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EDITORIAL.

GUARD WELL THE DOORS OF THE CONFERENCES.

In view of the fact that we are crowded in our five Annual Conferences, we can afford to erect a high standard for those who apply for admission into the traveling connection. Only first-class men need to be considered at all. Heretofore we have been a trifle lax in some instances and the Church and the ministry have suffered the consequence. We have in mind now more than one case where there was grave question as to the wisdom of admitting a brother, but the appeal of a few special friends prevailed and he was invested with all of the rights of a traveling preacher. Only a few years were required to reveal the mistake. He went to a few of his appointments, but went complainingly. He soon became inefficient and finally left us for another communion and now can not find words of sufficient harshness to characterize the Church for its treatment of him. He ought never to have been admitted, but sympathy is the explanation of the mistake that prompted the brethren to vote him a place in the membership of the body. This brother is not an exceptional case. Every conference in Texas has thus been self-afflicted. The trouble grows out of the fact that we do not sufficiently guard the doors of our conferences. It is an easy matter to vote a man in, but when he proves unworthy or inefficient it is a difficult matter to vote him out; but when we are forced to do it, we make an enemy of him and he loses no opportunity to do our Church all of the injury of which he is capable. It is best to keep out all applicants about whom there is any serious question as to their fitness for the itinerant ministry, and then we will have no occasion for trying to undo a wrong.

There are certain qualifications that an applicant ought to possess before he is seriously considered for the traveling ministry. Has he been genuinely converted and is he sure of the witness of the Holy Ghost to the fact of his conversion? The Church can well afford to take time to find this out before he is voted a place amongst us. It is not enough that he give intellectual assent to the truths of the gospel, but is this gospel the power of God unto his salvation? Only an affirmative answer ought to be received in response to this question. We want no partially regenerated man in the ministry. Is he a man of reasonably good health? If not, he will soon become a burden to the fund collected for superannuated ministers, the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. Is he a man of good, substantial, mental training? It may not be necessary for him to have a college education, and yet with our good colleges everywhere offering free tuition to young men preparing for the ministry, he ought to put forth extraordinary effort to avail himself of this wonderful advantage. If he has this opportunity and does not avail himself of it, then we very much question the wisdom of receiving him into the itinerancy. In any event he ought to have a substantial, but, if possible, a college education. Does he love the Methodist Church, her doctrines and

her form of government? Is he willing unequivocally to abide by her usages and to submit to her authority? Nothing but a categorical answer ought to be taken to these questions. If he has the slightest hesitancy in his mind as to these interrogations, then he ought to remain among the laity or go to some other denomination. If, therefore, our committees and the conference generally will thus look into the qualifications of these applicants for admission into our traveling connection, we will, in all probability, save the Church a deal of trouble with inefficient, not to say unworthy, men in the future.

A NOTE OF TRIUMPH.

For more than a year we have been hoping to receive a note of triumph from some brother operating the Twentieth Century Movement. But we have only been feebly rewarded in our long waiting. Days, weeks and months have passed, and nothing but "quiet work" has been reported to the Advocate. We have wondered if it were possible to raise any enthusiasm at a single point on this subject. Quiet work is all right, but a great shout of victory is very encouraging to the remotest man along the line.

Now it turns out that at the time we were about to despair of anything in the way of signal triumph on this subject, and just as we were going to press with this issue, we received the following lines indicative of the coming dawn: "Took collection in my church yesterday for Twentieth Century, and received \$1200." This good news comes from Rev. I. W. Clark, of Sherman. Evidently the Sherman pastor put his heart and head in that effort, and a large fruitage is the result. Henceforth, let no Texas preacher say, "We can not stir up any enthusiasm on this subject." Write to Brother Clark and ask him how he did it!

THE WEALTH OF METHODISM IN SMALL TOWNS.

The membership of the Methodist Church throughout Texas has shared in the prosperity of the country, and many of our people are not only in fine circumstances, but they are actually wealthy. This is true not only in the cities, but in the smaller towns and throughout the rural districts. But in these latter sections the liberal support of the institutions of the Church has not kept pace with the former. The cause of this is found in the fact that in the smaller towns and in the country districts the people, as a rule, are not supplied with regular Sunday services, as they are in the larger towns and cities. In the latter, they have stated pastors who look well and persistently after the affairs of the Church, preach to the congregations every Sunday, visit them during the week, keep up a regular prayer-meeting weekly, and in various ways bring the material claims of the Church before the people. This results in training and systematic education in matters of liberality. But where the preacher can only furnish services to his congregation twice a month and devote the rest of his time to other portions of his field, he has not the time to give special and systematic training to any one of his societies. The fact is, he has to neglect them in

many important particulars. And, as a result, many well-to-do and substantial congregations, thus situated, pay meagerly to the support of the claims of the Church. They do not get full service, and they do not pay full price. In a number of instances this can be corrected. We know of several smaller towns throughout the State, representing large financial ability, and a great deal of this is often in the membership of our own congregations. Yet we find once in a while a congregation of this sort coupled with another one of similar ability as a half station. Sometimes such a congregation is included in a circuit with several other appointments. Now we assume that if a congregation has in its membership financial ability enough to support a regular pastor, it is an injustice to such people and to the Church at large to furnish them the services of a preacher only twice a month. True, they may prefer this rather than go to the extra expense of supporting a pastor all the time; but to listen to this plea is to permit them to remain indefinitely undeveloped. We are personally acquainted with a town in this State of only a few hundred people, but our Church, in several of its members, represents more wealth than almost any city congregation in Texas; but this congregation is a part of a big circuit, and pays only its proportion of a salary of less than seven hundred dollars. This one congregation is abundantly able to pay more than the whole amount and support a preacher handsomely. Were he to give his entire time to that one point, it would not be three years until that membership would be one of the strong places in their conference. What we need is the larger development of the resources of Methodism in just such communities as we here describe. They do not yet realize their ability to measure up to their responsibility. Judicious training and systematic education under these circumstances would add fifty-fold to the resources of our Church in Texas.

THE BARBAROUS FOOTBALL GAME.

Last Saturday the football team of the Vanderbilt met the team of the State University at the Fair grounds for a great contest. For an hour and a half they were mixed up in a rough and tumble set to in the presence of about two thousand spectators. Preparation had been made for the emergencies of the occasion, as though a bloody battle was impending. Surgeons, bandages, a negro porter with an ample supply of water, were in evidence; and as the game proceeded the wisdom of this arrangement was demonstrated. A number of the boys were dashed to the ground and run over and trampled under foot with bleeding noses and cut flesh. Several minutes were required to pump wind into the fallen and get them on their feet again. Heads were skinned, ankles were sprained and collar bones suffered. One Vanderbilt boy was knocked senseless for quite awhile. His ribs were fractured, chest severely cut, and his spine injured. The water, the negro, the bandages and the surgeon, were kept busy as the affair progressed. A more brutal performance was never seen on the Fair grounds. It was more like a prize fight than anything else. Yet it was carried on under the auspices of the

great University of Texas and our central Church school at Nashville! Football games conducted on humane principles are all right, but when they assume the barbarous role of savage strength, exerted in the direction of skinning heads, breaking bones, dislocating limbs and injuring spines, it is time to put on the brakes. If our great schools have time to devote to such bloody performances as the one under discussion, then the course of study prescribed for the students by the faculties must be exceedingly limited. There is by nature enough of savagery in the average boy without sending him to a university to develop and acquire additional quantities of it. Such was the battered condition of the Vanderbilt boys at the end of the struggle that the humane Texas spectator did not feel like indulging in demonstrations of enthusiasm over the success of our own University team.

COLLECT YOUR ASSESSMENT FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

We have located in Waco one of the best equipped orphanages in the State. Rev. W. H. Vaughan, assisted by Rev. Abe Mulkey and others, has secured to the Church this very valuable property and it only requires a few thousand dollars more to thoroughly fit and furnish it for special use, and this is being collected as fast as Brother Mulkey can reach the membership of the Church. At present we have more than one hundred orphan children in that great home and they must be fed and clothed. The only way to do this is for every preacher in Texas to collect the last dollar of his assessment for this worthy cause and report it to Brother Vaughan either before or at the session of the conference. Texas Methodism can not afford to fall short a nickel on these assessments. It will take all of the amounts assessed to meet the current expense of the institution. We have no wretched responsibility upon us than the Orphanage. It appeals to our sympathy—to our humanity. These little fellows have no homes of their own. They have no parents to provide homes for them. We, who are more fortunate with our children, are to make these provisions for these little homeless ones. They look to us to minister to them. More than this, Christ looks to us to make provision for them. The amount assessed against each charge is a mere pittance, and the preacher who makes special effort will get it to the last farthing. Then these little ones will be made glad and the heart of the Master will rejoice. In the meantime, let our preachers keep their eyes open and find good religious homes without children, and wherever there is such a home wanting to adopt a child and give it a good home, with the advantages of an education, write to Brother Vaughan and place the facts before him, and let a child at the Orphanage be installed. This will be good for the child and it will make room in the Orphanage for another one. With the exception of sending money to the Orphanage, this is the best service that we can render the institution. Of course, it will not do to put these children out in any sort of a home. But where the preacher vouches for the ability of a Christian family to make wise provision for a child, then his application to Brother Vaughan ought to be considered se-

riously. In this way the advantage of the Orphanage will be multiplied a hundredfold. The object of the institution is to provide a home, food, clothing, education and religious training for these children, and thereby prepare them for a useful life in the future. It is not necessary to know them in the Orphanage. All they are given to students is a certificate of their conduct, provided that good Methodist people are willing to open their homes to the adoption of these little ones and furnish them with a college course at the domestic college. But in the meantime there will always be demands at the Orphanage that can only be met by prompt payment of the assessments for its support. Therefore, we urge upon all of our preachers and people the importance of the payment of these amounts in full, by whomsoever so that we will have the help of the unity and good work of the world.

AMONG THE EDITORS.

Nashville Advocate: How are likely to find in the world what they are looking for? If they go forth in search of initiative, industry, education and industry, they will not be disappointed. All these things they can find and every day of their lives. But there are also better things to be sought for such as love, the grace to discern them, truthfulness, spirituality, unity, and brotherly kindness are displayed in every age and in every country. It is well to know the kind of "reporting" there is to be made. We do not advise you not to ignore the presence of evil in the world. That would be folly. But we do want that it is not better to be unwilling to the good than to be willing and to be the worse of the world and its children.

The Baltimore Advocate: Do not risk the uncertainty of having your duties carried out after you are dead. If you intend to leave anything to charitable purposes, do so while you are—well broken. Have been named to have no respect in the world for the wishes of their dear relatives. The most unnumbered means have been employed to get into the hands of the deceased. These means known to the legal fraternity will be employed to accomplish the object named. Avoid all of this. Give away what you intend while you live, and you may see the good done by it and receive over the same. Be your own executor. Do not leave to the uncertainties of litigation these important matters. So many desire to hold on to every cent until they die, although they have an abundance, and might rather give all they intend to give to charity, while their eyes can behold the good they do.

Northwestern Advocate: Twelve-year-old Jimmie Newman, a Chicago preacher, was arrested for boarding a cable train on complaint of representatives of the Chicago City Railway Company. He pleaded poverty as his excuse. He said: "I have to support my mother and sister, Judge, and I do it by selling papers. That's the reason I jumped on the street car. I have customers who ride on the cars, and they buy papers from me when they go home at night. Please let me go, Judge. I don't see how mother and sister can do without me." How long have you had to sell papers to support your mother and little sister?" the Justice asked. "Nearly a year," the boy answered. "Father died nearly a year ago. I was going to school then, and mother took in washing. Then she got sick and I had to leave school and sell papers. I work hard, and sometimes make a dollar a day. If they keep me off the car I will lose a lot of my customers." "I can't hold this boy," the Justice concluded. "Go home Jimmie, to your mother and sister. Here's something to give them," and the Justice handed the boy a dollar.

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S BRO. TRIMBLE.
Lose everything that is written in regard to see. A move of eighty on across prairie with when we had to travel find a home to stay ed me that it would be ave the session of our te spring. So please let it quietly, and all vote reuce. Respectfully, H. P. SHRADEK, A Preacher's Wife.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

MATTERS EDUCATIONAL.

The sixth annual report of the Board of Education has just been received by the pastors of Texas. It is an interesting document throughout, but the statistical tables give the most information. A little study of these facts and figures might prove valuable to our Texas Methodism. The figures were furnished by the presiding officers of these institutions, while the classification was made by an Educational Commission appointed by the last General Conference. The members of that commission were Dr. J. H. Carlisle, Prof. W. M. Backsville, Prof. Morgan Calloway, Sr., Prof. J. A. Kern, President E. B. Craighead, Prof. H. C. Pritchett, Dr. J. O. Keener, President E. H. Pearce, W. P. Few, Edward Mayes. Would those men know a college when they saw it? If not, who would? Could they prescribe a proper curriculum for our colleges? Are they capable of classifying our educational institutions? It is conceded that a more worthy commission could hardly have been selected.

What did this commission do with our Texas schools? They say that Texas has only one college, and that is Southwestern University at Georgetown. Polytechnic College at Fort Worth did not send sufficient information that it might be classified. That is very unfortunate, for the Church ought to know how each school stands. The rest of the Texas schools are put among the secondary institutions, or preparatory schools. They are: Alexander Collegiate Institute at Jacksonville, Chappell Hill Female College, Coronel Institute at San Marcos, Granbury College, North Texas Female College at Sherman, San Antonio Female College and Weatherford College. Here are seven secondary institutions, and five of these bear the same college and grant to their graduates college degrees. Shall the Church continue to indorse such doubtful procedure? Shall our boys and girls take their degrees from such institutions, thinking they are college graduates, and finally awaken to the fact they have been deceived? Is it justice to the boy or girl, justice to the parent, or justice to the Church? Shall local pride and blind loyalty make us indorse at home and in our own Church that which we would condemn abroad and in others? The conference that central these schools are participants criminate if they allow college degrees granted by schools whose course of study is not up to the standard, and they are doing the schools gross injustice to allow them to be classed as preparatory schools if they are really colleges.

Texas Conferences should emphatically declare that preparatory schools, or secondary institutions as they are called, must not grant college degrees. More than that, Texas should be loyal and say no school shall grant college degrees unless indorsed by the Educational Commission as having a college curriculum. Now should any conference think its school is a college and has not been properly classed, let it order the trustees of that institution to submit its curriculum and full information to Dr. Hammond, who shall submit the facts by mail to the members of the commission, and in that way secure a new opinion from the commission. Let us fall in line with the spirit of our General Conference, our Board of Education and the leaders in our educational work throughout the Church.

It is very unpopular to speak out in this manner, and especially for one who has so lately come to dear old Texas. But it is all in love—love for the Church, love for the schools and love for the great cause.

I was a teacher for seven years, and have made some study of the schools in this country and in Germany, England and France. I tremble for our Church when I see we are so slow to come up to the proper standards. My best teaching was in a High School which prepared boys and girls for college. After the course was completed the girls as well as the boys expected to spend four years more in some college before they were college graduates. Here is the course. Compare it with the curricula of our schools:

ENGLISH COURSE. FIRST YEAR.

(Numerals in parentheses denote hours per week.)

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (4)
General history (3)
Algebra (4) (5)
Physical geography (2)
Beginning Latin (5)
Drawing (1)

Drawing, one exercise per week, is optional in all courses after the first

year, but is required of those who expect to teach.

SECOND YEAR.

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (2)
Modern history (2)
Plane geometry (5)
Biology; zoology; botany (4)
(Those who expect to go to college take beginning German instead of biology.) (4) (5)
Latin

(a) For those going to college, Caesar (5)

(b) Others take selections from various Latin authors as Caesar; Cicero; Sallust; Ovid; Vergil (5)

THIRD YEAR.

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (3)
Advanced algebra; geometry; trigonometry (3)
Chemistry and physics (half year of each) (5)

Those going to college take

(a) Cicero and Latin composition (4) (5)

(b) Second year German (4) (5)

(c) Others take two of the following: (a) Advanced English (Critical study of seven Shakespearean plays) (4)

(b) Advanced history (4)

(c) Beginning German or French (4) (5)

FOURTH YEAR.

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (3)
U. S. history and civil government (4)
Physics or chemistry (full year) (5)

Those going to college may substitute one year or French in place of physics or chemistry, and must also take

(a) Vergil (4)

(b) Third year German (4) (5)

Others take two of the following: (a) Advanced English (Old English; forensics) (4)

(b) Physiography (4)

(c) Second year German or French (4) (5)

CLASSICAL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Same as in Academic course.

SECOND YEAR.

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (5)
Plane geometry (5)
Modern history (2)
Caesar (5)
Beginning Greek (5)

THIRD YEAR.

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (3)
Advanced algebra and reviews (2)
Cicero (5)
Analysis (5)
Beginning German or French (5)

FOURTH YEAR.

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (3)
Vergil (5)
Latin (5)
Second year German or French (4) (5)
United States history and civil government (4)

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Same as Academic course.

SECOND YEAR.

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (3)
Modern history (2)
Plane geometry (5)
Caesar (5)
Zoology and botany (4)

THIRD YEAR.

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (3)
Advanced algebra; solid geometry (5)
Vergil (5)
Beginning German or French (5)
Advanced history and social science (4)

(Those not going to college take science as provided for third year Academic students instead of taking advanced history.) (5)

FOURTH YEAR.

- English (literature; composition; grammar; rhetoric) (4)
Trigonometry; field work; reviews (5)
United States history and civil government (4)
Second year German or French (5)

(Those not going to college continue physics or chemistry (5) in Academic course, others may take advanced English (4) in place of science.)

These three courses were elected according to what course the pupil would take in college. At their completion no degree was granted, but a simple certificate stating what had been done.

With a dozen such institutions in Texas, imparting the true spirit of higher education, Southern Methodism would become a force for education.

At the approaching conference sessions, we believe the Boards of Education should look a little more carefully into our schools. Numbers, boarding-house accommodations, social ad-

vantages, beautiful catalogues and advertisements do not make a college. Elocution, art and music are all right, but they have nothing to do with a college. A school may be a fine college and have none of them. The question for the conferences is, what course in mental training is being pursued? Have our schools been unjustly classified? If so, they must have justice, if not, then shall they wear deceptive names, grant empty degrees with the indorsement of an intelligent Methodist?

This letter was called forth by an examination of the educational report. It does not mean to condemn any school, any teacher, any board, any conference; but its aim is to call forth a closer investigation of the inner workings of all of our Church schools. Let us be honest with ourselves, honest with our patrons, and honest with the world.

deliberation, I have come to the conclusion that the following plan, if adopted and carried out, will tend to remedy the evil: Let the Sunday-school superintendent announce at the close of Sunday-school next Sunday he will ask the school and all that are present how many articles and editorials each one has read during the past week in the Texas Christian Advocate, and that this question will be asked every Sunday at the close of Sunday-school. This will involve very little time or labor, and will call attention to our Texas Church paper and its valuable Christian literature. The superintendent can remark briefly on the importance of keeping up with Church progress. If the parents of any of the children do not take the Advocate, he can induce the children to solicit them to subscribe, and the editor can offer premiums for the children to induce them to work. I believe through the Sunday-school the subscription list of the Advocate could be doubled, as well as secure its more general reading.

