. Sept. 24

Waxahachie District-Fourth Round
Milford charge, at Derr's Chapel... Sept. 25, 26
Grandview charge, at Grandview... Oct. 7, 8

Clarendon District-Fourth Round
Ennis, at Lubbock... Sept. 29, 30
Plainview... Oct. 1, 2
Plovidada, at F... Oct. 7, 8

Brownwood District-Fourth Round
Center City... Sept. 29, 30
Comanche... Oct. 4, 7
Blanco... Oct. 7, 8

Waco District-Fourth Round
West, at West... Oct. 6, 7
Aquila, at Aquila... Oct. 7, 8, 10 a. m.

Vernon District-Fourth Round
Willow Vale, at Willow Vale... Sept. 29, 30
Mangum... Mon. night, Tues. Oct. 1, 2

Dublin District-Fourth Round
Granbury... Sept. 29, 30
Bluff Dale, at Marvin Chapel... Oct. 6, 7

Gainesville District-Fourth Round
Bonita, at Liberty... Sept. 29, 30
Becher, at Prairie Mount... Sept. 29, 30

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Beaumont District-Fourth Round
China and Devers, at China... Oct. 5, 7
Liberty, at Baywood... Oct. 13, 14

Marshall District-Fourth Round
Coffeyville... Sept. 29, 30
Longview... Oct. 7, 8
Harrison, at Willis Chapel... Oct. 12, 14

Pittsburg District-Fourth Round
Queen City, at Q. C... Sept. 29, 30
Blinger, at Mt. Ghazal... Oct. 7, 8

San Augustine District-Fourth Round
Garrison, at Caledonia... Sept. 29, 30
Homer, at Burke... Oct. 7, 8

Palestine District-Fourth Round
Palestine, at Palestine... Sept. 29, 30
Wells, at Chronister... Oct. 6, 7

Tyler District-Fourth Round
Grand Saline, at Grand Saline... Sept. 29, 30
Marvin, at Edgewood... Oct. 12, 14

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Bonham District-Fourth Round
Ladonia... 1st Sun. Oct.
Bailey, 1st Sun. Oct., night and Monday morning

Greenville District-Fourth Round
Kavanaugh... 4th Sun. Sept.
Princeton, at Wilson's ch. 4th Sun. Sept.

Sherman District-Fourth Round
Belle, at... Sept. 29, 30
Whitewright, at... Oct. 5, 7

Gainesville District-Fourth Round
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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Georgetown District-Fourth Round
Taylor... Sept. 29
Temple, First Church... Sept. 29

Paris District-Fourth Round
West Paris... Sept. 29
White Rock and McKenna, at W. R. ... Oct. 4, 7

Bellevue District-Fourth Round
Paradise, at Bonaville... Sept. 29, 30
Anchor City, at Anchor City... Oct. 5, 7

Terrell District-Fourth Round
Mogridge, at... Sept. 29, 30
Renner, at... Oct. 5, 7

Dallas District-Fourth Round
Oak Cliff... 1st Sun. Oct.
Haskell Avenue... 3 p. m. Sept. 29

West Texas Conference.
San Angelo District-Fourth Round
Brady, at Brady... 10th Sun. Sept.

Beeville District-Fourth Round
Laredo... Sept. 29, 30
Alvin, at Alvin... Oct. 5, 7

Cuero District-Fourth Round
Clear Creek, at Cheapside... Sept. 29, 30
Ganado, at El Toro... Oct. 6, 7

San Antonio District-Fourth Round
Moore, at... 4th Sun. Sept.
Prospect Hill... Sept. 25

San Marcos District-Fourth Round
Lockhart, at... Sept. 29, 30
Belmont... Oct. 4, 7

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Calvert District-Fourth Round
Kemp, at Kemp... Sat. Sept. 29
Jewett, at Jewett... Sat. Oct. 6

Austin District-Fourth Round
Ladwings... Oct. 6, 7
West Point, at Muldoon... Oct. 12, 14

Brenham District-Fourth Round
Cameron, at... Sept. 29, 30
Cameron, at... Oct. 1

Houston District-Fourth Round
Hartmann, at M... Sept. 29, Oct. 1
Wills... Oct. 6, 7

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. J. W. Blackburn, of the Blue Ridge work in the North Texas Conference, has been on a visit of a few days in the Territory...

Rev. and Mrs. O. S. Thomas, of Kaufman, were in the city last Tuesday and cheered up this office with their presence.