DO OUR PEOPLE READ THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE AS MUCH AS THEY SHOULD?

During my long ministry I have made many speeches and written much urging our people to subscribe for our Church papers, and I can not remember to have made a speech or written an article directly urging them to read our Church papers. It seems to have been a universal conclusion that if our Church literature was circulated it would be read. This was probably true when the competition in all kinds of literature for the public's eye was not so keen as it is now.

But I find, after a somewhat extended observation and inquiry, that even where our Church papers are taken, they are but little read by any but the preachers and the elder Church members. Our young people read them but little, especially in the towns and cities. Now this ought not to be. The value of our Church literature is in direct ratio to the number who read it. Our Texas Christian Advocate is a condensed and abbreviated history of Methodism in Texas, with the added secular and general news. It contains the best and maturest thoughts of an able and consecrated minister, whose experience includes every available opportunity of acquiring knowledge from the Sunday-school, class room, prayer-meeting, Epworth League, Church Conference, Quarterly Conference, District Conference, Annual Conference and the General Conference, the highest tribunal of Methodism; and is in close touch and earnest sympathy with every interest and every aggressive movement of the Church in the work of evangelism. Added to this, we have the best thoughts of the most learned preachers on all subjects that relate to the polity, doctrine and work of the Church. But to specify some of the rich viands served up each week:

First, there are the editorials, full of experimental and doctrinal truth, good to the edifying of heroic Christian character and a power in the work of evangelism; a feast to the hungry soul, and often a sharp warning to the thoughtless and irreverent. These are condensed sermons, and only need careful reading and intelligent approval to make them available in enlarging the borders of Zion and building up the waste places in our ecclesiastical heritage. Passing over much valuable editorial work, I notice the page or more of secular news. I do not hesitate to affirm that to the business man this department is alone worth the subscription to the paper. Here we have the condensed summary of the weekly sayings and doings of the world, and in a form that in twenty or thirty minutes it can be read and readily understood. It is results and conclusions—just what the busy man needs.

Having had extensive experience in this work, I know the labor it costs to condense a page of secular news from fifty pages and from numerous papers.

Then we have a page of sparkling diamonds gathered from the best and most spiritual writers of both Europe and America, brief but full of life and power; the contributions, the League, the Sunday-school lesson exposition.

Then we have had Bro. Hughes' timely and dignified warning about nude pictures in a young people's paper, and very recently Bro. Knickerbocker's bright, sparkling and instructive letters from abroad, which alone are worth more than a year's subscription to the Advocate.

All this, and much more, is the Advocate's contribution to Christian literature. Surely this is an intellectual and spiritual menu tempting to the most fastidious taste. This rich feast is served up fifty-two times each year, and all for the price of two dollars—less than four cents for each paper.

Now, if every member of our Church would carefully read the most of this Christian literature, we would have a heretofore developed membership, ready for every aggressive movement that promised the destruction of the army of Satan and the triumph of Christ's kingdom. After considerable

deliberation, I have come to the conclusion that the following plan, if adopted and carried out, will tend to remedy the evil: Let the Sunday-school superintendent announce at the close of Sunday-school next Sunday he will ask the school and all that are present how many articles and editorials each one has read during the past week in the Texas Christian Advocate, and that this question will be asked every Sunday at the close of Sunday-school.

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There are many gems in every department of the Advocate—full of spiritual life and power. The President of the Epworth League could ask the same question, and also the pastor at the prayer-meeting. J. F. RIGGS.

ANOTHER REASON FOR NOT DIVIDING.

Among the arguments against division there is one that has not been made, or, if made, has not been stressed. I refer to the difficulty of successfully and acceptably supplying our great centers. Each year shows a decided increase in the percentage of population in our cities; and with the growth in population there is a corresponding growth in evils. More and more are our cities looked upon as a menace to our best civilization. Hence the Church that is wise will use its greatest care that these difficult and important fields be strongly manned. The preacher here must be a man among men. He has an immense membership to serve, and must respond to a thousand and one calls. With little time for study, his pulpit work must yet be of a high order. He has to compete with the strongest men in other Churches. His sermons must hold the various classes that compose his congregation: for brainy lawyers, astute politicians and shrewd business men, unless very religious, will not habitually hear a man who is far below them in intelligence. Great evils and great evil-doers are to be rebuked. There must be a force in the man rebuking, or his words will be mere bird-shot where bomb-shells are needed. Great enterprises are to be inaugurated and consummated. Strong men are needed at the helm. Eminent, successful city pastors are by no means numerous. Other Churches recognize how few such men are, and often must send to a distant State for men to supply important fields. We, as a rule, do not go beyond the confines of a single conference. If the conference is large, there will be a sufficient number of strong men from which to make a wise and acceptable choice. But if the conference is small, the number of available capable men will be small indeed, and great embarrassment in filling the important centers will result. The exact type of man needed can not be had in that conference, and one of two things must result—there will be either a misfit or a transfer, and neither is desired.

It is from our large city Churches that the greatest strain upon our itinerant system comes, and it is just here that the Church needs to be most wise. If good and acceptable men are supplied here, our members will be contented and willingly loyal. But if we fail to meet the demand, dissatisfaction and trouble will ensue. This is an evil already not entirely unheard of among us. My argument is, that in a large conference, with a large number of preachers to select from, we can as a rule easily supply the demands; but in a smaller conference it will not always be possible.

Of course there are many conferences smaller than the proposed Panhandle Conference would be, but most of these are in thinly settled districts, where there are few strong centers. In the other small conferences it will be found on investigation that the most important Churches are often served by transfers from elsewhere. Call the roll, and in well-nigh all of them you will find one or more high steeples. Small conferences in well-populated States are in a measure responsible for the evils of high-steeples. Mark well: This is no reflection upon the ministry of such conferences. The standard may be—sometimes is—even higher than elsewhere in our own or in other Churches. But the circle from which to draw is small, and the few available men are not available. Some have served there before; others are serving elsewhere and can not be released; still others are ruled out for local reasons.

In the Northwest Texas Conference we have a large number of growing centers, where strong men are needed.

But we have a large number of men from which to draw, and as a rule our own men fill our own pulpits—and fill them acceptably. If a transfer comes to us, he comes on his own motion; he is not imported to order. He takes 'pot luck among the boys,' and becomes one of them. May it ever be thus. But divide the conference, curtail by half the capable men from which to draw, and the difficulty of fitting every work with a suitable man will be vastly increased.

Let us remain as we are.

SAMUEL J. RUCKER.

A "PIECE" MEASURE.

The brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference seem not to agree among themselves about division, so here is a "piece" measure by a friend on the outside. Of course we will have said unto us, "Keep your mouth out of that which does not concern you. This is our own family row." Brethren, we love "piece." I have not a word to say concerning arguments already introduced on the subject. Only this (shriek for the young champion of the West. I would advise him to "look a little out."

Now to the slicing. Well, we will begin with Bro. Campbell and give him to the Texas Conference, with Dr. Nelms thrown in for good measure. Pass from thence in the direction of the village of Waco and include the diocese of Dr. Wright with all that appertains thereto.

Now we of the Texas Conference have been very anxious to have some of these brethren transfer to us, but they seem a little shy of these parts. I am afraid we will never get them unless we can succeed in getting them ceded and "deded" to us. We will be willing for Dr. Campbell to have the best the coast can afford, for he can float if he can't swim. It has been rumored in these parts that Dr. W. likes to fish. We have the very district for him. He will be in water half his time, and can fish and fight mosquitoes to his heart's content. As to other brethren that we may get in the transaction we have a number of toy fronts and you brethren shall have them all. My brethren, you don't know what delight there is in life until you spend two or three days up a tree "just for fun." You might ask what will become of the ceded territory. Oh, we will take care of that. While you brethren are "padding your own canoe" we will enjoy those prairie breezes. Yes, brethren, "Barkis is willing." R. W. ADAMS.

THE CONFERENCE DIVISION—FROM GRAHAM CIRCUIT.

At the meeting of the fourth Quarterly Conference, held at Graham, September 28, 1900, for Graham Circuit, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we think it inadvisable to divide the Northwest Texas Conference under present conditions, and we enter our protest against such proposed division.

Resolved, That the sentiment of Graham Circuit is against the division and the creation of a new conference, and is against the resolution passed by the Vernon District Conference, held at Vernon, favoring such division.

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication. T. S. BARCUS.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

You voice the sentiment of most of your large constituency in one impassioned sentence in your issue of September 20, when you say: "What a pity it is that the manhood of this great State and of this nation does not rise up and hurl from every community this nefarious business, that is wrecking more human life and character than all of the storms and waves that ever swept the shores of America!"

To my thinking, there is only one way in which this glorious result can be accomplished. If you will allow your correspondent, he will take the sole responsibility of saying that the ballots of freemen can put a stop to the legalized traffic in rum, and nothing else on earth is adequate to the bringing about this happy result. Moral suasion will accomplish wonders when applied to a man of morals. But when a man abjures conscience, how can you hope to move him with an argument addressed to a seared faculty? If "the decalogue and the ten commandments have no place in modern politics," surely it is time for the honest yeomanry of the country to arouse themselves and go to the polls and vote as one man for the utter destruction of the saloon.

The liquor traffic is a legalized institution, made so by the votes of the people. If the people are still sovereign, they can make the traffic illegal. Bishop McTyeire truly said: "We must destroy the liquor traffic, or it will destroy us."

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HOW A BROCKTON, MASS., WOMAN WAS IMPOSED UPON.

From the Times, Brockton, Mass. We smile when we read that the "gold brick" game has succeeded in parting another victim from his money but how much harder to understand is the success of the "substitution game" which is practiced daily in many stores that are otherwise respectable. We say this is hard to understand because one would suppose that a person who is sure Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the only remedy that will benefit him and who goes to a store for a further supply, would insist upon getting just what he asks for. That such is not always the case is shown by the following incident:

Mrs. Della Willis, of No. 243 Crescent Street, Brockton, Mass., says: "When I started to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People I was a total wreck. For two years I had endured the tortures of nervousness, headache, muscular weakness and loss of appetite. My weight was only 75 pounds while I had weighed over 100 pounds. I was subject to severe headaches, mostly in the morning, and at times I was so dizzy that I could scarcely distinguish one object from another. "Last winter I got so much worse that I was obliged to go to a hospital for treatment and after six weeks of care and skillful attention, I was but little, if any, better. About March 1st, after leaving the hospital, I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People upon the recommendation of a friend who had been benefited by them and they have done more good than all the doctors combined.



"I had taken only a few doses when I began to feel better and within one week had gained three pounds. After finishing my first box of pills I went to one of the largest drug stores in Brockton for the second box. The clerk talked me into taking a box of the genuine, of pills which he claimed were the same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, only put up in a different form. I had taken only one or two doses, however, when I discovered that I had been imposed upon. The substitute acted altogether differently from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and made me so weak that I could scarcely stand. I am now using nothing but the genuine Pink Pills and am thankful to say that they are putting new life into me.

"I have so much confidence in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People that I recommend them whenever an opportunity presents itself and all those who have used them speak very highly of them." (Signed) Mrs. DELLA WILLIS. At all druggists or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y. Price 50 cents per box; 6 boxes, \$2.50.

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nation is largely on the Conservative side, and at the other end the workmen have endorsed the war policy by a decided vote, which even in London has placed in the Government column all but seven or eight of the sixty-two seats to which the metropolis is entitled. The effect of all this on the settlement of South African matters is easy to forecast. The conquered Boers, whose last hope lay in those elections and a public expression of sympathy that might mitigate their case, may as well settle down to the fact that they must submit abjectly to whatever program the conquerors shall lay out. All South Africa is henceforth to be British, and nothing will be left undone to make that fact sure beyond the chance of another Dutch uprising.

Things in China are still in a muddle. The following is the latest: "The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Express sends a report that the French torpedo-boat destroyer Handy shelled 2,000 rebels, who were advancing on San Chun, killing forty and wounding hundreds. The evidences of Prince Tuan's continuance in power causes anxiety. According to the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, it has produced a serious depression in trade there. Two Chinese banks have failed, others are expected to close, and it is reported that the Russo-Chinese Bank is in difficulties, owing to the removal of the Chinese court to Shen Si. Shanghai telegrams report that the local Mandarins have received a dispatch from Prince Tuan announcing that the court is now in safe keeping, and exhorting them to have patience until winter decimates the allies, to keep the arsenals in constant work and everything in readiness for a massacre of all foreigners when the proper time arrives. It is also reported that the Dowager Empress has issued a decree removing Liu Kun Wi, Viceroy of Nan-king, from his post, and ordering Gen. Young Lu to join her at Stan Fu. The Shan Tung Boxers are returning to their homes. Twelve thousand of them were utterly defeated outside of Tsang Chao, near the Chi Li border, by 5,000 of Gov. Yun Chi Kai's troops under Gen. Mei."

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T. U. as a brand for his whisky. To secure his right to use these initials, he applied to the Patent Office for the registration of his trade-mark, and the application was granted. The members of the organization applied for an injunction, and the case was fought an through the courts, but the liquor-dealer finally won.

W. J. Bryan made a visit to New York City last Monday, and it is said that no such welcome has ever been accorded to a presidential candidate in the eastern metropolis. He delivered several speeches in different parts of the city, as the crowd was too great for any one speech to reach them. If popular ovations throughout the Middle States and in New York are any evidence of success, then Mr. Bryan has a splendid chance to get to the White House. But it takes votes to reach that goal.

A special to the News, last Tuesday morning from Austin, says:

A mob of about two hundred University students attempted to take possession of the Grand Opera-house to-night while the performance was in progress. The entrance doors were over-crowded and held shut by a force of men from the audience and the repeated assaults of the mob were resisted. Several valuable pictures in the lobby were demolished. The whole police force, headed by Chief Thorp, was called out to quell the mob, but they were unable for a time to cope with it. Manager Geo. Walker made complaint against a number of the looters, and they will be arrested.

The affair created much excitement and the participants in the riotous attack are severely denounced by the respectable element of the city.

Naval Constructor Hobson, who reached Vancouver recently on his return journey from the Philippines, has made some surprising statements concerning the Spanish ships that were sunk during the battle of Manila Bay. When asked his opinion as to the direct cause of the foundering of the vessels, he replied: "The Spaniards pulled out the plugs and opened the valves. They sank the ships themselves; our shell fire did very little damage." He then explained that the vessels were practically uninjured below the water line, the damage to the hulls being mainly the result of a long period of submersion. The upper works had suffered from fire, which destroyed the woodwork and twisted the iron plates. But these seem to be only three of the Spanish fleet. All the rest were destroyed.

Scouting collisions in the Philippines are still occurring between the American troops and the insurgents. The latest dispatch from there says: "A detachment of twenty men of the Twenty-fourth Regiment, while engaged in repairing telegraph wires October 10, at a point near San Jose, Nuevo Ecija Province, Island de Luzon, were set upon by 200 rebels and over-powered and scattered. Seven of the Americans reached San Jose, but it is probable that the others were captured. The enemy surprised a party of scouts of the Forty-third Infantry at a point three miles from Takloban, Leyte, killing three of the Americans at the first volley. Two escaped and gave the alarm, but the enemy succeeded in evading their pursuers. The native police of Takloban had conspired to surprise the dead soldiers were badly mutilated."

With the elections for the British Parliament called in the very flush of the South African victory, which has extended the British flag over all that part of the continent, there was no reason to expect any other result than the return of the Salisbury-Chamberlain ministry to power. The Liberals are simply not "in it" this time. They may have gained an occasional seat through local or personal reasons, but they have lost more than they have gained. The Unionist triumph is of a sweeping nature, and Mr. Chamberlain, who is the real premier, though Lord Salisbury is the nominal one, will find himself backed by a larger majority than ever. The solid wealth of the

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smaller than in any year since 1881, and the amount of defaulted liabilities was only 83 cents for every \$1000 of solvent business, as measured by bank exchanges, the best showing, with only two exceptions, since these records were begun, twenty-five years ago. Hence, any comparison with last year must be expected to show an increase, but this does not by any means indicate that business is now in a deplorable state. In fact, going back of last year it will be found that only ten quarters out of the preceding sixty-four had smaller liabilities, notwithstanding the fact that the number of firms in business and the amount of capital invested have increased very largely during that time.

According to the joint estimates of Admirals Melville and Hichborn, Congress will be asked to appropriate at its next session on account of hulls and machinery of naval vessels now building \$22,909,000. This does not include armor, ordnance equipment, or other work which is done at the Government naval establishments. Congress appropriated last year for naval increase \$13,000,000. Admiral Melville estimates that it will require \$4,000,000 for repairs to steam machinery and plants, and \$5,000,000 to keep the hulls of the fleet in good condition. The aggregate naval estimates for the year ending June 30, 1902, which are about ready to be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, will probably not exceed \$75,000,000.

Some time ago the State of Massachusetts inaugurated a movement for the repopulation of the so-called abandoned farms of the State. From time to time the State Board of Agriculture issues a catalogue descriptive of these farms, and through its efforts many of them have been sold and brought to a productive state. Since 1891 seven hundred and ten such farms have been advertised by the State Board of Agriculture. Three hundred and nine of these have been sold to purchasers living in various sections of the country, most of them in Massachusetts. The last catalogue contains a large amount of interesting information connected with these farms, the vast majority of those who have purchased them having expressed great satisfaction over the result.

The Chinese imperial troops, according to a dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Hongkong, dated yesterday, have recaptured Wei Chou, on East River, where Sun Yat Sen, the reformer, had raised his flag, and have scattered the rebels. The Standard publishes mail advices from Tien Tsin, giving a list of fifty-four documents that were seized in the Yamen of the Viceroy after the capture of the city and fell into the hands of the correspondents before the military authorities had seized the Yamen. These include receipts for money paid to Boxer Generals for supplies to their troops of every kind, reports of actions and lists of casualties and rewards paid to Generals and the families of the killed, all clearly proving that the authorities maintained the Boxer movement by lavish expenditures.

The late Senator Ingalls, in writing to the Saturday Evening Post, says of the Presidents:

Few Presidents have gained in public estimation by their incumbency. Many have lost. Grant would have occupied a higher pedestal had he remained at the head of the army, and Lincoln and Garfield both died at a fortunate time for their fame. But, wearing and grinding as are the stress and strain, few, if any, have been broken by the tension. The White House has been exceptionally free from tragedies. Taylor died from a surfeit of cherries and milk, and Harrison from a cold contracted by riding bare-headed in a snowstorm up the avenue from the Capitol the day of his inauguration. Possibly Polk was the only President who succumbed to the wearisome burdens of his office. He died June 15, 1849, three months after the close of his term, at the comparatively early age of fifty-four.

The epidemic of yellow fever in Cuba continues to be of a very serious character, and it is stated that while a large number of cases are reported, there are still many others that are not reported, or are reported as "pernicious bilious fever" or "pernicious malarial fever," but are really yellow fever. Recently an inquiry addressed to the surgeon at the Marine Hospital in Havana as to the number of yellow fever cases existing there elicited the information that there were about three hundred. A short time afterward, however, an army surgeon said there were only seventy-five. There is no doubt that yellow fever will continue to be epidemic in Havana until a better sanitary condition has been provided for the city. In the second palace, adjoining General Wood's headquarters at Havana, a building used

for officers' quarters and important Government offices, a number of cases occurred, and Major George S. Cartwright, of the army, who roomed in the palace, a young and able officer, has died of the yellow fever. Two military guards in the auditor's office also succumbed to the fever. An investigation as to the causes of the infection resulted in the discovery of two reeking cesspools under the building. The only hope of deliverance from the awful plague of yellow fever for Havana and in Cuban cities generally lies in proper drainage, and a movement is now under foot which involves the establishment of a complete system of drainage throughout Havana and the repavement of the streets in such a manner as will make it possible to keep them clean.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 14.—A remarkable series of experiments was conducted here today by Henry F. Loring, of New York, who successfully accomplished the feat of carrying 20,200 volts of electricity through an underground cable three miles long. The highest voltage hitherto attained with this class of conductor was 29,000 volts, which was secured at Niagara Falls and electrical engineers have long been experimenting with a view to attaining a maximum of 25,000 volts. The cable consists of three copper conductors, each about the size of an ordinary lead pencil, each being inclosed in a paper tube and the whole encased in a lead sheat and drawn through vitrified clay conduits. The cable is a part of the system by which the St. Paul Gaslight and Power Company will utilize the water power at Apple River, Wis., the other twenty-four miles of wire being overhead. As a result of this experiment they will carry an average voltage of 25,000 volts furnishing 5000 horsepower for lighting and power purposes.

During the first eight months of the present year the exports of manufactured goods amounted to \$294,999,000, while during the first eight months of 1899 they were valued at only \$163,999,000. In the importation of raw material there has been even a larger proportional increase, for while we imported such material to the value of about \$100,000,000 during the first eight months of 1899, we imported more than twice that amount during the same period of the present year. The value of hides and skins imported has risen from \$13,176,281 for the first eight months of 1899, to \$26,961,911 for the first eight months of the present year; raw silk from \$8,732,863 to \$21,615,716; crude rubber from \$9,246,558 to \$19,938,639; and fibres from \$8,932,806 to \$19,771,935. The largest increase of exportation is found in the products of iron and steel, which during the periods named has risen from \$29,957,000 to \$71,174,389; copper, which shows exports to the value of \$41,820,330 as against \$17,872,807; and agricultural implements, which have risen from \$1,097,772 to \$13,354,774.

Guthrie, Ok., Oct. 14.—A sensational suit—one that will attract much attention—was filed in the District Court here last evening by Fred Thomas and R. L. Thompson against Rev. D. W. Keller, J. E. Brewete and H. E. Swan. The plaintiffs are liquor dealers in this city and the defendants are all prominent in county and territorial Anti-Saloon League work. The plaintiffs ask \$1000 damages, claiming the defendants made false and defamatory statements against them, injuring their business, character, reputation and general standing. It is charged that the defendants before the County Board of Commissioners on Oct. 10 made and published the following statements all of which plaintiffs claim are false:

- "1. Plaintiffs are not persons of good moral character.
"2. That their petition does not include the requisite number of taxpayers.
"3. That they have recently sold liquor without license and in violation of the law.
"4. That they have obstructed their windows and doors with screens."

A Philadelphia whisky manufacturer has been using the seal and shield of Yale University as a trade-mark. President Hadley has secured counsel and will serve an injunction. It is supposed that the principal reason of the would-be user of college titles is to secure the notoriety resulting from whatever legal steps may be taken against him. It is said that the seals or coats-of-arms of Brown, Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Lehigh, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Swathmore, Columbia, Chicago, Yale, Oxford, and Cambridge have been registered as trade-marks for brands of whisky by liquor-dealers, and according to a Supreme Court decision, the only remedy for the college lies in the courts. A prominent dealer, annoyed by the efforts of our Christian women against his traffic, adopted the initials W. C.

Secular News Items.

Mr. D. P. Bailey, of the State Prohibition Committee, has issued the following which we print as an item of general news:

PROHIBITION TICKET.

For Electors: E. C. Heath, D. H. Hancock. For Governor: H. G. Damon. For Lieutenant-Governor: J. G. Adams.

If there are no Prohibition tickets at your ballot box, you can vote for these candidates by writing their names on your ticket.

D. P. Bailey, Paris, Texas, Chairman of the State Prohibition Committee, wants the names and addresses of Prohibitionists.

The revenues of the Philippine Islands, for the first seven months of 1899, amounted to \$2,095,335; for the corresponding period of the present year they amounted to \$4,782,950.

The population of Arkansas is officially announced to be 1,811,564—an increase of 182,285 during the last ten years. The population had been estimated as exceeding 1,500,000.

Since August, 1899, British agents have shipped from New Orleans to Cape Town 15,000 horses and 42,000 mules. Other purchases have been made for the British army in the neighborhood, and the total disbursements are said to have exceeded ten million dollars.

Mr. John Sealy, treasurer of the Galveston relief fund, acknowledges receipt of contributions from Oct. 1 to 12, inclusive, amounting to \$198,552. This includes \$125,000 received through Governor Snyder and \$21,621.73 received through Mayor Jones. The amount previously acknowledged was \$781,042.63, making the total to date \$979,595.63.

It is alleged that Gov. Flower, of New York; Gov. Stone, of Missouri, and Gov. Mitchell, of Florida, all Democrats, declined six years ago to honor a requisition in the Standard oil cases like that which Gov. Roosevelt is expected to turn down. If this allegation be true, it should go a long way to relieve the Texas authorities of the charge that the document was sprung on Gov. Roosevelt in St. Louis for campaign effect.

Santo Domingo, Oct. 14.—The plan of the conspirators against the Government, whose plot was discovered a few days ago, was to burn the new section of this city, and while attention was being directed to the fire the fort was to be seized. The conspirators had a large quantity of arms. Arrests have been made in all parts of the Republic. The Government is strong. Vega, the revolutionist, is asking for guarantees in case of surrender.

The abstract of the condition of the National banks of Texas, exclusive of Houston, as reported to the Controller of the Currency at the close of business on Sept. 5, shows the average reserve to have been 25.17 per cent, against 27.50 per cent on June 29. Loans and discounts increased from \$49,449,884 to \$52,951,373, gold coin decreased from \$1,875,979 to \$1,570,169, total specie from \$3,861,227 to \$3,235,501, lawful money reserve from \$5,791,478 to \$5,194,420, individual deposits increased from \$41,061,272 to \$45,284,917.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 14.—From ocean to ocean and from the great lakes to the gulf, in every city, town and village of the country, Democratic meetings will be held Oct. 27, and will be addressed by the ablest speakers that the scope of this gigantic plan will permit. This was the scheme announced to-day by the Democratic National Committee, which has already set in motion the preparations necessary for the consummation of such a project. The tens of thousands of clubs affiliated with or members of the National Association of Democratic clubs will be asked to lend their assistance.

According to "Dun's Review," the final returns of commercial failures during the third quarter of 1900 make the aggregate 2519 in number, and \$27,119,596 in amount of liabilities. Manufacturing failures were 607 for \$12,617,200, trading were 1779 for \$11,545,140, and other commercial 133 for \$2,957,468. Comparison with the same quarter of last year shows an increase of 500 in number and nearly \$10,000,000 in amount, but this is owing to the phenomenal record of 1899 rather than to any unusual conditions now existing. In the corresponding three months of last year failures were

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Notes From the Field.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

ORANGE.

Jas. E. Crutchfield, Oct. 12: The work here is not lagging. We mark many signs of progress in Church work. We are delighted with a cool norther, which was refreshing. Indeed, to us who have been almost languishing from the heat. We are engaged in a meeting this week, and expect good results. The Twentieth Century collection from this place will be good, despite the amount our people have given for the relief of Galveston and the rebuilding of the churches in the Houston District. We expect our finances to be up in full, and our net increase for the year to be large.

EMORY CHARGE.

G. M. Fletcher, Oct. 9: Our last protracted meeting was held at Emory. This was the second meeting for this place. We had great hindrances. Some of our leading members had sickness in their families and could not attend. Others were too busy, therefore did not come. We had Bro. Cross, from Willis Point, to help us. He did most of the preaching. Our people were delighted very much with his discourses, and he did us much good. We continued eight days. Bro. Fields came down and preached two most excellent sermons, from Lone Oak. We had a good meeting. Those that attended enjoyed it very much. We are working very hard for the collections. Hope to report in full.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

BELCHER.

W. H. Brown, Oct. 15: I have just been in a gracious revival with Bro. Archer at Denison. The Lord did great things for us, whereof we are glad. Bro. Archer is in fine favor with his people, and we had a very pleasant time in his home, with his estimable family.

GREENVILLE.

James W. Hill, Oct. 15: Raised Church debt; bought a fine pipe organ; had a gracious revival; will bring up all the collections. Bradford with us yesterday. He preached two fine sermons. Raised \$65 for St. John's Church, Galveston; this after raising about \$7000 for other purposes. Closing up second year nicely.

CEDAR HILL.

E. L. Spurlock, Oct. 15: Yesterday was a grand day for Cedar Hill and Duncanville. Bishop Key, of Sherman, preached a most excellent gospel sermon to a very large and appreciative audience at Duncanville, and dedicated our new church. After the dedication we raised the balance of our collections, as ordered by the Annual Conference. We went from Duncanville to Cedar Hill in the afternoon, where Bishop Key preached at night to a packed house. The Bishop was at his best, and more than met the expectation of my people. We have built and paid for two beautiful churches this year, have raised our collections in full, and have raised for other purposes near \$500. The preacher's salary was advanced from \$400 to \$500, and will be paid in full. We have had two great meetings, in which 125 have professed religion. Nearly one hundred have joined the Methodist Church. We were ably assisted at Cedar Hill by Bros. John S. Davis and C. A. Spragins. At Duncanville Bro. C. O. Jones, of Sherman, did most of the preaching, and did it well. With two or three exceptions, the professions were made at the altar or "mourner's bench." Bro. Coppedge, of Wheatland, was with us most of the time of our Duncanville meeting, rendering valuable help by preaching and otherwise. Bro. C. H. Govette

preached for us twice. "Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful" and full of blessings. To him be the glory.

SANGER.

John Moore: Our fourth Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at Krum, Texas, Oct. 6 and 7. It was a delightful occasion throughout. The financial report was somewhat behind, but will make a favorable showing at conference. This charge had trouble last year, and, although our people generally have rallied loyally, it will take time to recover from the shock. The people have been uniformly kind to us. We have been prevented by sickness from doing much that might have been done, yet after all God has been good to us, and we have been pleasantly situated. One sad feature of the conference was the fact of Bro. Binkley's retirement from the district. He presided in love and preached in power. His sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday was especially helpful and will never be forgotten by those who heard it. Our people delight to honor him, not because he is presiding elder, but for his long and faithful service to the Church. Forty-three years ago he was the pastor of twenty-seven appointments in this county. Everybody loves him, and all are loath to give him up; but the limit has been reached and we submit to the best system of Church government that has ever been devised. God bless the Advocate and its editor.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

MERKEL.

R. S. Heizer, Oct. 13: Truly "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places; yea, we have a goodly heritage." It would be very difficult to find a more agreeable and appreciative people than is on the Merkel charge. They know how to provide and care for their pastor and his family, and they do it right well. Just last Saturday night they gave us a real donation party, bringing with them estates of all kinds and dresses for wife and the little daughter, hat and cash for their pastor. This people understand the art of doing nice things in an elegant manner. We feel that we are not worthy of this kind visitation. It calls forth the deepest gratitude from our hearts. May the God of peace and love be with each of these good people. Last Thursday was the time of our fourth Quarterly Conference, and though it was the middle of the week and a very busy time, we had a most delightful time. Our beloved, Dr. Chapman, preached a most excellent sermon, and all who heard him were greatly benefited. The pastor's report shows that there have been good revivals all over the circuit, and that there have been many added to the Methodist Church; also that the collections will be met in full. The stewards' report showed that some of the appointments were already paid up on everything, and the prevailing opinion is that this charge will clear the deck on all lines. We, as pastor and people, regret very much to have to part with Bro. Chapman, but we are loyal Methodists, and we can only pray the blessing of God upon him and his family wherever they may be sent.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

WEST TEXAS.

The class of the first year will meet the committee at the Methodist Church in Gonzales, Texas, at 9 a. m., Tuesday, October 20.

The committee and class of the second year will meet in the Methodist Church at Gonzales on the 26th inst. (Tuesday), at 9 a. m. Please come prepared for a written examination.

Class of the third year will please meet the committee in Methodist Church on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at 8:30 a. m., ready for written examination.

The class of the fourth year will please meet the committee in the Methodist Church, Gonzales, Tuesday, October 23, 9 a. m., prepared for written examinations.

The candidates for admission and re-admission into the West Texas Conference will meet the committee at the Methodist Church in Gonzales, Texas, October 20, at 2 p. m., 1900. Their presiding elders or any other person who can give us any information on their qualification or disqualification for the itinerant ministry will please to meet with us.

THEOPHILUS LEE, M. S. GARDNER, NEW HARRIS, A. C. ROGGS, B. H. PASSMORE.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

We are forced to announce that in no case will entertainment be provided for children nor persons not having business with the conference. It will be extremely difficult, under present circumstances, to provide entertainment for your wives, but this we hope to be able to do. I am sure you would excuse this seemingly inhospitable announcement if you knew our situation. On account of the repeated

overflows the past season, our town is suffering from a fever epidemic such as we have not experienced for years, and the physicians predict a more distressing situation for October and November. In addition to this epidemic, it is impossible to get help, there is such a demand for cotton pickers, and this work is so remunerative that the servants have left the kitchen for the field. For these reasons, we are compelled to give the above notice. Should the situation improve, we will notify those who have made special requests and grant them if possible.

NEW HARRIS, Pastor, Gonzales, Texas.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I expect to get to Gonzales about noon on October 25 (Tuesday), and hope to settle with as many brethren as possible at the church on that afternoon. I can use checks or drafts on San Antonio, but can not use any checks on your local banks. I hope you will send me as much money as you can before October 25, but do not send any to me at San Marcos after that date, but wait and settle at conference.

JOHN E. PRITCHETT, Treasurer Board of Missions, West Texas Conference, San Marcos, Texas.

Preachers of the West Texas Conference intending to bring their wives to conference must notify me at once. In no case will entertainment be provided where this request is not complied with. Excepting wives of the preachers, no one need expect entertainment who has no business with the conference.

NEW HARRIS, P. C., Gonzales, Texas.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE RATES.

All the railroads in our territory have authorized a rate of one and one-third fares to Gonzales and return. Tickets will be sold on two days only, Monday and Tuesday, October 28 and 29, limited for return to November 7.

STERLING FISHER, Secretary, To the Preachers in Charge of the West Texas Conference.

Please send money collected on the Twentieth Century Fund to Rev. J. T. H. Miller, Center Point, Texas. He is the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and the one to whom all moneys should be paid collected for this purpose. Send me your reports made out on the blanks sent out by Dr. Hammond.

M. S. GARDNER, San Marcos, Texas.

NORTHWEST TEXAS NOTICE.

We expect to make all assignments and send out notices of same by the first of November. Any name sent in for entertainment after the 25th of October this month will cause confusion and great embarrassment.

JAS. CAMPBELL, To the Board of Education of the Northwest Texas Conference.

The board is called to meet in the Methodist Church at Georgetown, Tuesday, November 12, at 9 a. m. in both French and English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent to mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. News, 82 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

The presiding elders of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet in the M. E. Church, South, Georgetown, Texas, November 12, 1900, at 2 p. m.

E. A. BAILEY, The Northwest Texas Conference will be convened in Georgetown November 12, 1900.

We will do all in our power to entertain the conference pleasantly and comfortably. In order to do this it is necessary that we have the co-operation of the members of the conference in securing the necessary information. We desire the names and portfolios of all those whose names are not on the conference roll, who expect to be entertained or have business with the conference. We desire these names to be sent in by the 15th of October.

Failure to comply with this request will place in jeopardy the work to the disadvantage of the guests to be entertained.

JAS. CAMPBELL, P. C., Georgetown, Texas.

NORTHWEST TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, GEORGETOWN, NOVEMBER 12.

Palestine, Texas, Sept. 21, 1900. Rev. Jno. M. Barcus, Cleburne, Texas:

Dear Sir—Replying to yours 23d, in view of the expected attendance at your conference to be held at Georgetown, we will place in effect the "convention rates," which are about as follows:

From points within 50 miles, fare and one-third. From points 51 to 100 miles, rate at \$1.25. From points 101 to 150 miles, rate of one fare for the round trip plus 1/4 cent. Tickets to be on sale November 12, 11 and for trains reaching Georgetown morning of 14th, limited to November 22 for return.

We have given this information to connecting lines, as shown in your letter, requesting them to take like action. Yours truly, B. J. PHEC, G. P. & T. A.

NORTH TEXAS.

The North Texas Conference Brotherhood will meet at the Methodist Church in the city of Denton, November 23, at 7:30 p. m. Bro. B. Gibbs Moore will deliver the annual address. All the members are requested to be present on time. Other members of the North Texas Conference and the public generally are cordially invited to attend.

JAS. W. HILL, Pres. N. T. C. B.

Let every member of the conference whose wife expects to attend and every member of any Conference Board who expects to attend, notify me immediately. I positively will not promise to provide a home of any one of whose coming I am not notified by November 1. The first to notify me will be the first to whom homes will be assigned, and many will be some distance from the church, as all the people in Denton do not live "within a stone's throw" of the M. E. Church. South. Every pastor please send me promptly an address, giving District Secretary your report on the Twentieth Century Movement by October 25, and again November 25. By reporting promptly you will lighten my labor and thereby enable me prepare the best for your entertainment during the session of conference.

C. M. HARLESS.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

We, your brethren and collaborators, believing much good would result from uniformity in our work, and desiring best methods, that we may have best results, ask all the Examining Committees of the North Texas Conference to meet in Denton, November 20, 1900, at 2 p. m. in every season for conference concerning the work committed to us.

J. A. BLACK, E. B. THOMPSON, C. M. HARLESS, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE.

The class of the first year will meet in the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 20, at 12:30 o'clock.

THIRDAHILL, BARTON, Committee. The committee and class of the second year will meet in the Hickory Street Christian Church, in Denton, at 2 p. m., November 21.

J. A. BLACK, Chairman. The committee and class of the third year will meet in the M. E. Church, South, in Denton, November 22, 2 p. m.

The class of the fourth year will meet the committee in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on November 23, at 2 p. m. S. A. ASHTON, Chairman.

Candidates for admission on 1901 meet the committee at the Presbyterian Church, 5 p. m., November 24, 1900. E. B. THOMPSON, Chairman.

EAST TEXAS.

Dear Brethren—It is my desire to entertain the coming session of the East Texas Conference, to convene at Pittsburg, November 25, pleasantly and comfortably, and we hope no one will fail to comply with our request. I will send the members who expect to bring their wives to the conference, and I will send the officers and delegates of the Women's Home Mission Society. I those who expect to visit our conference, to please send me their names, not later than the 15th of November. Now, brethren, I am willing to serve you in every way that I can, and will take pleasure in providing entertainment for you, but unless you comply with my request and send me your names, you will disturb my plans, and I can not promise entertainment.