Bro. P. I. Stevenson, of Gatesville, was in the city last week for medical treatment and called to see us. The Advocate has seen in his and his father's family from the issue of the first Methodist paper in Texas.

In a note from Rev. Abe Mulkey, he says the Rev. W. H. Vaughan communicated with Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, following the storm disaster, proposing to take a number of the children in Galveston left orphans by the flood.

We have been notified of the death last Saturday of Rev. W. B. Walker, formerly and for a number of years, a member of the North Texas Conference.

Bro. Smith Ragsdale and his good wife, of Oak Cliff, near this city, will have been married fifty years next Tuesday, the 2d of October.

Brother S. M. McAshan, of Houston, in renewing his subscription the other day, says he has been a subscriber to the Advocate and its predecessors for nearly fifty years.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of Fort Worth, sends us the following intelligence: "Mrs. Elizabeth Boone, the mother of Rev. E. F. Boone, presiding elder of Dublin District, died at her home at 4:30 a. m. on the 20th inst. in her seventy-sixth year."

We have received a brief communication from Mrs. S. S. Parks, the prominent business worker of the Texas Conference. Her home is, or was, in Galveston, but the late storm swept it and her loved ones away.

METHODIST NEWS.

Dr. Lambuth says of our China work: The increase in membership during the last three years exceeded the ingathering of the first twenty-five, while the growth of the native Church during the last decade has been greater than that of the forty years preceding.

The Methodist Church is just about to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its appearance in Germany. It is fifty years since L. S. Jakob began preaching in Bremen, and now there are in Switzerland one and in Germany two

Annual Conferences, with together over 26,000 Church members and 39,000 children in Sunday-schools.

The Record says: "The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, representing a membership of more than 300,000, and the Colored Methodist Church, representing an organized body of 150,000, will consolidate and establish in Chicago a Methodist tabernacle that will be the most costly and imposing church structure owned by a colored congregation in the United States."

We report the following statistics from the late session of the Missouri Conference: Membership, 44,475; a gain over last year of 1,967. Local preachers, 137; adults baptized, 1,842; infants baptized, 334; additions on profession, 2,774; additions by certificate, 1,880; raised for foreign missions, \$9,418.16; for domestic missions, \$5,460; for Church extension, \$2,470.40; for education, \$6,484.65; for bishops, \$1,605.68; for conference claimants, \$4,454.83; for pastors in charge, \$7,520.22; for presiding elders, \$19,571.12. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raised \$2,745.43; the Home Missionary Society, \$3,532.54; for American Bible Society, \$391.79.

The Kansas City Star says: Bishop E. R. Hendrix leaves on Monday to hold the Kentucky and Louisville Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, not returning until early in October. On October 21 occurs the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn. Bishop Hendrix preaches the sermon on that occasion and on the next day Arthur T. Hadley, President of Yale University, gives the address. Mr. William K. Vanderbilt presents a noble building just erected at his expense and named "Kissam Hall" in honor and in memory of his mother. It promises to be an occasion of great interest.

A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

When we meet in Dallas on the 6th of October next, let us remember that we will be the invited guests of our city Churches. It is hoped and confidently expected that we will come in such a spirit of consecration as to shed lustre on our brotherhood and leave the memory of our deliberations as a benediction to this people.

From some real or imaginary cause, there seems to be a wide spread of discontentment and unrest among our local preachers at the present time in our connection. To fix the responsibility for this condition of affairs is not the purpose of these papers, only in so far as they may incidentally disclose the part we may have contributed by our own inactivities and shortcomings.

What if some little fellow, inflated with his own imaginary consequence, should call us the fifth wheel. I say, what of that? Well, just wait a little while, and you may see him on his journey to the little penal colony away off in the Siberia of our connection—located for want of acceptability. Then will be your time to smile, but really you should not do that.

The District Conference is the local preachers' meeting, designed for them as well as for the itinerants. Every local preacher in the district should be in his place to claim his prerogatives and to maintain his rights in that body.

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But it may be that we prefer to stay at home and complain that we are not appreciated, when, in fact, we are only suffering the consequences of our own laches.

Our Church papers usually forecast what will probably take place at the next ensuing General Conference. That should forewarn us to be in our place, watchful of our own interests, if not in person, by an able representative to circumvent in some degree what might be unfriendly to us. It is human nature for every man, and every class of men, to look out for themselves.