JAS. W. DRYDEN, Pittsburg, Texas.

CATARH CAN BE CURED.

Catarh is a kind of ailment of vision, long considered incurable, and yet there is one remedy that will positively cure catarrh in any of its stages. For many years this remedy was used by the late Dr. Searles, a widely noted authority on all cases of the kind, and having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all sufferers from Catarrh, Asthma, Consumption, and nervous diseases, this remedy, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent to mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. News, 82 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

The taste of the fruits of the tree of Life forever spoil the appetite for the bitter words of the world.

In the October Review of Reviews, the editorial department entitled "The Progress of the World," contains an interesting article on the Presidential campaign, due to its present stage, special attention being given to the letters of acceptance of the several candidates. Other topics editorially treated in this number are the "Political Outlook," the "Real Situation," the "Political Situation in England," and the "Problem of Reconstruction in China."

It is vain boasting of your sap unless you produce the fruit.

After a long siege of chills and fever the patient is often so debilitated and broken down that recovery is slow and uncertain. A good strengthening tonic is then indispensable. In Chamberlain's Laxative Chilli Tonic you have it. It not only breaks the chills, but builds you up afterwards. It is a scientific combination of Chilli Tonic, Laxative and Iron Tonic. Guaranteed to cure. Price 25 cents.

The October number of the American Illustrated Methodist Magazine contains a varied and interesting table of contents. "The Story of Our New Island Possessions," as told by Ten and Eleven, is given first place, and contains some of the most interesting of our own times. Other articles are: "The Story of the Hawaiian Islands," by Walter D. Townsend, giving a gathering material and views for their recently published book, "The Hawaiian Islands." The story is illustrated from photographs of characteristic scenes in Honolulu, Hilo, and the "Pillbox," "The Game of Golf," by "An Old St. Andrews Man," is a timely and instructive article on the fascinating game which has, within the past few years, become so popular in American illustrations show the proper attitudes in the various places. Bishop Charles E. Galloway contributes a valuable historical article, "Across Bays in Misakoo." The result of the fascinating "Bays" feature through his year, is interesting to all readers of American history. His extraordinary genius must always draw him attention, but he will never be remembered to be forgotten.

A man's life never rises above its perpetual sources, hence the need of being born from above.

Hunt's Lightning Oil for fresh cuts and burns has no equal. You should never be without it. Cures Headache, Rheumatism and Neuralgia. Sold under guarantee. Price 25c and 50c.

If you are going to California this winter, or expect to visit Arizona or Northern New Mexico, it will pay you to make the trip via the Trinidad Gateway, using the unequalled service of "The Denver Road" in connection with the Santa Fe through service to the coast.

C. M. HARLESS.

There are many forms of skin disease producing an almost intolerable itch which are not called by their name no matter if the sensation is there, a cure is what is wanted. Hunt's Cure is the ideal, never-failing cure for such troubles. It cures quickly and completely. Ringworm, Tetter, Eczema and all like troubles. No internal treatment necessary. Strictly guaranteed.

NOTE: Rev. W. Lawson, of the Trinity Conference, Methodist Church of Canada, is available to help persons in ecclesiastical matters. Write him, Address 29 Cook Ave., Dallas, Texas.

The hour of death is to the Christian the birthday of another life.—Merrill.

BURLINGTON'S SECRET OF HEALTH AND LONG LIFE.

The human body is as a house which has windows and doors through which evil winds and vapors enter, and which will ruin the structure of the body. Some physicians are slow enough to admit these windows and doors exist, but they are not slow enough to admit that they are not closed. It is a well-known fact that a person who has a cold, a cough, a sore throat, a headache, a fever, a rash, a skin eruption, or any other ailment, is suffering from a "leak" in his system. The only way to cure these ailments is to close the "leak" by using Burlington's Secret. This medicine is a powerful purifier of the blood, and it will cure all ailments that are caused by impure blood. It will also strengthen the system, and it will give you a long and healthy life.

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The Home Circle

A CHEERFUL GIVER.

Benny sat drumming his heels against the rounds of the chair, and thinking. His intent was that a pucker had gathered his good-natured forehead into almost a frown. It was Saturday morning, clear and bright, but Benny wasn't thinking of that, nor of the fact that it was a holiday. He watched Mammy's trim pony swift, back and forth over somebody's pretty ruffles and to-k-not-heres—Mammy didn't wash and tucks, but she washed and tressed for those who did. She was as clean as Benny himself, and the little boy wondered whether she was thinking too.

"Phoody! The stiffneck became so oppressive that Benny began to talk.

"It's just a month more, Mammy, till the Tenth Legion has to take its money, and I've got only ten cents. That's less'n a cent a month, and I'm ashamed of it. If ain't just a tenth, Mammy, you know it's every bit I've had to spare, but it seems a little bit stingy to give it to Jesus. If there was only a cure way to make a little more—but I've thought and thought, and I've asked that to help me, and yet the ten pennies is all I've got. Can't you think of some way?"

Mammy looked lovingly into the anxious little face, and slowly shook her head.

"It seems all we can do, Benny, to get our rent paid and enough to eat. I only wish I could help you dear, but I'm afraid I can't. Anyway, the Bible doesn't speak about the amount we give, it's the spirit we give it in. If you had plenty you might well be ashamed to give the Lord ten cents, but as it is I think you've done all he would ask."

"But Mammy, I'm sure all the rest will have more, and they'll laugh at my little bit."

"If the others can give more, just you be glad to see the money coming in for God's work. It is for Jesus, Benny, not for people to see. Don't mind your old boy worrying for God how a cheerful giver."

"Well, I'll try, Mammy, but if only—"

He was interrupted by a tap on the door, followed by the entrance of a neighbor.

"Excuse me to see if I can get you to take care of my baby awhile, Benny," she said. "I'm obliged to go down town, and I don't want to take him with me. I won't be gone over two hours."

"Yes, I'll do it if Mammy can spare me. I've filled the wood-box and done all my work."

"You may go, dear, and welcome," said Mammy, adding, "He'll be right over, Mrs. Smith."

"Thank you kindly. It will be a great help to me," and the neighbor hastily closed the door behind her, while Mammy said:

"I wanted to remind you, Benny, before you go, that such work as this when done in the right spirit is as valuable as money in God's sight; and when you are counting your 'tenth' there will be many hours of disagreeable duties cheerfully done, which my little boy can add to his ten cents. Run along now."

As Mrs. Smith looked her baby into his buggy, she said:

"There ain't another boy I know, Benny Moore, that I'd have my baby with. But I believe I can trust you to do right."

Benny's face flushed as he answered:

"You'll see, Mrs. Smith, I'll take good care of the little feller."

Back and forth over the narrow pavement went the little wagon, till of a sudden it was fast asleep. Benny wheeled him to the shade, covered him warm, and sat down on a flat rock close by.

Up the street came a party of boys with sacks over their shoulders. Benny knew them, and guessed at once that they were going nutting.

"Oh, ho!"

"Well, there's Benjamin. When'd you open an orphan asylum?" cried one.

"Tain't an orphan. It's Mrs. Smith's baby."

"You're a kidnapper then, Hey, police—thieves—murder!"

"Hush, fellows, you'll wake him up and I've just got him to sleep"—this hoochingly from Benny.

"Oh, you're a nice girl, are you? What wages do you get, miss?"

Seeing Benny begin to bristle, one of the other boys interposed.

"Shot up, kids, and come along. We've got a long walk ahead. See, Benny, can't you go chummin' with us?"

"I'd love to," said Benny, wistfully, but what could I do about the baby?"

He hoped they would offer to wait until Mrs. Smith came home, but though full of other suggestions, no one seemed to think of that.

"He's sound asleep," said one, peeping under the coverlid. "Wheed him in the yard, and leave him. Nobody'll hurt him, and if it makes his mother mad,

so much the better, she won't ask you to tend him again."

Benny's eyes flashed, but before he could reply, another said impatiently: "I'd dump the kid in the gutter before I'd miss the fun. What do you want to be bothered for? He's nothin' to you."

"He is, too," said Benny, hotly, standing erect, and holding to the little wagon with both hands. "I told her mother she could trust me, and I'll take care of him till she gets home, if I never see a chestnut again. You can laugh at me all you like, but you can't make me break my word!"

"Well said, my lad," called an old gentleman who was driving by, drawing rein as he spoke. "Those are principles worth having, and I am glad to hear you express them. Where do you live?"

"In that little yellow house at the end of the lane, sir," replied Benny, respectfully, and the old gentleman politely lifted his hat, and drove on.

A chorus of jeers went after him that woke baby Smith from his slumbers, and the boys fed before his wails—all but Benny, who manfully set at work to pacify him, trying not to mind the ridicule the breeze brought back to his ears. He had his hands full for awhile, but when peace was at last restored, his thoughts turned wistfully to the nutting expedition.

"It would've been no end to the fun," he murmured, "besides getting the nuts. If I could've got a gallon, I could sell 'em for thirty-five cents, and that would make almost half a dollar for my nuts-box. Maybe I'd have got five quarts, and that would have made it. Oh, if I only could have gone! It seems like things never happen the way I want 'em to. But there—I'm not being a cheerful giver" now—and if I can't give money, I can try to do what's right."

It seemed a long time to the little boy till Mrs. Smith came back, but he did his duty like a man; and when at last she came, and dropped a bright dime into his jacket pocket, he forgot that he had ever been tied.

"Don't say a word," she said gratefully. "Dimes are pretty scarce, it's true, but this morning's work has been well worth it to me. You've earned it fairly, and you're more than welcome. I only hope my baby'll be like you when he's as big."

Benny scampered home, and had a little jubilee with Mammy before he dropped the dime in with the pennies, which seemed wonderfully brightened up by its presence. Then he told Mammy of the treat he had missed, and how disappointed he was.

"Those boys aren't fit company for you, Benny, and I'm glad you're not with them," said Mammy; then turning toward him she added earnestly, "Let me tell you something, dear. When you've done right, never be sorry for it. No matter if it seems sometimes that you've made a mistake, or missed lots of fun; it's the doing right that counts in God's sight, and he's the one we want to please."

Dinner was over, and Mammy had gone back to her ironing, while Benny washed the dishes, when there came another rap on the door. Benny opened it, and there on the step stood the old gentleman who had spoken to him in the morning.

"How do you do, sir? Won't you come in?" And Benny held the door very wide to show his hospitality.

"Thank you, lad, I'll step in for a moment. Good-day, madam, I called by to see whether you know of a boy about the size of this one who would come out to my place for the next Saturday or two and gather chestnuts or shaves. There are not many down yet, but by another week they'll be in fine shape for picking up. I've a grove just back of my house, where there are nuts enough to supply the town, I dare say. My back is a little too old for nutting, and my little boys have all grown up and gone away."

"If you know of such a boy, madam, he could walk out to my place of a Saturday morning—one mile south of town, Thompson's is the name—and I'd give him half the nuts he'd gather, and maybe a few more to boot. Like as not, wife could find an apple turnover for him about noon, and I'd send him and his load home in the evening."

Mrs. Moore looked at Benny and smiled. His eyes had been getting bigger and bigger, and his cheeks redder and redder with every sentence, and he looked as though he couldn't keep still another instant.

"May I, Mammy, may I?" he fairly gasped.

"Oh, you'd like to try it yourself, would you?" laughed the old gentleman. "Well next Saturday, then, bright and early. By the way, madam, wife sent a basket of vegetables to a friend, and she is away from home; they are still in my buggy. I suppose you couldn't make use of them?"

"Yes, sir, and thank you, too," said Mammy, gratefully, adding as Benny scampered out to get them, "The blessing of God will be on you, sir, for your kindness to me and my child."

"Pshaw, madam, it's not worth mentioning. You have a good boy there, and I'll be glad to be his friend. When

the chestnuts are gone there may be other things for Benny to do out at my place. I like his principle, and I mean to keep an eye on him. Good-day, madam, you are more than welcome."

I haven't time to describe the long sunny Saturdays, or the gallons of shining brown nuts Benny sold, or the royal country dinners he enjoyed, nor the pleasant and helpful friendship which began that fall and lasted for many years. But I must tell you that when the day came for the Tenth Legion to report, Benny's nuts-box held, besides the bright dime and ten pennies, three shining quarters and one new nickel; and Benny's round little face was so radiant with happiness that no one noticed the patched shoes or threadbare coat he wore. If you had seen him, you never could have doubted that, whatever might be said of others, Benny Moore was truly "a cheerful giver."—Elizabeth Price in Christian Work.

THE FEEDING OF A SPARROW.

The engine's breath came slower and deeper as she steadied her pace under the vast station roof, and then stood in motionless obedience while her human freight hurried itself away. But I fancied I could see her mighty sides heave as if she were recalling how she had flung miles behind her since day-dawn, and was just as strong to turn about and gather them up again as the machine fills its hobbins with thread.

A sparrow was darting back and forth overhead. What was—

"* * * this atom in full breath"

hovering about the mammoth for Emerson's timouse, "hurting defiance at vast death" was in less appalling disproportion to its enemy than the bird of the city courting the iron horse of the world. The atom alighted. Not being "her" driver and lover, how can I tell you just where those daring toes intruded themselves, save that it was in impudent proximity to her broad, warm back, where impalpable vapors wreathed themselves, and danger sat enthroned. And now what? The sparrow at supper? Cereal? Fish? Fruit? Fowl? However, it seemed to be a goodly feast, for the brown wings did not take flight for some time, and the brave beat kept up a wondrous pecking. Emerson says well:

"I think no virtue goes with size; The reason of all cowardice is, that men are overgrown. And, to be valiant, must come down To the timouse (sparrow) dimension."

Whence came the provisioning of that strange larder? A morsel of fruit from California? A dead butterfly from Texas? A head of wheat from Dakota? A crumb from the driver's lunch "put up" by housewifely hands in a humble home? * * *

"What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

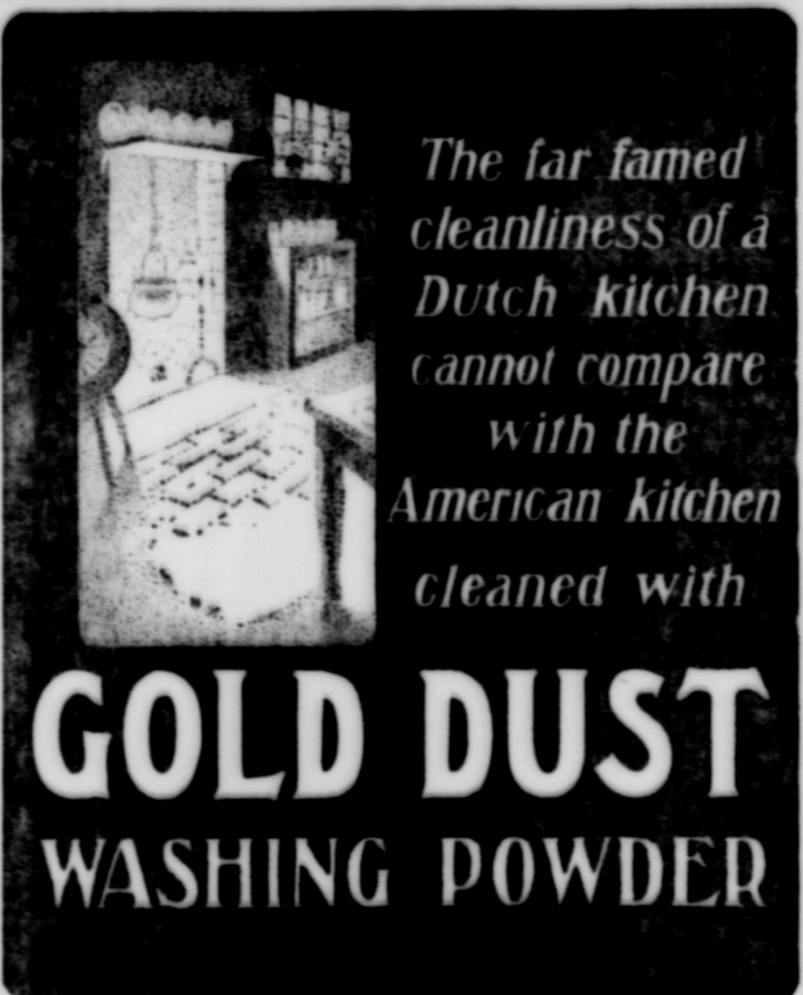
The impenetrable purposes of the Eternal march on. The world visible speeds on her invisible track. Yet man moves amid the purposes, dwells on the flying earth, and is of more value than many sparrows! "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor."

Eat your fill, little sparrow. Your fall is noted, and your small story read by your Creator. An engine is God's tray to get a crumb at your back's reach. But "the Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup; thou maintainest my lot. * * * I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness."—Ada Melville Shaw.

RELIGION IN THE HOME.

Jehovah's instruction to his ancient people was very full and explicit concerning the public worship in the sanctuary, but it was also explicit concerning the teaching of God's fear, God's truth, and God's providence, in the home; "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. * * * And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." (Deuteronomy vi., 6-9; see also verses 20-25.)

The solemn meaning of the feast of the passover was to be carefully explained in the home circle (Exodus xii., 25-27; xiii., 8, 14, 15), as was also the significance of the twelve stones which were brought up from Jordan to Gilgal on the day that witnessed the wonderful passage of the nation through the angry waters into the land of promise. No man can measure the influence of the devout acknowledgment of God in the home. Those who go out from godly homes may for long years seem to forget the early instruction, but how often, perhaps under some peculiar circumstance, the recollection and the influence of the childhood home come over the soul with overwhelming power, and the good seed so long



The far famed cleanliness of a Dutch kitchen cannot compare with the American kitchen cleaned with

GOLD DUST WASHING POWDER

buried yields its blessed fruitage. The following incident well illustrates this truth: Some years ago, an English gentleman visited America, and spent some days with a pious friend. He was a man of talent and accomplishments, but an infidel. Four years afterwards he returned to the same house a Christian. They wondered at the change, but little suspected when and where it had originated. He told them that when he was present at their family worship, on the first evening of his former visit and when, after the chapter was read, they all knelt down to pray, the recollection of such scenes in his father's house, long years ago, rushed on his memory, so that he did not hear a single word. But the occurrence made him "think," and his thoughtfulness ended in his leaving the barren wilderness of infidelity, and finding a quiet rest in the salvation wrought out by Jesus Christ.—W. F. S., in the Christian.

THE ADDED - BUT.

The Germans have a saying: "Everything might be well if there was no 'but' added to it." A very simple little word it seems, and yet it is important in getting the proper construction of life.

This new acquaintance with whom you are becoming so intimate is undoubtedly very attractive. His manners are good, and he has a fund of anecdote, which makes him a most entertaining companion. He is agreeable, courteous, winning—but he speaks lightly of sacred things, and his jests are not always clean.

There is a certain home where you are always welcome, and where hospitality is carried to the point of an art—but wine is always served at dinner, and with the best of intentions your hosts make it difficult for you to be true to your principles.

There are pleasures which you enjoy especially—but they leave you nervous and irritable, unfitted for the next day's work.

"Everything might be well if there was no 'but' added to it." Yet the "but" is there and must be taken into consideration, or everything will go wrong. Do not examine half the sentence merely. See what lies on the other side of that significant word of three letters. Do not overlook nor ignore "but."—Christian Witness.

DON'T HURRY TOO FAST.

The sudden death of former Surgeon-General Hammond, brings to mind with force the importance of elderly, and especially poorly, persons, who have suspected heart disarrangements, of making haste slowly.

The eminent specialist succumbed after a hurried run up-stairs, Herbert Spencer, though warned by his physicians that death would follow any undue exercise, persisted in an effort to vault a stile, which he finally did, only to expire from heart-disease a few hours later. He might have lived many years.

I can not understand why men and women of all ages and degrees of health will race after street-cars as though their lives depended upon catching a particular car, when it is

common knowledge that the cars are run on a leeway of from one to three minutes. It is the same impelling reason, I presume, that will compel a man who is being carried past his station, to leap from the moving electric or steam car to certain injury or death.

In running the body is entirely thrown from the ground for an instant with each step, and it is the most violent of exercise. The heart and lungs are suddenly called upon to respond to the unusual and violent strain, and hemorrhage from the latter and rupture of the valves of the former often follow. The heart is a tough muscle, but it has its limits. The body, after all, is like a cable—as strong as its weakest point.

This is well exemplified in autopsies upon the bodies of athletes. In many cases of perfect muscular development the lungs, heart or kidneys have been found so diseased that had not death resulted from other causes, this diseased condition would soon have produced it.

In porty persons, in addition to the pressure of tight clothes, especially stays, fat fills up the thorax, crowds the lungs and heart, and interferes with their natural functions. Undue exertion causes "shortness of breath" or a "queer feeling" in the region of the heart. This is nature's warning, when she condescends to give any at all, to go slow, or else stop in at the undertaker's on the way, and arrange for the funeral.—A Physician.

THE USE OF A CAT'S WHISKERS.

A cat's whiskers may seem to you to be merely ornamental. They are organs of touch attached to a bed of fine glands under the skin, and each of these long hairs is connected with the nerves of the lip. The slightest contact of these whiskers with any surrounding objects is thus felt more distinctly by the animal, although the hairs themselves are insensible. They stand out on each side of the lion, as well as of the common cat.

IN HIS VALISE.

A Doctor Carries Grape-Nuts Food.

A physician in McDade, Tex., who cured himself by the use of Grape-Nuts food, says: "Lagrippe left me a physical and nervous wreck, with indigestion, dilated stomach, constipation and neurasthenia. I tried electricity, vapor baths, traveling, camping, and medicines, ad nauseum.

"Finally I put myself on Grape-Nuts food, and before the first package was gone, I made such an improvement that it seemed difficult to believe. I finally got to carrying Grape-Nuts in my valise, and in my pocket when I didn't have a valise. Yesterday I secured a new case of two dozen packages.

"The facts are that I could eat, and did eat, digest, and assimilate the food and gained remarkably in strength. I am now regularly attending to my practice. I have been twenty years in practice, and am free to say that Grape-Nuts food is the most perfectly and scientifically made food I have ever known. My name, for professional reasons, should not be published." It can be given privately to those who care to inquire, by the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

THE EFFORTS

"There goes Hester French recitation! assistant to the principal, as a tall, h... the office door. think they were e... to-day to adjust... changed circumst... The principal a... occupied manner... make it possible f... to complete her co... "Her aunt has b... the first assistan... ly.

"Nothing,"... that large prop... she smiled lightl... fact, then add... pected to live u... school and was t... The two teach... continuing the s... permost in her t... for Hester's fairl... tact we could g... here next year... must hire some o... position classes, a... ted to do the wor... The first assist... sentence, "Yes,"... ter does antagoni... pupils; the exte... fancy it is almos... Hester's bravery... little Polly Hende... it lamp."

"Something mu... that girl's tact,"... with energy, "bu... to confess I have... you not think of... "Not if you can... swered the other... Just then the l... of classes and the... ed to leave the r... ment that a brig... ed at the office d... "Come in, Miss... I do you you?"... "Can you give r... Foster?" she repl... "Yes, indeed;... smiled Miss Foste... you tell me your... "What I want... I shall bungle it... viously, "but I s... right in to the m... think we are m... sextette. I mean... Hester Creigh... might do somet... ways doing somet... what we want."... "Hester is no an... teach that we th... age her tuition fo... allowances—it w... much sacrifice—l... to her as a schola... al. She is so pro... to her onsele... bright pink spots... cheeks as she co... seems strange to... great deal for or... know, and then it... the brightest girl... leave for lack o... course, our plan... Hester has enou... penses, I feel th... do you know?"... "Yes; she has... Foster. "She will... at the close of th... expected happens... most thoughtful... what Hester need... gift," said M... have her tact... girls do that... "There were te... said Edith Winth... she called the se... course I promised... ised for you, to... wasn't it? I felt... useful when she... our good judgme... seemed best to us... a crisis in Heste... She made me feel... I can not shirk... spect. I must tr... Hester—even if s... ed to rouse my... with forced light... "Does seem a li... ter-than-thou m... laughed Molly S... "No," proteste... in her matter-of... last night you c... that you couldn't... that you were g... Rule on Hester... you said the last... ter had found... heliottrop perfum... her own on your... exasperating rem... you would like... try it, that there... fame so enjoyabl... Molly nodded... some very quee... ple happy; but t... vely queer," she... The talk ran o...

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EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Do not go out of your way to kill snakes.

Hills are not made to climb till you come to them.

Smiles and sunshine go a long way toward making life pleasant.

The man who lives close to the Savior has no time for complaining.

When you deprecate yourself no one believes that you mean what you say.

It is not necessary for you to talk about your own shortcomings, for others will attend to that for you.

We once heard a man say that he and his wife had never spoken an unkind word to each other, but his wife had been dead twenty years.

The man who spends his mature years in revising the plans of other people need not be surprised to find himself opposed and oppressed when infirmities rest upon him.

The way of life often looks dark and many difficulties beset it, but over and above all of these God reigns, and his eye rests upon those who love him.

There never was a time in the history of the Methodist Church when men of large mental mold and tremendous heart force were in such urgent demand as now.

We have had a long discussion of the division question by the members of the Northwest Texas Conference. All phases of the subject have been thoroughly gone over and its merits pro and con have been well presented. And the discussion has been conducted in fine spirit. No one brother has imputed the motives of another, but brotherly love has prevailed. The session of the conference is now approaching and is it not time to call off the controversy? This is our judgment, and suppose after the articles, now on file, have been published that we turn our attention to something more vital to all of Texas Methodism?

Our attention has been called to the following decision of the Bishops' recent conference statistics: "The gain or loss of membership on the blank for report to an Annual Conference is to be determined by the records of the charge, and not by the statements or corrections of the last pastor. The position assumed by Rev. Ino. Barcus and by the editor of this paper, is in exact harmony with this decision of the Bishops. The 'records of the charge' are supposed to tally exactly with the statistics of said charge as printed in the minutes of the Annual Conference. Hence no 'statements or corrections of the last pastor' are to be considered in making out the estimate of 'gain or loss of membership' to be reported to the next Annual Conference. The official statistics found in the Annual Conference minutes and the same statistics found on the official records of the charge are not to be tampered with by any one.

BROTHER HOTCHKISS APPRECIATES OUR COURSE.

As soon as the needs of our Methodists in the coast country were known—in fact, as soon as the calamity down there was made public—the Advocate immediately threw out the distress signals and called upon all of the Methodism of Texas to send us special contributions for the relief of our suffering people. We felt that this was a pressing emergency, even before we heard a solitary word from our preachers in that section. Before the week closed the money was coming to this office, and we were transmitting it to Brother O. T. Hotchkiss at Houston. We were confident that it was best to send the money to this office, where the proper acknowledgment could be made of the various amounts without burdening the committee down there with the duty of mailing receipts to hundreds of people. We were prepared to do that here, and we were willing to meet the expense of this with no tax to the fund, send it in bulk to its proper destination, and leave Brother Hotchkiss free to use the money without taking his time to look after this private correspondence. Then, too, every issue of the Advocate has given a correct list of the donations and the donors, and the notes of sympathy accompanying the gifts have been promptly published as an inspiration to others to lend a helping hand. The wisdom of our course is heartily appreciated by Brother Hotchkiss and those associated with him in the work. Listen to what he says in a private note to us: "I want to thank you for taking a great amount of work off of my hands by having the money sent to you instead of coming directly to me. I am having some experience as it is, and it would have entailed much labor on me if all had come to me." It has been a pleasure to us to render this service at our own expense, for we knew that Brother Hotchkiss would have his hands full, without being put to the necessity of answering a hundred letters every week. This work we have done largely for him, and his expressions of appreciation are just what we expected. Let the good work go on until all of our membership have had an opportunity to help in the restoration of our ruined church houses in that storm-ridden section of the State.

THE WORK OF REV. W. D. BRADFIELD.

It is known to our readers generally that soon after the storm at Galveston Bishop Candler united our two principal congregations, put Bro. Oxley in charge and commissioned Rev. W. D. Bradfield to visit the conferences and city Churches throughout the country to solicit funds with which to build a central edifice in the stricken city. He entered at once upon his work, and below he gives to us the results so far of his persistent efforts in this behalf:

Greenville, Texas, Oct. 15, 1900.—I left Galveston September 25 at the instance of Bishop Candler to solicit help toward the building of a central Methodist church in that stricken city. As a matter of information to the brethren in general, and encouragement to our people in Galveston in particular, permit me to transcribe to your columns a page from my pocket memorandum:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Includes entries for Southwest Missouri Conference (\$818.00), Church, Kansas City (91.00), Oct 5—Broadway, Gainesville (100.00), Oct 7—First Church, Weatherford (200.00), Oct 12—Holston Conference (400.00), Oct 14—Wesley, Greenville (66.50), A second collection at the Holston Conference was to be taken by George Sturt the evening I left Chattanooga. Delayed trains and misinformation by ticket agents caused me to miss my appointment at First Church, Dallas, yesterday morning. The miss was a great disappointment to me. I hope yet to meet that splendid people. Nothing could possibly be kinder than the treatment by the people of our cause everywhere I present it.

W. D. BRADFIELD.

FOR OUR GALVESTON CHURCHES.

Rev. George G. Smith, D. D., of the North Georgia Conference, has just had issued from the press another fine book, the most pretentious one that

has yet come from his versatile and prolific pen. It is entitled "The Story of Georgia and the Georgia People." The scope of it is from 1732 to 1860. It begins with the early settlement of that wonderful State and follows its marvelous growth and development on down to the beginning of the Civil War. It is well written, and while it deals in facts it reads almost like a romance. A number of its pages are handsomely illustrated, and the mechanical work of it is of good material and fine finish. No old Georgian can afford to be without it in his library, for it is a reliable history of the industries and great men of the Commonwealth. Dr. Smith sends five copies of this handsome book of six hundred and thirty pages to L. Blaylock, to be sold at two dollars per volume and the proceeds to be given to the fund for rebuilding our churches in the coast country. The book can not be bought for a less price than this from the publisher or the writer of it. And it is well worth the money. Send at once and get a copy of it, and enrich your library and help the the storm-smitten churches.

STORM SUFFERERS' FUND.

Table listing donors and amounts for the Storm Sufferers' Fund. Includes names like Rev. A. E. Caraway, Mrs. J. J. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Matthews, etc., with amounts ranging from 50c to \$5.00.

L. BLAYLOCK.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Received of L. Blaylock, of Texas Christian Advocate, \$5.00 for relief work and rebuilding churches. The special directions given shall be observed. O. T. HOTCHKISS, Houston, Texas, Oct. 11, 1900.

of this is directed "to most needy storm sufferer in Galveston of the M. E. Church, South." O. T. HOTCHKISS, Houston, Texas, Oct. 15, 1900.

Will transfer the \$13 from Big Springs from general building fund to Galveston special. HOTCHKISS.

Webster, Texas, Oct. 12, 1900.—Dear Bro: Your letter received, and I hereby acknowledge your kindness. May God's blessings rest on you in your noble work. Yours, etc., L. P. DAVIS.

THE BROTHERS ARE RESPONDING.

Indian Creek, Texas, Oct. 8, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: I enclose money order for \$1.25, to be used in rebuilding churches and parsonages in the flooded district. From Oswalt Chapel Society, Indian Creek Circuit. C. B. SMITH, P. C.

Kellyville, Texas, Oct. 8, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Please find P. O. money order for \$1.50. This amount contributed by the members and friends of the M. E. Church, South, at Kellyville, Kellyville Circuit, Marshall District, East Texas Conference, to go to Bro. Hotchkiss to aid in rebuilding and repairing churches. Advise, as other contributions on this circuit, sent \$2 for relief of storm sufferers. Very truly, D. P. CULLEN, P. C.

Mr. Cabin, Texas, Oct. 8, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock.—Dear Sir: Enclosed please find \$5 for the relief of the Galveston sufferers. Yours truly, MRS. J. E. INGRAHAM.

Cherokee, S. C., Oct. 8, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Find \$2.00 from Friendship Church, of the Cherokee Circuit, South Carolina Conference. Yours, etc., A. F. BERRY.

Tennesh, Callahan County, Texas, Oct. 8, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: I enclose order for \$5, a contribution from Jim Neil Sunday-school for storm sufferers. P. A. BOWTHER, Superintendent.

Denison, Texas, Oct. 11, 1900.—Dear Brother: Please find draft for \$10 from our Home Mission Society for Galveston churches. Yours fraternally, P. C. ARCHER.

Bracken, Texas, Oct. 10, 1900.—Dear Bro: Blaylock—Here is a quarter a good lady gave me for Galveston work the other day. Very truly yours, E. T. CAMPBELL.

Denney, Texas, Oct. 11, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: I send 25 cents for Galveston relief. This is sent by two little boys: Old Mosey, 5 cents; Willie Mosey, 20 cents. Yours, J. D. HENDERIKSON.

Edna, Texas, Oct. 8, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: In response to Bishop Candler's appeal, I send you \$5 from Edna Sunday-school, to be applied where most needed in rebuilding churches in that storm-swept coast. Your brother in Christ, GUD P. SIMONS, Supt.

Lockhart, Texas, Oct. 8, 1900.—Dear Bro: Blaylock: Enclosed for Mrs. J. J. Smith, her contribution for the fund for the building of Methodist church houses destroyed by the storm. H. Your brother, L. C. MATTHEW.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Oct. 10, 1900.—Dear Bro: Blaylock.—Find \$5.00 for Galveston Church. Two dollars and ninety cents of this amount is sent by Sister Barbara, one of our very best women. Her letter, enclosed, tells how it was raised. The balance is a small basket collection taken in the church. Yours truly, ELLIS SMITH.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Oct. 8, 1900.—Dear Bro: Blaylock, Dallas.—Enclosed find \$2 for Church at Galveston. One dollar and ninety cents from my Sunday-school class of boys, the result of one week of self-denial, and \$1 from myself. (MRS.) J. H. BARRHAM.

Paris, Texas, Oct. 12, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Bro: Enclosed find \$1 for the storm Conference, M. E. C. S. Y. our teachers. N. MARTIN.

Paris, Texas, Oct. 12, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Enclosed money order for \$2.50. The W. H. Hancock of Mexico, contributed for the rebuilding and building of the churches that were destroyed in the Galveston flood. Please acknowledge same and oblige. Fraternally, W. R. McCARTER.

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they have started, that they may be cheerful givers to the needy, and by so living gain for themselves a happy home in heaven. Now, Bro. Blaylock, please accept 10 cents, which little Reba has so cheerfully given, and 5 cents from little Joe's box, who said, as he handed me the money, "Mamma, I wish I could go and give it to the little children," and 25 cents which I have added to their small amount, that it may be said of us, "They have done what they could," and that by adding this small amount to other contributions, Bro. Davis and family may once more enjoy the comforts of this life. A sister in Christ, MATTIE CRAMER.

Boonville, Texas, Oct. 12, 1900.—Enclosed find money order for \$2, contributed specially for Churches in Houston District outside of Galveston, to be used by presiding elder of Houston District, sent by Greenwood Church, Boonville Circuit. C. S. CAMERON.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 8, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Enclosed find \$5, which please add to your fund for the storm sufferers of Galveston. Very truly yours, A. B. GRAHAM.

Denison, Texas, Oct. 8, 1900.—Mr. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Bro. Blaylock: I herewith enclose \$5.00 for our people that suffered in the storm, contributed by the League at Bryson Church. May God add his blessing. Yours in sympathy, (MRS.) E. PAUL, SPOORE. (See tabulated statement for names of contributors.—L. Blaylock.)

Gilchrist, I. T., Oct. 5, 1900.—Mrs. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Please find enclosed \$5, which I have sent you by registered letter, from the Gilchrist Sunday-school, for the Galveston sufferers. We only have a small Sunday-school, mostly of little folks, but they have a "big" heart. May the Lord's blessings go with this small amount. Internally yours, J. S. DAVIS, Supt. For the Sunday-school.

Amarillo, Texas, Oct. 7, 1900.—Mr. G. C. Rankin, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Bro and Brother: I herewith enclose you \$5 for you to distribute as you think best for church rebuilding or otherwise. Would like to help more if I were able. Please accept this small gift for Jesus' sake, who suffered and died for us. Very respectfully, J. R. LAW.

Louisville, N. C., Oct. 2, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Bro: Enclosed find \$5 for your fund for the Galveston sufferers. Please send receipt to me in the name of Miss Belle Smith and oblige. Yours truly, CHAR. A. WOOD.

Meritt Springs, Texas, Oct. 6, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Bro and Brother: Enclosed you will please find \$2.00 for our Church sufferers. J. A. & E. E. YEATES.

Georgetown, Texas, Oct. 6, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Please find enclosed \$5 for Galveston Church, from Liberty Hill Church. Yours respectfully, RAM C. VAUGHAN.

Able, Texas, Oct. 5, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Enclosed please find \$10 money order for our coast sufferers' church and parsonage building and repairing. Your brother is sent by our Able Church, Bossaworth. JOHN TANNAHILL.

Luther, Texas, Oct. 6, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Bro: Enclosed herewith please find \$2 for coast sufferers. Yours respectfully, GUD L. JORDAN.

Waco, Texas, Oct. 15, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Bro: Enclosed a dollar bill for Galveston sufferers. Please send with your next remittance. C. Walters handed this in to me, and I hand you the amount. Yours for good, T. B. GARDNER.

Patric, Texas, Oct. 15, 1900.—Dear Bro: Blaylock—Enclosed find order for \$1.50, raised by Patric Sunday-school to help our people in the storm, disaster, rebuild their churches. J. W. BECKHAM.

Wadler, Texas, Oct. 15, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Enclosed please find \$1 sent through you for the benefit of the Methodist Church in Houston District. Contributed by Bro. J. H. Gunn, Wadler, Texas. Fraternally, J. W. SIMS.

Boston, Texas, Oct. 15, 1900.—Dear Bro: Blaylock—The \$3 enclosed is from our church on the coast. It was given by Sister M. A. Hackleman, a member of our Church of this place. Yours truly, R. C. HICKS.