Enquiries still come to us from many sources as to the purpose and conduct of this gathering. We have not time nor space to answer them, but most respectfully refer the writers to the Advocate. If you have not apprehended the object of this convention from the trend of these papers, then you will pardon us for being more emphatic.

If you don't feel quite well, try a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is a wonderful tonic and invigorator. It will help you.

ABILENE DISTRICT.

The conference year approaches its close, and in keeping with Methodist polity many changes must be made, and some of these changes must fall in the Abilene District. The present presiding elder has served this district four years, and four years of more successful, more faithful, more watchful service has rarely been given any district of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Some friction has been unavoidable in the administration of discipline, but this discipline was necessary, and with a fearlessness characteristic of a strong man, and yet in a Christian spirit of forbearance and sympathy, tempered with love, and combined with wise counsel, every act in the discharge of duty stands as a monument of manly dignity and justice.

In addition, debts, thousands of dollars, hung over parsonages and churches, until it seemed disaster and failure must follow. Communities had no churches, and members were growing discouraged. Such are times when great spirits show themselves worthy the reliance of a great Church; and never was the wisdom, courage and the faith of a man more manifest than is shown in the results of such an issue.

On the Twentieth Century Fund over \$6000 have been raised, more than the \$1 per member; salaries of different charges—except Abilene Station—increased from 15 per cent to 50 per cent; towns heretofore connected with circuits have been raised to stations, paying from \$600 to \$1000; circuits have been changed and improved, while everywhere are evidences of the prosperity of our loved Zion.

Where is there a new district in all Methodism that can make a comparison? It is an exhibition of the faithful work of pastor and people under the wise leadership of a presiding elder too strong and too self-poised to be dismayed by difficulties, and who boldly determined, with an abiding trust in God, to overcome every obstacle and bring success out of apparent disaster.

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A MOST WORTHY GENTLEMAN AND HIS ENTERPRISE.

In this relation—years that we trust have not been spent in vain. The present year has been much more satisfactory than the first in many, if not in all, ways. Among the good things we have had to enhance our enjoyment was a visit from Dr. Rankin, of the Texas Christian Advocate.

This should be the case, at least, as this is the seat of the University of Oklahoma, and generally known as the "Athens" of Oklahoma. Dr. Rankin preached the baccalaureate sermon for them at the close of the last term. The University has opened the present session with the largest attendance in its history, with new students coming in on every train.

The address by Dr. Boyd, President of the University, was one of the finest things I ever heard. It was worthy of the speaker and of the school. It is worthy of notice that every teacher of the University is a specialist in his department, and that all but one are members of the Church.

Recently the Dallas Democrat issued a special edition which evinced great tact and enterprise. It was immense in size and wonderfully well illustrated. The great business places in the city were given prominence and scores of leading citizens were put into cuts and presented to the readers in good pictures.

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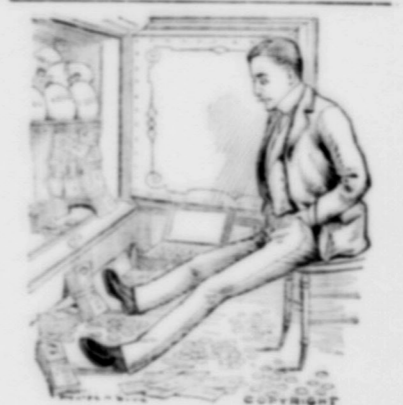
PICTURESQUE GALVESTON.

At the time of the storm, Sept. 8, we had in press a very handsome publication entitled, "Picturesque Galveston." It is a book of something over a hundred pages, printed on 80-pound coated paper, filled with views of some of the most beautiful cities in the world.

We have tendered the profits of this publication to the Galveston Relief Committee and under their auspices the book will be sold to the general public at \$2.00 a volume.

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As soon as the edition in the coast comes the Advocate sent out a press and called in help for our suffering went out not only to the regions beyond...

Do not fool yourself. If the first man was made with eyes and ears, his maker can both see and hear.—Ram's Horn.

"DO YOU KNOW GAME"

Not long since we tion with a pastor churches, and he told in which the quest this editorial was a his congregation a young woman. Her tractive place for t men of her acquaint exceedingly delight their visits were free One of the leading methods of entertainment card-playing. But o the pastor: "I am do ing in our home. have another game our roof." She was and she proceeded: one of my young called as usual, and our pleasant enterta