Mountain Springs, Oct. 16, 1900.—Dear Bro: Blaylock—I herewith send a check for \$1, to go to O. T. Hotchkiss, for him to use in his district for repairing churches, etc. This is sent by my three children, Lilley, Louie and Frank. They have picked cotton to get it. B. T. HAYES.

Lovelace, Oct. 15.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Enclosed find \$2 cents for food sufferers, from Annie, Frank and Sydney Barnett, children of Sister Barnett, who is a widow. These children picked cotton for this money. Yours truly, G. W. KINCHELOE.

Mr. Vernon, Texas, Oct. 15, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: I enclose herewith draft on New York for \$1.50, for Methodist people in flood district, to be used in building and repairing churches, etc., as the brethren think best. It was contributed by Pine Forest Sunday-school. Your brother in Christ, W. T. MORROW.

Patric, Oct. 15, 1900.—Dear Bro: Blaylock—Enclosed find order for \$1 for our people in the storm district, to help in rebuilding their churches. J. W. BECKHAM.

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 15, 1900.—Dr. G. C. Rankin, City—Brother Rankin: Find enclosed \$1 for Galveston Churches. Yours truly, (MRS.) MATTIE FOOR.

Greenville, Oct. 15.—Bro. Blaylock—In addition to Kavanaugh's contribution you last week, I herewith hand you \$5.00 for the rebuilding of our churches in Houston District. Fraternally, J. F. PIERCE.

Duncanville, Texas, Oct. 15, 1900.—L. Blaylock—Dear Brother: Enclosed please find \$1 for the poor storm-stricken coast sufferers. GRANDMA BARKER.

Sulphur Springs, Texas, Oct. 11, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Bro and Brother: Enclosed find \$2.50 from Galford Chapel Sunday-school. Please for-

ward through the post coast sufferers, either help or for rebuilding may think best. This receipt through the Ad R.

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Dr. G. C. Rankin: I hold a receipt from of Galveston, for \$5 Church, Marshall, to Galveston. Yours for A. S.

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Rev. W. A. Edwards meeting at his charge aided by Rev. D. F. the brethren made us a day or so past.

Mrs. T. A. Tramm made the Advocate a this week. She had her uncle, Rev. T. S. Italy, and was on her

Rev. J. I. Morris, with his sunny face heart, made us a fine day. To hear him lau tion to a man even wit

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. J. T. Bludworth and daughters, Bertha and Edna Key...

Rev. C. L. Ballard, of Era, was in the city...

Rev. C. H. Gove, of Cochran and Caruth...

Rev. L. A. Webb, of Athens, was in to see...

Bro. J. J. Chitwood, of Wise County, was in...

According to the Post our people at Cameron...

Mrs. M. B. Brown and Miss Lizzie Burns...

Mrs. M. C. Bell, of Bartlett, and Mrs. W. L. Bell...

Rev. W. A. Edwards is conducting a meeting...

Mrs. T. A. Trammell, of Timpon, made the Advocate...

Rev. J. L. Morris, of Gainesville, with his sunny...

Rev. and Mrs. F. O. Miller were passing through...

Rev. J. W. Hill, of Wesley Church, Greenville...

We regret the death of Rev. S. Townsell, the...

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his people. Bro. Rodgers knows the value of the Advocate...

Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Armstrong, of Italy, with their...

We noticed in last Sunday's News that Rev. George W. Duncan...

Rev. E. W. Alderson, D. D., Judge N. W. Finley...

Cards have been issued by Mrs. Dr. Randolph Rawls...

Bishop Key does not make much noise, but he keeps...

We are in receipt of a brotherly letter from the Rev. Wesley Smith...

METHODIST NEWS.

In the New Century Education, the North Texas Conference...

The New Orleans Advocate says: "Our beloved Bishop Keener..."

The venerable David Sullins, D. D., of the Holston Conference...

The Northwestern Advocate says: "The indications are..."

A special to the Chicago Chronicle from Atlanta...

An Associated Press dispatch from Monday from Jackson...

Rev. J. P. Rodgers, of Rosalie, called on the Advocate...

watch meeting as a fitting climax to the Twentieth Century Fund...

The inimitable Rev. John Hannon, who went from the Virginia Conference...

One of our exchanges noted for its ethereal ideas of religion...

The St. Louis Advocate reports that Centenary Church...

We are winding up the year in very good shape...

ROCKSPRINGS' CLOSING ITEMS.

TO THE CLAIMANTS OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rev. J. M. Sweeten has just notified me that he has mailed...

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Do not hesitate to give us the facts in each case...

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

Dear Brethren—Please allow me, as chairman of the Joint Board...

Beloved, if you could only know what many of these dear ones...

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Sunday-School Department.

FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON 1, OCTOBER 21.

THE LOST SHEEP AND THE LOST COIN.—Luke 15:1-10.

Golden Text: "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."—Luke 15:10.

The International Evangel gives the following comments upon the lesson:

(Oct. 21) In four things the Spirit of Jesus, as revealed in his ministry, was in contrast with that of the Pharisees and the scribes: (1) The interest which he took in the common people.

"The common people heard him gladly" (Mark 12:37.) How frequent is the word "multitude" in the gospel records. At this very time they thronged about him (Luke 14:25.) He loved "folks." He was moved with compassion as he looked upon the crowds. The author of Quo Vadis, in the character of Petronius, who returning from an enforced contact with the multitude, exclaimed in disgust:

"Gods, what a foul odor those plebs have!" reveals the spirit of the rich and cultured in heathen society toward the common people. The Jewish rabbis regarded the masses with disdain, and made no attempt to instruct them. But Jesus went down among them, so sincerely and sympathetically, that they turned to him with eagerness. (2) The mission of Jesus included the poor.

"The poor have the gospel preached to them" (Matt. 11:5), was one of the distinguishing characteristics of Christ's work. No scribe or Pharisee took account of the poor in any friendly or sympathetic way. (3) Jesus, in contrast with the rabbis, instructed women. His conversation with the woman of Samaria illustrates this. Even his disciples, not yet free from the prevailing conception and prejudices regarding woman, "marveled that he talked with the woman" (John 4:27.) The great rabbis declared that it were better that the law should perish than that it should be taught to women. No vestige of that narrow and wicked prejudice is found in the ministry of Jesus. (4) In contrast with the rulers and teachers of the Jews, Jesus sought out and mingled freely with "sinners," that is, the morally disreputable. There are several illustrative incidents of this in the gospels, such as the conversation with the Samaritan woman (John 4:7), the feast at the house of his disciple Matthew (Luke 2:29, 30) and his becoming the guest of Zacchaeus the publican (Luke 19:5-7). This invariably gave offense to the scribes and Pharisees. But their criticism of Jesus on this account reveals the great moral contrast between him and themselves. It is worth while to pause to consider how, in these four particulars, Jesus rose immeasurably above the spirit and standards of his age. What a small thing would any evangelist be that did not include the common people, the poor, woman-kind and sinners!

But Christ's conception of a "sinner" was not the same as that of the scribes and the Pharisees. What they meant by a sinner was one who was guilty of things regarded as disgraceful in the public sight. A publican was detested because of the political disrepute of his office. He represented a hated civil authority. He was unpopular because the government which he represented was unpopular. Fallen women were "sinners," not so much because of the essential sinfulness of their lives, but because of the standard of social respectability against which they offended. The same sin in man was not then, as it is not now, viewed with equal abhorrence. The very men who brought such a woman before Christ, insisting that she should be stoned to death, shrank away self-condemned of the very sin with which in her they were proposing to deal so mercilessly. And there were a few other classes of offenders who were regarded as moral porches and outcasts. But when looked into we see that it was not sin against God that was thus stigmatized, but rather sin against the standards of society. Only the sins that were disreputable constituted a "sinner." That is, it was a purely artificial definition and classification of sin on which they based their judgments. They did not ask how an act looked in the eyes of God, but how it was regarded by men. But that was not Christ's conception of a sinner. With him a sinner was any one whose heart was corrupted, not simply one who did certain evil acts, but who had a bad heart. He judged no one simply by the disrepute in which he was held. The most deeply disgraced and socially ostracized man was not necessarily in Christ's sight the greatest sinner. Undoubtedly as he viewed them the very scribes and Pharisees who reproached him because he received sinners, and ate with them, were much greater sinners than those above whom they exalted themselves. Only inward enlightenment that brings

self-revelation of personal sinfulness will enable a man to understand what a sinner really is; and only when a man has experienced salvation from his own sins through the divine grace and pardon, will he have compassion and sympathy for other sinners. The difficulty with the scribes and Pharisees was that they did not recognize themselves as sinners. Self-righteousness is always hard and merciless toward other men's faults. The repentant and forgiven soul is divinely charitable and tender. Saul, the self-righteous Pharisee was a persecutor; but Paul, saved by grace, was the tireless missionary to all men. Paul, not Saul, could say: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

Epworth League Department.

October 21.—Lesson Topic: "Our Stewardship."—Luke 12:42-48.

The Canadian Era gives us these points on the lesson:

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

The obligation upon every believer is to watch and be diligent in service (vs. 37-39.) The word "watching" expresses not a mere act, but a state of wakefulness and alertness. What the Savior enjoins, says Glover, is not curiosity, straining to be the first to see the returning Master, but the wakefulness that overlooks no duty, indulges no indolence. The last thing that would please a master would be the idle curiosity which would make the servants neglect their work to stand outside the door gazing to catch a glimpse of his return. What the Master desires is wakeful work. We watch by being on our guard against every temptation and moral danger, and by being active and diligent in duty and service. And there must be no cessation in our watching. A moment's carelessness, an hour's sinful indulgence, might render useless all our former efforts.

FAITHFULNESS AND ITS REWARD.

The right place for the servant to be found when the Lord comes is doing as the Lord commands, whether the task be secular or sacred. The servant is regarded as "faithful" because he does his Lord's will, and rightly uses the powers and opportunities entrusted to him. And he is "wise" because he is "faithful." Any one may earn the epithet of "wise" if he is only "faithful" to God and duty. A single-hearted devotion to Christ is the parent of insight into duty, and the best guide to conduct; and whoever seeks to be true to his Lord in the use of his gifts and possessions will not lack prudence to guide him in the practical affairs of life. Such faithfulness and wisdom find their motive and stimulus in that watchfulness and diligence which work as ever under the eye of the rewarding Master and Lord, and as keeping in view his coming; and rendering an account to him.

THE FATE OF THE UNFAITHFUL SERVANT.

The unfaithful servant is the one who knew what he ought to do and refused to do it—who knew his Lord's will, and did it not—who was aware that his Lord would return unexpectedly, and yet prepared not to have himself in readiness and the work entrusted to him performed. He was carelessly, wilfully, sinfully negligent, and was deserving of the condemnation of his Master, and the punishment which he inflicted. Many to-day are precisely in this position—they know they ought to serve the Lord, but they do not; they have knowledge of the Bible as to their duty to God and man, but they deliberately set it aside; they have earnest and intelligent instruction in divine things, but they do not bring their lives and conduct into harmony with the instruction received. Surely these unfaithful servants "shall be beaten with many stripes." It can not be otherwise. Knowledge of truth un-lived shall form a scourge that shall whip the guilty soul that has spurned and scorned to do according to the known will of his Lord. May you be spared that fearful fate by taking heed, watching and proving faithful!

ORGANIZATION OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

A recent writer for the Advocate says it was organized by the General Conference of the M. E. Church at Cleveland, Ohio, May, 1889. There was no such conference in 1889. On May 15, 1889, twenty-three preachers and four laymen met in the side room to the Old Central M. E. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and organized the Epworth League out of the following societies then existing in the M. E. Church:

- 1. The Young People's Methodist Alliance, organized at a camp-meeting held at Des Plaines, Ill., in the summer of 1887.
2. The Oxford League, founded by

Bishop J. H. Vincent about the same time.

3. The Young People's Christian League, which came into existence in Boston in 1887.

4. Methodist Young People's Union, founded in Detroit later in the same year.

5. A society organized under the auspices of the North Ohio Conference in 1888, termed the "Ohio Plan," or "Cleveland Plan," of the Oxford League, as it was variously called, was drawn in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1888, by Mr. Byron E. Holman, on the model of the federal system of executive work. His wheel of six spokes—six departments—was adopted by the conference of twenty-seven, under the name of Epworth League, and on this rests the justice of Mr. Holman's claim as founder of the Epworth League.

Our General Conference convening the next year, 1890, we authorized the Sunday-school Board to organize the young people's Leagues, which preceded the M. E. Church two years in official act only. I. K. WALLER.

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Thy hungering ones with manna sweet;
Oh, strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea."
—Rev. W. P. West.

MARRIAGES.

Sayre-Turnly.—On the 25th of September, at the residence of Hon. G. I. Turnly, of Cold Springs, Mr. N. C. Sayre, of Pittsburg, and Miss Edie Reynolds Turnly, of Cold Springs, San Jacinto County, Texas. The happy couple, amidst the greeting of many friends, left for their future home in Pittsburg, Texas. May peace and prosperity crown the happy couple. W. T. Melugin, officiating.

Grace-Mayben.—At Wagoner Gap near Atherton, Texas, Oct. 7, 1900, Mr. W. R. Grace and Miss Lizzie Mayben, Rev. Daniel Morgan officiating.

Dawson-Teanne.—At Rabbit Hill, Oct. 7, 1900, at 7 o'clock P. M., the rites of matrimony were solemnized between P. T. Dawson and Anna Teanne, both of Navarro County, Texas. Rev. Mac M. South officiating.

Trice-Hyde.—At the residence of Wm. Manning, five miles north of Alto, on Sunday evening, September 20, 1900, Rev. J. T. Trice, of Hines, Texas, and Miss Emma W. Hyde, Rev. S. M. Thompson officiating.

Jackson-Eberhart.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Chandler, October 2, 1900, Mr. Willie D. Jackson and Miss Kizzie Eberhart, Dr. T. H. Hall officiating.

Mathews-Mathews.—In the Methodist Church at Naples, Texas, September 25, 1900, W. J. Mathews and Miss Tennie Mathews, Rev. John Adams officiating.

Palmer-Tanner.—At the Methodist Church, Shady Grove, Lamar County, Texas, Mr. T. B. Palmer and Miss Melissa Tanner, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

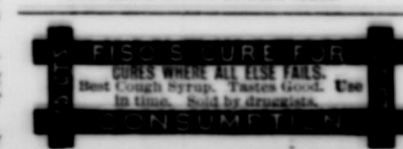
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The Sunday-school, which begins the day, on last Sunday was an inspiring scene, filling the great audience room of the church with between four and five hundred pupils, besides visitors and teachers. Dr. C. C. Cody is at the head of this great Sunday-school. Always actively identified with the work of the Church, this is his second year in this important position. Next to the pastor of the Church, the superintendent of the Sunday-school holds the most responsible and fruitful relation to the spiritual life of this community, and Dr. Cody is proving himself an alert and progressive man in this important position. And the teachers of the Sunday-school, made up of some of the best people of the Church and a number of the professors of the University, are qualified for first-class work.

SERMONS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY.

It is the custom here to give the 11 o'clock hour of the opening Sabbath of the school year to the Regent of the University and the evening hour to the manager of the Annex.

The subject of Dr. Hyer's discourse was the "Incomparable Teaching" of our Lord, using for his starting point the famous words of the Jewish officers: "Never man spake like this man." The discourse was a noble tribute to the divinity of the Great Teacher, classic and forceful in its thought and diction, and delivered with much dignity and reverence. I can only indicate here the line of argument. Compared with Socrates, the philosopher; with Confucius, Buddha and Mahomet, founders of great religions; compared with the great generals of the world, founders of kingdoms and empires; with the world's great orators and teachers, ancient and modern, we everywhere find Christ, both in his spirit, his life and his teaching, infinitely superior to all men. His religion is not one of a class, but is the one religion of universal application and supreme obligation. The miracles of Christ, credited by the men of his day, even by his enemies, but denied by some men in modern times, we should reasonably expect from One whose incomparable teaching and faultless living prove to all ages his divine character and superhuman wisdom. The close of Dr. Hyer's discourse, in a most touching way, enjoined upon all students the faithful study of the New Testament. Charles Dickens, when his youngest son, Bulwer Lytton, was departing for Australia, wrote him: "I put a New Testament among your books. . . . because it is the best book that ever was or ever will be known to the world." "Among your books, no doubt," said Dr. Hyer, "some of you will find a copy of the New Testament, placed there by the hand of your mother. This book, above all other books, she desires and expects her son to study. Distinctions, honors, diplomas, the mastery of all other books, in the estimation of that mother, can not atone for the neglect of that one book." To this view of the Christian mother, Dr. Hyer gave his earnest and unqualified indorsement. Among all their teachers, Christ is yet their supreme Teacher, and the New Testament, which preserves for us the incomparable words of Jesus, we must hold to and study, among all our books, as the one book of imperishable and supreme value.

In the evening, Dr. Allen preached on the words of St. Paul, "So run that ye may obtain." The audience, though not so large as in the morning, was one that might well quicken and inspire a preacher. The subject of Dr. Allen's discourse was the "Education of the Human Will." The understanding must be trained so as to be able to discern the comparative value of things, and to select the proper aim and ideal of life. But among all the faculties of the human spirit, the functions of the will hold a supreme place. To the young man or young woman desiring an education, the training of the will is practically an essential thing from the beginning. To the things incompatible with the attainment of an education, the will must give its emphatic "No." At the same time the will must call forth and sustain the energy necessary to forward movement in the noble race for learning. Dr. Allen's sermon should bear fine and fruitful results in the minds of the students who heard him. Self-denial and energetic application—these are the great conditions of the student's success. At the same time, this two-fold office of the will, saying "No" to all the bad, and "Yes" to the good, is an essential condition of success in the higher spiritual life of the soul, and is of first importance to the Chris-

tian, and to all those that have the care and training of the young.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Three Epworth Leagues, in all of which the students are interested, meet on Sunday afternoon—the Senior League, presided over by Prof. Burcham; the Junior League, conducted by Mrs. Carroll, with several assistants, and the Young Ladies' League at the Annex.

The work of all these societies starts out with fine prospects this year. I was specially impressed on last Sabbath by the generous offers of help from the old students and Leaguers to those just coming in, and by the eagerness with which many of the new students seized upon their new-found opportunities for Christian culture and fellowship. Prof. Moore, principal of the Preparatory School of the University, has greatly helped forward the Epworth League work by his untiring devotion to its interests—covering a period of several years of official and personal service. Prof. Burcham, now President of the Senior League, is proving himself an efficient and faithful officer.

The Young Men's Christian Association has reorganized, with Rev. J. L. Cannon for President, and held its first meeting last Saturday afternoon. This beginning service, conducted by the President of the Association, was very helpful and encouraging, and promises well for the work of the year. I feel sure that the work of the Association will have increasingly a good spiritual effect upon the student life of the University.

THE FACULTY.

We have an important addition to the faculty this year in the person of Prof. R. B. McSwain, who fills the chair of Biblical Literature. This chair includes three courses—the English Bible, New Testament Greek and Elementary Hebrew. The course in the English Bible is required for all degrees, and includes Biblical introduction and interpretation, as well as the contents of the Bible. The course is open to students of about the Sophomore grade. A class of twenty-three students has entered upon this course.

The course in New Testament Greek looks to an intelligent use of the Greek Testament. To this end lists from the vocabularies are memorized, much Greek is read rapidly and at sight, and the syntax is studied as the basis of accurate interpretation. Select portions of the Greek Testament are read with great care, and questions of interpretation and Biblical Theology are considered as fully as the time permits. A class of seven has been organized in this work, who have been students of Greek from two to three years.

A class of three members has been organized in Elementary Hebrew. The work here is necessarily limited to such mastery of the elements of the language as is required for reading the historical books of the Old Testament. This work of Prof. McSwain affords a fine opportunity for young preachers and other students who desire equipment for the intelligent study and critical use of the Bible. Prof. McSwain has good attainments and genuine enthusiasm for his work. Besides the School of Biblical Literature, he teaches classes also in Latin and Classic Greek.

Miss Hattie McSwain, sister of Prof. McSwain, an accomplished teacher of several years' experience, has charge, this year, of some of the classes in the Annex, and Mrs. Carroll has charge of the Young Ladies' Study Hall in the New University building.

At this writing, the work of classifying the students for this term is about through with, and the faculty and students have earnestly taken up their respective duties. F. B. CARROLL, Georgetown, Texas.

GRADUATES OF THE PAINE INSTITUTE.

In 1884 the Paine Institute was opened in rented rooms on Broad Street, Augusta, Ga. Rev. Morgan Calloway, D. D., Vice-President of Emory College, at Oxford, Ga., became its first President, and Rev. Geo. Wms. Walker, of the South Carolina Conference, its first professor. There was a great deal of opposition to the school being established in Augusta, but before the year was out, with a partial solicitation, the citizens gave \$1000.

The next year Dr. Calloway resigned and Rev. Geo. Wms. Walker was elected President, with Rev. W. C. Davis, of the South Georgia Conference, and his sister, Miss Sallie G. Davis, as assistants. The school has gone on steadily, so that at present there are ten persons in the faculty, four of whom are white and six are colored. There were enrolled last session two hundred and seventy-six pupils.

Some of the school's graduates are doing good work in various fields of labor. The first to graduate from the Collegiate Department was Randall A. Carter, of South Carolina. His work in behalf of his Church, the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, since his graduation, has been energetic and helpful. At present he is Sunday-school Secretary and in charge

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of the Epworth League work of his Church. He was among the speakers to address the Leaguers at their great rally last year in Indianapolis. The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church has entrusted him with some of its most important interests. As presiding elder, editor, and Secretary of his conference, he has acquitted himself well. He bore fraternal greetings to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London.

Another striking exponent of this school's work is Rev. Geo. L. Truss, of Arkansas. A genuine specimen of the negro, he was sent by the Arkansas Conference of his Church to attend school. Awkward in dress and manner, ignorant and slow to learn, his conference kept him in school four years, when, instead of returning to his conference, he spent four years more in school, graduating from the College Department. Immediately upon his return to Arkansas, his conference put him in charge of the school of the conference, Haygood Seminary. He is at work there now, with a competent force of teachers, building up an excellent institution for his Church.

Miss Fannie H. Jones was the first female to graduate from the college course. All along through her school life her department was excellent. She has been teaching in the public schools since her graduation. She always wins a first-grade license in the State examinations. In one instance she was the only applicant, white or black, that won first grade.

Another graduate from the A. B. course is Miss Ruth M. Holsey, daughter of Bishop L. H. Holsey, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. She has spent three or four years in New York developing her musical talent. Her services as teacher and instructor in instrumental music are in demand. At present she is in Paris, France, taking lessons in dressmaking and perfecting herself in music. These young ladies were successful competitors with the sterner sex of their race, and are bravely maintaining themselves in the struggle of life.

One of our boys, Moses Hull, rides with the Ninth Cavalry of the United States Army. He has done faithful duty among the Indians, and bravely fought with his comrades at San Juan Hill.

Another of our college boys was a Lieutenant in the voluntary service. Having organized a company of good young men, he and it were accepted and he commissioned Lieutenant. Before organizing this company and entering his country's service, he was principal of Mayo High School in Darlington, S. C. He organized a Building and Loan Association among his people, and conducted a co-operation store.

Still another of our graduates is doing a most excellent work in Missouri. He came to us from Kentucky, and was selected for the school by Bishop W. H. Miles, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. On returning to the Kentucky Conference, Rev. L. H. Brown was transferred to Illinois, where for four years, at the same place, he did excellent work in building up the Church membership and erecting a comfortable parsonage. He was then transferred to Missouri. In the town to which he was assigned work by his Bishop, a short while before his arrival the school-house for colored youths had been burned, and for hickories among its patrons the Board of Education had withdrawn the public school. Brown, seeing the children of his Church growing up without education, opened a private school in his church. The Board of Education, approving of his conduct, unsolicited, offered to restore the school if they

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the chair of the chamber in a column in Missouri of a salary four hundred dollars better than he was getting, and a home. On his declining he was telegraphed for his grave. His death was on the ground that he had rather be teaching with the Southern white people who were helping to advance his race than elsewhere, and that price had nothing to do with it.

Shortly after his return from Greece, by invitation of his colleagues and pupils, he addressed the school and some of its friends about his work while abroad. Towards the close of his remarks he uncovered a pretty paper weight that he had ordered made of pieces of marble from the Parthenon, and said he had a few pictures that he had captured from the Acropolis where St. Paul's feet once stood, and turning to me said, as he handed it to me, "I have brought this memento back with me, and take pleasure in presenting it to the best friend I have next to my mother." The emotions that stirred my heart were best known to me and my Savior, Prof. Geo. W. Walker, is steadily pursuing his work. He reads that he read before the American School in Greece, when presented to Brown University won for him an A. M. degree. He has been elected a member of the two leading philological societies of the land—American Philological Association and Archaeological Institute of America. The latter has in charge the American School in Athens, Greece. Gilbert also represents his Church at the Ecumenical Conference in London.

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ECHOES FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

The varied autumn tints now to be seen around us in this mountain land, and the touch of frost in the crisp atmosphere, remind us that "the summer is ended." The bright sunshine and the clouds and rainfall of the summer days, from early June to October, have come and gone, leaving a sweet memory behind of our sojourn here. It has been a blessed privilege, which we have enjoyed from time to time through a period of years, that of spending the summer months in this charming mountain section. I have in previous visits to this mountain land written of its attractions, trying to portray with the pen that which must be seen to be fully known and appreciated. I have not heretofore written anything this summer on this subject, feeling that what I might say would be but "a vain repetition"—"a tale three told."

This lovely mountain town, where we have spent the summer with those who are near and dear to us, is a popular summer resort. Here we have met visitors from New Orleans, Montgomery and Birmingham, Ala.; Atlanta and Savannah, Ga.; Charleston and Spartanburg, S. C.; various towns in Florida; Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.; Houston and Waco, Texas, and from a number of other places too numerous to mention. We have, therefore, had opportunity to form some new acquaintances whose friendship we value, and also to renew acquaintance with some whom we have known before and whose friendship we have prized.

The churches of this place have been well attended by the summer visitors. The Methodist Church here has been fortunate in having the services of some visiting brethren of the ministry, among them "Father Taylor," of Memphis; Dr. Carlisle, pastor of First Church, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Dr. James Atkins, the Sunday-school Editor of our Church, and their sermons have been heard with profit and edification by many who enjoyed the privileges thus afforded. Dr. Atkins came with his family early in the summer from Nashville. We have had frequent opportunity this summer of hearing him from the pulpit, and his strong, forcible sermons are considered such as are rarely surpassed, if equaled, by his brethren in the ministry of our Southern Methodism. Dr. Atkins and family have recently returned to Nashville, but previous to his departure he bought about fifteen acres of ground in the edge of town, on a fine elevation, commanding charming views of mountains and valley upon which he is having a summer home built—an investment which is a source of much gratification to his relatives and friends in this town and community.

Bishop Fitzgerald of our Church, has been spending the summer in Asheville, N. C., about thirty miles distant from this place. Asheville is one of the most attractive summer resorts of the South, surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, a bustling little city of about 15,000 inhabitants, with some of the grandest hotels in the land, numerous boarding-houses, and with the lovely estate of Mr. Geo. Vanderbilt lying about four miles out (Chattahoochee) which, with the marble chateau, surrounded by about forty miles of graded drive-way through the grounds, comprises one of the "show-places" not only of the South, but of all America.

In a recent issue of the North Carolina Christian Advocate is a letter from Bishop Fitzgerald in which he pays a just tribute to North Carolina Methodism, for as he says, "the fathers of North Carolina Methodism were mighty men of God. They laid the foundations of the Church broad and deep and strong. Their work abides." I give his own words as he wrote of his observations and associations this summer in the letter mentioned:

"The North Carolina Methodists have indeed a goodly heritage. They ought to make it still better. How? By holding fast whereunto they have attained and pressing forward on right lines in all the work of the Lord. Let them touch elbows and keep step, their trumpet giving no uncertain sound. The truth as the truth is in Jesus, and that only, is their gospel. It was good enough for their fathers; it is good enough for all the world and for all generations of men. It has not lost its power and sweetness and glory. The fathers of North Carolina Methodism were mighty men of God. They laid the foundations of the Church broad and deep and strong. Their work abides."

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"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord God of our fathers, burn this truth into our hearts now! The true measure of a Church's prosperity is its spiritual power. You see, Mr. Editor, that in the foregoing remarks, which have flowed out of my heart through my pen-point, I have gotten mixed in my pronouns. It is not strange that I speak of North Carolina Methodists in the first person plural. Am I not a North Carolinian? Have I not been a worshiper with the Methodists for these blessed weeks just passed up here among these North Carolina mountains? Have I not been making a special study of North Carolina history, both ecclesiastical and civil? And three days ago did I not stand on the puncher floor of the log cabin in which Francis Asbury preached the first Methodist sermon ever heard in all this region? During these swift-flying weeks up here in Asheville, have I not felt the throb of the mother heart of North Carolina in the unvarying kindness and thoughtful courtesies of her people, from little sweet-faced Maud Lindsey's offerings of fruit and flowers to the princely laymen, brotherly preachers and big-souled doctors of divinity who have spared no kindly ministries in my behalf?"

"Two Sunday mornings with Dr. Weaver and his flock at Central Church gave me a heightened estimate of the quality and resources of that strong congregation in the very center of Asheville. Should Dr. Weaver, the pastor, not succeed in his movements for the erection of a new house of worship, it will surely not be for the lack of manliness, directness of appeal and common-sense methods generally in the work of the Church."

"My visit to the Hot Springs (N. C.) Epworth League Convention gave me a gracious impression as to the zeal of the delegates and of the warm-hearted hospitality of that people. The ride from Asheville to Hot Springs and back was every inch of it a joy, dashing through the cliffs in the roused mountains along the windings of the French Broad River, here foaming among the rocks, there rippling over the pebbles, yonder sleeping in the deep glassy pools, and anon ribboning the stream in a waterfall that gives a fresh charm to the eye and the ear of all who love the sights and sounds of nature at her best."

"Bishop Asbury tells us in his 'Journal' that he had plenty of aches and aches while riding among these mountains, but it is evident that he loved to be among them, and came hither whenever he could. That roused old ascetic on horseback was not given to sentimentalism, but he felt close to God, and his soul was blended into adoration as he traveled and preached and moved up here in the Land of the Sky. It is not to be wondered at that he loved this region. There is only one land that can be fairer—that land where we shall see the King in his beauty, 'the land of far distances' according to the true rendering of Isaiah 33:17."

"A glimpse now and then of Dr. Dan Atkins, presiding elder, revealed a busy man who is doing his Master's work with characteristic efficiency. Brothers McClarty, Huggins, Gray, Crutchfield and Bain have given me the joys of itinerant fellowship. Our Methodism is strong up here. May the pleasure of the Lord prosper in their hearts more and more! Amen."

I feel that the summer through which we have just passed has been one of blessed associations and privileges, and I find myself inclined to regret that "swift-winged Time" has borne the season onward and away from us. But as I reflect upon these things with a tinge of melancholy in my thoughts, I find comfort in the words as expressed in a little poem recently read:

"Should we pine for summer's beauty Now the lovely flowers are down? Rather think of autumn's glory Ere the changing times are gone. Let us live, then, in the present, Seeking Jesus' work to do. We shall find it if we seek it— Service sweet for me and you."

FLORENCE E. HOWELL, Waynesville, N. C., October, 1900.

PROGRAM

For the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Home Mission Society, North Texas Conference.

DECATUR, OCTOBER 23-28

Tuesday—4 a. m., opening sermon, by Rev. I. W. Clark. Wednesday—5:25 to 5 a. m., executive session; 9 to 9:45 a. m., prayer and praise service, led by Rev. T. H. Morris; 9:45 to 11:20 a. m., organization; addresses of welcome and responses; business; 11:30 to 12 m., devotional services, led by Mrs. P. C. Archer; 2:25 to 2:50 p. m., devotional services, and a "Workers' Conference" conducted by Miss Belle H. Bennett; 2:30 to 4:30 p. m., department work; "Our Reading Course," Mrs. J. H. Bowman, superintendent; "Our Literature," Mrs. S. H. Childs, superintendent; 8 p. m., the society anniversary; devotional services, conducted by Rev. E. W. Alderson, D. D.; report of Conference Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Evans; "What Our Home Mission Society is Doing," Mrs. L. P. Smith; report

of Conference Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Henderson; annual address of Conference President, Mrs. L. H. Potts. Thursday—9 to 9:45 a. m., devotional services, led by Mrs. W. E. Boggs; 9:45 to 11:20 a. m., business; 11:25 to 12 m., prayer service, led by Mrs. L. P. Smith; 2:30 to 2:45 p. m., prayer service, Mrs. J. W. Rowlett; 2:45 to 4:30 p. m., department work; "Parsonages," Mrs. W. W. Williams, superintendent; "The Duty of the Auxiliary to the Parsonage," Mrs. John Marshall; "A Minister's Wife's View," Mrs. J. A. Black; 8 p. m., devotional services, conducted by Mrs. J. T. Webster; "Inasmuch," Matt. 23:19, 45. "Our Mission Home Meeting," Mrs. W. H. Johnson; Miss Mary Moore, Miss Matthews; recitation, "The Prodigal Girl," by a lady of the Decatur auxiliary.

Friday—9 to 9:45 a. m., devotional services, led by Mrs. W. H. Johnson; 9:45 to 11:20 a. m., business; department work; report of "Loan Funds," Mrs. Viola Hunt, superintendent; report of "Baby Roll," Mrs. W. T. Beverly, superintendent; report of "Temperance," Mrs. R. M. Chapman, superintendent; report of "Home Missions," Mrs. J. T. Webster, superintendent; report of Sunday-school Department, Mrs. Mamie Hooks, superintendent; 11:30 to 12 m., prayer service, Mrs. Ira O. Wyse; 2:30 to 2:45 p. m., devotional services, Mrs. R. B. Vaughn; 2:45 to 4:30 p. m., business; 8 p. m., Twentieth Century Rally, conducted by Miss Belle H. Bennett; report of the Department of Systematic Giving, Mrs. L. P. Smith, superintendent. Adjournment.

Following are fortunate in having with us Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Richmond, Ky., the honored President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Again we urge a full representation, that the influence of her presence, and counsel may permeate our entire Conference Society, Matt. 23:22. Will you not ask largely of God for the outpouring of his Spirit upon us?

MRS. L. H. POTTS, President. MRS. H. A. EVANS, Secretary.

To the Delegates and Visitors Who Will Attend the Annual Meeting of the W. H. M. Society at Decatur, October 23-26:

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Semi-Annual Report of Conference Treasurer Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South, North Texas Conference, 1900-01:

First Quarter— Dues \$129 48 Conference pledge 40 25 Twentieth Century Fund 113 37 Easter offering for 29th Cent. 16 45

Second Quarter— Dues 142 63 Mite-boxes 2 00 Twentieth Century Fund 104 45 Korean girl 40 00 Conference pledge 22 30

Total general fund rec'd. \$610 98

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Contingent Fund. Received first quarter \$ 39 25 Received second quarter 14 00 On hand from last year 58 34 Organizing fund from last year 8 70

Total \$120 29

Cr. Expense of annual meeting \$ 29 75 Printing minutes of annual meeting 39 60 "Little Worker" for distribution 10 00 Ledger 45 Stationery, stamps and revenue 1 49 50 blanks for reports from auxiliaries and 200 postal cards for receipts 4 50

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

Dues \$259 54 Contingent fund 18 81 Educational endowment fund 15 00 Twentieth Century fund 340 95 Baby roll 3 10 Mite-boxes 67

Current expenses of Mission Home 129 15 Building fund Mrs. Home 126 25

Total receipts for quarter \$963 50

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Oct. 4—C. C. Williams, sub. D. A. Williams, sub. J. D. Whitehead, change made. W. B. McKeown, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. Oct. 5—C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. J. D. Hudgins, sub. J. Sam Barcus, sub. has attention. J. T. McKeown, sub. Jno. M. Barcus, sub. G. F. Boyd, a. k. O. S. Thomas, sub. B. C. Ansley, change made. J. M. McCarter, sub. Oct. 6—J. N. Hunter, sub. J. B. Sims, sub. T. J. Milam, sub. D. C. Stark, sub. H. M. Whaling, sub. Oct. 8—W. D. Hudgins, sub. has attention. W. B. Wilson, sub. M. S. Gardner, sub. S. W. Jones, a. k. Miss Mattie M. Wright, sub. E. A. Smith, sub. Oct. 9—A. E. Carraway, sub. R. F. Bryant, sub. Jerome Dunbar, sub. Oct. 10—J. N. Hunter, sub. I. W. Clark, sub. T. B. Vinson, change made. Joe E. Sears, sub. C. R. Gray, sub. J. R. Atchley, sub. Thos. Gregory, sub. J. Sam Barcus, sub. L. F. Palmer, sub. F. J. Perrin, sub. G. W. Harris, sub. E. Hightower, sub. Oct. 11—F. M. Winburne, sub. C. D. West, sub. W. H. Wright, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. O. S. Thomas, sub. J. W. Fort, sub. Miss Mattie M. Wright, sub. Jno. A. Wallace, a. k. Hinton Smith, sub. F. J. Perrin, a. k. Oct. 12—C. D. West, sub. J. P. Skinner, sub. S. J. Vaughan, change made. Oct. 13—M. S. Hottelkiss, sub. P. A. Edwards, sub. A. Methvin, sub. W. P. Davis, sub. D. Hudgins, sub. B. W. Atchley, sub. G. C. Summers, sub. E. Hightower, correction made. E. A. Smith, sub. Oct. 15—J. J. Franks, has attention. W. B. McKeown, sub. J. I. Yeats, has attention. G. C. Summers, change made. A. S. Whitely, sub. H. M. Lane, sub. S. J. Vaughan, sub. E. S. Williams, sub. Oct. 16—A. R. Nash, has attention. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. W. H. H. Higgs, sub. J. D. Hendrickson, sub. E. R. Barcus, sub. Thos. Gregory, sub. Chas. Day, sub. F. J. Perrin, sub. W. M. Lane, sub. Oct. 17—W. J. Owens, sub. J. T. Blodworth, sub. W. E. Caperton, change made. H. D. Kerkelbacher, sub. T. H. Hottelkiss, sub. and change in address. I. W. Clark, sub. E. A. Smith, sub. M. S. Gardner, sub. N. M. McLaughlin, sub.

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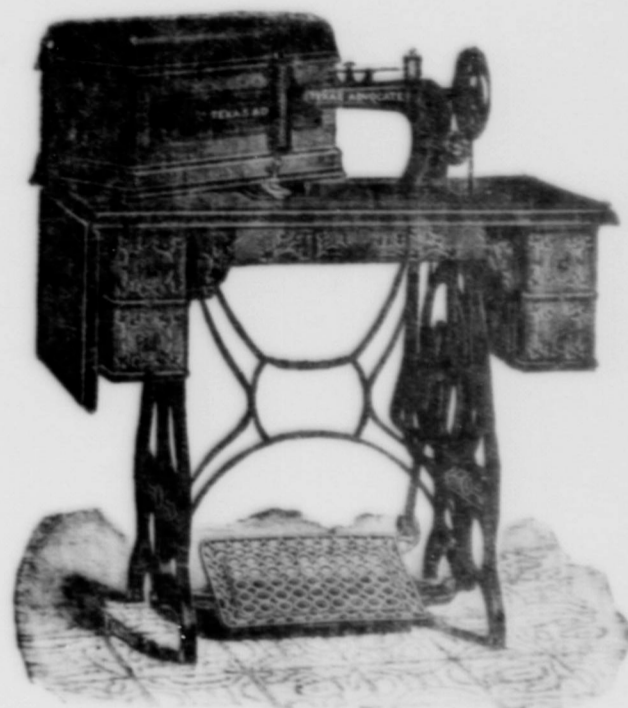
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GEO. S. SEXTON, Pastor.

MORROW—The subject of this sketch, little Johnnie Morrow, was born at Ansonia, Victoria County, Texas, March 8, 1884, and died August 5, 1899. During the six years of Johnnie's short life he built for himself a character spotless as the driven snow. He was a child of marked intelligence, and possessed unusual talent for music. His greatest delight was to go to Sunday school and church. It was a great pleasure to all who knew him to hear him sing the songs he was accustomed to sing in church. During his last illness he would endeavor to forget his sufferings by singing his favorite song, "The Home of the Soul." Truly Johnnie was the light of the home, and a great favorite of all who knew him. Indeed death leaves a shining mark. We would say to the bereaved parents, weep not at those who have no hope, but consider that you are the parents of an angel, for Christ says, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," and to relatives and friends, weep not, but rejoice, for our loss is Johnnie's eternal gain.

T. W. HARRIS.

WATKINS—Mrs. A. M. Watkins was born in Lynchburg, Va., February 25, 1851. He lived there until he was about twenty years old. He then came to Texas, and stopped in Limoness County. He afterwards lived in the following towns: Goodspeed, Dallas and Waco. He then moved to Falls County, and there he was married to Miss Eugenia Lewis, on January 2, 1875. To this marriage nine children were born. He lived in Falls County four years, and then moved to Wise County, Texas, near Garvin, where he departed this life March 21, 1899. Mrs. Watkins professed religion and joined the Presbyterian Church in 1878, where he lived a faithful life until death. He was a good husband, father and neighbor. Sister Watkins and five of the children are members of the M. E. Church, South. God grant that the other children may give heart to Him as soon as they are old enough to do so, and finally may they make an unbroken family in heaven, in the prayer of their pastor.

FRANK M. SHERWOOD.

BERRY—On August 18, 1899, death claimed our loved brother, L. A. Berry. He was eighty-one years old. For sixty years of more he was a faithful member of the Church, filling the offices of steward, class-leader and trustee most of the time. Somewhere about 1850 he moved to an old place in Ellis County, near Hutto. From there he moved to Hanco, Hill County, in 1861, and from there to Colton in 1868. He left a wife, six children and seven step-children, with a great company of relatives and friends, to mourn their loss. His last days and months were filled with pain. He died of cancer. He was never heard to complain of his lot. Death had no terrors for him. He embraced it as a welcome visitor. God kept his promise to him, and made all his bed in sickness a good man to know. His place is hard to fill. His wife has lost a true husband, his children a loving father, his country a noble citizen and the Church a pillar and support. The ministry will miss Bro. L. A. Berry.

D. C. ELLIS, P. C.

YOUNG—Mrs. Margaret Young (nee Coffey) was born in Washington County, N. C., June 25, 1811. She was happily converted when about fourteen years old. She joined the Church immediately, and became a co-worker with Christ in the conversion of others. In 1829 she was united in marriage with John S. Young. There came of this union twelve children, eleven of whom lived to maturity—six boys and five girls. These are all following in the footsteps of their pious mother, whose example and influence led them all, at an early period in life, to God and the Church. The family moved to Henderson County, West Tennessee, in 1837. Here John S. Young, her husband, died December 25, 1861. In 1868, Sister Young moved to Texas, and she, with her children, established homes near the city of Corsicana. She loved the Church. Her place was always filled at the house of God as long as she was able to get there. Sister Young died September 8, 1899. Life to her was a joy and death a triumph. May the good Lord grant the writer of this such a death. For nearly forty years her home and life have been a benediction to me. Her eleven children, with a numerous family of grandchildren, grieve after her, yet not without hope. They know where she is. There will be a blessed family reunion with them in the coming day of the Lord.

A. DAVIS.

FOUNTAIN—Bro. T. B. Fountain was born September 28, 1845, and died at Personville, Texas, August 3, 1899. He was married in 1870 in the city of Galveston, to Miss Mollie Martin. To this happy union two children were born. He was married the second time to Miss S. V. Rivers, April 18, 1885. To this union five children were given—four boys and one girl. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life, and lived a consistent Christian life until the death angel called for him. The call was sudden, yet he was ready. After his day's labor was done, he called his little family around the family altar. After reading and prayer, he always had time for family worship, and retired for the night. The messenger of death came and called him to his rich reward before 1 o'clock the next day. He leaves his little family and relatives and many friends to mourn his departure. May the good Lord comfort and keep the bereaved ones.

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A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

The Local Preachers' Conference adjourned to meet again next year, but did not fix the time nor place to meet. That was placed in the hands of a committee to determine, and to report through the Texas Christian Advocate.

There was a brother there from Waco, who urgently asked for the meeting next time at that place, and in the plenitude of his great heart proposed to take care of the whole body himself, but we confidently hope that there will be five times as many in attendance next year as were present at our first session, and so it will require at least five times as many magnanimous souls to entertain the second session. The object will be to meet where we will not be merely tolerated, but where we will be wanted most, and can get the best attendance, and do the greatest good, and receive the most hearty welcome from the people.

We suggest that we all read and diligently study this year our Discipline and McTyeire's Manual, especially the Rules of Parliamentary usage in our connection. It will greatly facilitate our work at our annual sessions, and show the Church what manner of men we are, when we are transacting the King's business. Let us make it a school of law and order, that we may equip ourselves for higher spheres of service. We hope to hear at the end of this year that you have all been present at every quarterly and District Conference, and we want to know that at the close of the next year that one of our number from every presiding elder's district is a delegate to the Annual Conference. Then, when a local preacher offers, upon an Annual Conference floor, a resolution, it will not die in his hands for the want of a second.

This writer desires to place his testimony of record, that he never met, in life, a more homogeneous gathering of preachers than the first session of the Local Preachers' Conference of Texas that assembled in Dallas, the 6th instant. Not one of them had a tale of woe to relate here, not one of them seemed to have had a Jeremiah of past grievances to recount, but rather to linger with measured steps upon the precious thought "Nearer, My God to Thee." If any one was discordant at home, he was harmonious here.

It was an "unclouded day."

W. C. YOUNG.

BROTHER NELSON'S ARTICLE REVIEWED AND SUPPLIES EXPOSED.

Brother J. R. Nelson, I suppose, intends to carry out to the letter the Scriptural injunction, if a man "smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." I gave him such a smack on the "right cheek" that I had not the remotest idea that he would let me go "sent free," and with the meekness of a lamb turn the other in plain view, as much as to say "smack again." I'll do it, for it is hard for me to resist such a good opportunity; and after I have assisted him in carrying out the instructions of the Book he can "smack" if sufficient vitality remains.

I'll not notice the points at issue between him and Dr. Nelms, taking it for granted that Dr. Nelms is able to take care of himself.

The hardest task that I have in rais-

ing my children is to apply the rod. I do not do it because I hate them or despise them, nor because I take pleasure in seeing him writhe under the lash, but because I love them; for the same reason I perform the smacking-innet-to-day. Brother John has gone wrong and needs to be corrected, and as I have always numbered myself among his best friends I do not know that any one would do it in a more loving and fatherly way. Hear him: "It is not how we may vote, but how we ought to vote. The polling of votes, the wheeling of Quarterly and District Conferences into line, and the summarily laying on the table may retard, but will not settle the division of the Northwest Texas Conference." There can be but one construction placed on the above quotation, viz., a reflection on the integrity of preachers and laymen. I have always accorded to every Methodist preacher and layman the same manhood and courage of his convictions that I have claimed for myself. I have never been able to conceive of a body of Methodists, like so many cringing cravens, voting for a thing, through policy or fear, that they did not believe was right. I believe that every member of the Northwest Texas Conference, in session at Georgetown, will vote as he "ought." All may not vote as I think they ought, but they will vote as they see their duty, without fear or policy, and to intimate that they will not is a reflection upon their integrity. Taken as a class I believe in the deep of my heart that there are fewer puppets among Methodist preachers and laymen than any other class of which I have any knowledge. As a general proposition they stand for what they "ought" in the face of the fiercest antagonisms. No Methodist preacher has the right to intimate that all other members of his conference will not vote as they "ought" if they do not vote as he does. There is a large majority of the Northwest Texas Conference who think that they would be recreant to the paramount duty of the day if they did not vote against the division of our conference, and, legitimately, get every other member, if they could, to do the same thing.

"The wheeling of Quarterly and District Conferences into line," is of the same haberdash. It intimates that either the presiding elders have unduly exercised their power and forced the preachers and laymen to do what they did not want to do, or that the preachers and laymen, through fear of their elders, have lined up. I have not seen a line from anyone who is opposed to division intimating that such a thing took place in the Vernon District Conference when the conference as a body, voted for division and appointed a committee to prepare a "Memorial" to that end.

Brother Nelson says that Dr. Nelms "brings to bear in the settlement of our home question the pressure of Episcopal opinion and General Conference sentiment. An Annual Conference has certain inalienable rights." Yes, but dividing herself is not one of them.

Q. Who shall determine the number and boundaries of the Annual Conferences?

A. The General Conference. (See Discipline of 1888, page 25).

Again, "The conference would not be dependent necessarily upon the Mission Board for support" for last year our Church received from this section more missionary money by \$1,195 (P. M. & D. M.), than it appropriated.

Brother Nelson makes his calculations on the supposition that the Panhandle Conference, if made, will include the Bowie District. Has he forgotten Brother Barcus' article? Does he not know that in this discussion he has no right to base an argument on a thing that in the very nature of things can not happen. The North Texas Conference will not consent, nor will the General Conference agree to it, to be cut down in territory to thirteen counties. It is folly to argue from that point of view. Take a sample of Brother Nelson's consistency in reasoning: "In assessing for foreign missions the General Board can

put more on the Central Conference and less on the Panhandle." By which, of course, he means that as the foreign mission assessment is decreased on the Panhandle Conference the home mission assessment is increased, and as the foreign mission assessment is increased in the Central Conference the home mission assessment is decreased. Had he stopped here, it would have been well, but listen, "This section, self-sustaining and a conference on the ground organized and equipped, the Central Conference can find an outlet for her men and money in the evangelization of the foreigner in the fertile valleys of the Basque" and in Bell and Williamson Counties." I submit this question: How can the Central Conference find an outlet for her men in the evangelization of "the foreigner," when she has given all her money to the Panhandle Conference by taking an increased assessment for foreign missions? You cannot figure it to save your life, so that the Panhandle will not be a Mission Conference. If you take it off the General Board you put it on the Central Conference; if you take it off the Central Conference you put it on the General Board. It matters not how often the old sow goes through the crack in the fence, the rail is so crooked that she comes out on the outside every time. It is impossible to set off the Panhandle Conference without putting the burden of its support somewhere outside of the Panhandle. No Annual Conference can dictate to the General Board where they shall place their moneys or assessments.

The comparison made between the West Texas, Texas and Northwest Texas Conferences, by which Brother Nelson shows that the per capita paid for missions in the Texas and West Texas Conferences is greater than that in the Northwest Texas Conference, is no argument in favor of his position. He argues that inasmuch as the above is true and the two conferences in the lead being smaller than the one behind, therefore the smaller the conference the more per capita for missions. If that were true, then we stand very much in our light, if we do not divide our conferences ad infinitum, until every mission, circuit and station is organized into an Annual Conference. What has the smallness of an Annual Conference to do with the amount paid per capita for missions? Nothing. The only things that have to do with it are the resting ability of the preacher and the ability to give and the liberality of the people whom he rustles. If there is anything in Brother Nelson's comparison it is not an argument in favor of division, but a rebuke to our people for their stinginess and to our preachers for slothfulness in business, against which I offer no protest. May not the following facts be a reason why the per capita is greater in the conferences named? In the Northwest Texas Conference there are 317 2-5 to the charge; in Texas, 239; in West Texas, 196 2-5. It is not possible that a pastor may work a membership of 126 2-5 more thoroughly and to better advantage than he can one of 317 2-5 members, and therefore, by a closer oversight, induce the 196 2-5 members to pay a better per capita than the 317 2-5, whom he cannot work as closely. His argument then would be, not for smaller Annual Conferences, but for smaller pastoral charges. Who cultivates the field of an Annual Conference? Not the Bishop; not the officers of the Board of Missions, but the pastors and presiding elders, principally the pastors. Now I profound this common sense question: "Will not J. M. Barcus, at Cleburne, cultivate his charge as well in the interest of missions with the Northwest Texas Conference in its present form as he would if it were divided into a half dozen Annual Conferences? The smallness or largeness of an Annual Conference has nothing in the world to do with the amount per capita paid for missions. Any preacher may take the amounts paid by the several Annual Conferences last year for missions and he will find that the size of the conference has nothing to do with the amount



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paid. The East Columbia Conference, with a membership of 1,688, paid per capita 22 2-3 cents; the Montana, with 1,635, paid 59¢; the New Mexico, with 1,552, paid 48¢; the Los Angeles, with 2,313, paid 55¢; the Louisville, with 46,962, paid 17 1-3; the Missouri, with 44,934, practically the same size, paid 23 1-2; the Tennessee, with 67,468, paid 30; the Northwest Texas, with 66,969, paid 28 1-3, showing that our own Northwest Texas stands right along by the side of the Jerusalem Conference, that has the advantage of the presence and influence of the members of the Great Sanhedrin more than any other conference in the connection. If you will study the above you will see that the size of the conference absolutely cuts no figure. The East Columbia, with 1,688 members, paid 22 2-3 cents per capita; the New Mexico, with 1,552, paid 48 more than as much again; the Louisville, with 46,962, paid 17 1-3; the Missouri, with 44,934, paid 23 1-2, nearly as much again. These conferences have been selected at random.

For fear this article will exceed all reasonable length I will desist. Farewell till we meet at Georgetown.

G. S. WYATT.

IN FAVOR OF DIVISION.

Like Bro. A. Davis, I wish to put myself on record as favoring the division of the Northwest Texas Conference. All the arguments opposing division have been fully met by Hall, Nelson, Armstrong and others. In fact, there is too much gas in the thing as it now stands.

C. S. McCARVER.

TO THE PASTORS IN THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Some two weeks ago I wrote to Bro. Barcus, enclosing to him the following preamble and resolutions for his examination and approval, stating that I expected to introduce them on the opening of our conference session. He replied that he had written and forwarded to Advocate the article, which appeared last week. So you see we are well agreed as to remedy for defects in "our statistics." Bro. Barcus' article is in exact accord with these resolutions, and I heartily indorse it as the only solution of this question. There are two points, however, presented in these resolutions which he does not present. The first concerns the first three columns in statistical tables—viz., local preachers, members and total members this year. Notice specially, therefore, resolutions Nos. 2 and 3. The other is where there has been a division of a charge. And in case of consolidation of charges the same principle applies. For this see resolution No. 4. These resolutions will be offered on opening of conference, and we believe they will pass, hence we send them to the Advocate, so that pastors may prepare their statistics accordingly.

Whereas, For years our statistics have been confused and misleading; and

Whereas, This result is due to the different methods of reporting by our pastors, or to inattention to same; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the pastors be required to place their statistical reports on the Secretary's table the first day of the session.

2. That in the column of "No. Members," the number of members, exclusive of local preachers, be given, and in the column of "Total Members This Year," the number include the local preachers.

3. That the column of "Total Members This Year" shall be found by adding to the "Total Members Last Year," as reported last year, the net gain of membership during the year, or subtracting from that number the net loss of membership as shown by the additions and removals reported.

4. That where a pastoral charge has been divided and a new charge formed, the pastor of the old charge shall report all members set off to the new charge, under the head of "Removals," and in column of "Total Members Last Year" he shall report as though no division of charge had been made, and the pastor of the new charge shall report the number of members with which his charge was organized under

the head of "Additions by Certificate and Otherwise," and leave the column for "Total Members Last Year" blank.

5. That the Statistical Secretaries be and they are hereby appointed an Auditing Committee to examine the reports of pastors, with instructions to see that no report shall be accepted and entered into the statistical table until it is conformable to these requirements.

S. W. TURNER.

JNO. M. BARCUS.

We have asked the publication of the above, that the brethren may have time to examine and to make up their reports correctly. S. W. TURNER.

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ERRATA.

In the article in the Advocate of October 11, written by Rev. R. C. Armstrong, a sentence read as follows: "That after giving to the Texas Conference nearly 7000 members, the year following we paid only \$14,000 less foreign missionary money," etc. The figures should have been \$14,000.

DR. ALDERSON AT VERNON.

At the joint request of the presiding elder and pastor, Rev. E. W. Alderson, D. D., preached a series of doctrinal sermons recently at Vernon. Several preachers of the district, availing themselves of the rare opportunity offered, were present. The attendance was limited because of the unfavorable weather, but the interest in the discussion was gratifying. It has been to the hurt of Methodism that so little interest has been felt in the fundamental and distinctive doctrines which differentiate her from sister denominations. Dr. Alderson not only demonstrates the solid scriptural foundation upon which our ecclesiastical fabric rests, but inspires a love and appreciation of the Church and her tenets which can but strengthen and solidify our membership. Dealing with these doctrines as he does, in a comprehensive and exhaustive style, only good can come to the Church. Any pastor who may be so fortunate as to secure Dr. Alderson's consent to preach this series of sermons to his congregation will be doing a work for his people the result of which will tell on the stability and progress of his Church for years to come. Brethren, let us lay a doctrinal foundation in all our Churches upon which we may build an intelligent, faithful, loyal superstructure in the lives of our members!

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