

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE STORM'S WORK AMONG THE METHODIST CHURCHES.

It has been my purpose ever since the fearful storm that swept this part of our State to give something like an accurate account of the damage done to our Church property, but my time has been so fully occupied that I have not been able to do so. Much has already been written and many graphic recitals of incidents and experiences have been given to the press and told to a wondering world, but there is much that has never been told—that can never be told. Every visit there discloses new and strange details of suffering and escapes that are more wonderful and awful than any painted by fancy or recited in fiction.

But it is not my purpose to weave them into interesting stories or to even try to write of much that I have seen and heard that would be of interest, but I want to tell, just in a simple way, something of the wreck and damage done to our churches and parsonages; and I will begin with Galveston. Here we had three churches and three parsonages. All have suffered. St. Johns Church, our best building, costing about \$60,000, and that was once the pride of Texas Methodism, lies in ruins—a mass of brick and broken timbers, with pipe organ, handsome furniture, pulpit, chairs and pews all destroyed in one night by the Storm King.

St. James, our other brick church, valued at \$29,000, escaped more fortunately. The damage here consists mostly in injury to the slate roof, the breaking of nearly all the colored glass windows, cracks in the walls, the extent of which has not yet been determined by the examining architect, and injury to the Sunday-school room and its furniture from water, which was about three and one-half feet deep in that room. The damage to this church and its furniture, even if the walls should prove not to be seriously impaired, will amount to about \$1000.

It is our purpose to unite the congregations of these two Churches at a central point, and build a new church at about a cost of \$25,000. This is the wise thing to do, and while there are numbers of our people in both of these Churches who are tenderly and sacredly connected with the former sites, most of them love the cause well enough and are loyal enough to sacrifice personal preference for the greater good.

West End, our other Church here, is a wooden building, and is valued at \$3000. It was blown off the blocks and the tower badly damaged, half of roof blown off, windows badly broken and furniture damaged. About \$600 is the amount of damage done to this church.

The parsonages fared better. St. Johns' most damage to the fence and roof. One hundred dollars would about repair their injury. St. James' parsonage had most of the roof blown off and most of the papering ruined from water leaking through. It will take about \$200 to repair the damage here. West End parsonage suffered very little—flies down, some slate off of roof and paper injured. Fifty dollars will fix it up.

Shearn church, of our Houston churches, suffered most. The large tower on the southeast corner was blown over on the roof, breaking it and the front end in. It will be repaired at a cost of about \$2000.

Washington Street had its tower badly wrecked, and some injury to the steeple. It will take \$1250 to repair the injury.

Our other Houston churches escaped practically without injury. At Richmond, the roof and windows of the church were destroyed and the parsonage was damaged about \$100. It will take \$600 to put the church back as it was.

The Wharton church, built last year, and well finished, escaped very fortunately. A few of the nice windows badly broken and the ceiling wrenched from standing in several places. About \$100 would be required to repair the damage.

The church at Hungerford was completely wrecked, entailing a loss of about \$100.

The Angleton Circuit lost heavily—four churches wrecked and two blown from the blocks. Angleton, Velasco, Quintana and Austin Bayou destroyed, and Island Chapel and Chenango damaged. The parsonage was also destroyed. The two churches damaged have been repaired, a parsonage bought and the church at Angleton is being rebuilt.

Sandy Point Circuit lost all its churches—one at Sandy Point, valued at \$500; one at Arcola, valued at \$300; one at Missouri City, valued at \$1000. The work of rebuilding is going on now.

The Church at Alvin was almost totally destroyed and the parsonage badly damaged. This loss will foot up about \$1200. Their needs are great and their ability to help almost nothing.

On the Dickinson work two churches

destroyed—Hitchcock, valued at \$750, and Dickinson, valued at \$500. Two others injured—Webster and Genoa—about \$100.

We also lost a church at Brunner we built this year, valued at \$800. They will rebuild at once.

Our church at Columbia, valued at \$2500, went down, as did the one at Brazoria, in which we had a third interest. They are rebuilding now, with fair prospect of completing it by the time conference meets.

The church at Bay City was blown from its blocks and damaged about \$150. They have repaired the damage.

Our church at White Oak was wrenched and blown around considerably, damage amounting to about \$75; but the people will fix it up at once.

The Rosenberg church suffered some injury, but not to any considerable extent.

Of the damage done in the other districts I can not write so explicitly.

The Church at Chappell Hill, valued at \$1200, is in ruins.

All these churches on the Pattison Circuit went down, entailing a loss of \$2800. The work of rebuilding at Brookshire and Fulshear is now going on.

I hear that the churches at Brenham, Sealy and Walls were damaged, but how much I do not know.

In the Huntsville District, the Hockley church and Kirby Chapel and the parsonage at Hockley were destroyed, representing a loss of about \$800.

The Hempstead church, in this district, was damaged to the amount of about \$100.

There may be other property injured of which I have not heard. In most of these places the work of rebuilding is going bravely on. In a few places, so many of the people have moved away that it is thought wise to defer, at least for a while, the work of rebuilding and let the future take care of it. The new church in Galveston is a necessity and must come, but it will take large help to do it, for the people there can not do much toward it. They will do what they can.

The responses that have been made to the appeals in our behalf are greatly appreciated, and have enabled us to rebuild at least twelve churches that could not have been rebuilt now without this help. In the name of our stricken people and wrecked churches, I thank most sincerely all those who have remembered us in the hour of need and darkness.

O. T. HOTCHKISS, Houston, Texas.

A HAPPY ADDRESS.

BY JUDGE S. A. GRAVES.

Mr. Superintendent, Teachers and Scholars:

When your authorized representative approached me a few days since, with the avowed intention of unloading upon me oratorical obligations which he himself could have assumed without violating any of the proprieties of Sabbath-school officialism, one of the most persuasive and cogent arguments utilized to secure my consent to take part in your Rally Day program was the declaration that I would be allowed to select my own theme for this occasion, without let, hindrance, assistance or interference from any source whatsoever.

Now, when I present myself here, in perfect good faith, to carry out my part of the contract that was solemnly entered into during the aforesaid interview, I am confronted with a printed program of the morning exercises, to which his name, with all its official significance, is appended, if not in "Great Primer," at least in italicized "caps," which is palpable proof of the fact that he has been taking unwarranted liberty with my vested rights and has undertaken, nolens volens, to furnish the subject, if not the subject matter, of my remarks.

For aught he knows, my literary labors may be performed according to the rule observed by an old preacher friend of my earlier days, who said he always wrote a sermon first, and then took his Bible and hunted up a text that he thought would fit his discourse. A nice predicament I would be in, to be sure, if I had prepared for your education to-day a deep and learned thesis upon the subtle mysteries involved in the whereabouts of the whence and the whithers of the what, or had come here provided with a stirring dissertation upon some abstract proposition of scientific truth, which culminated in a conclusive demonstration that man is neither the next of kin nor the lineal descendant, though far removed, of the monkey tribe. How would I so revolutionize the ideas advanced and the arguments presented as to satisfactorily metamorphose the same into an acceptable address upon "The Sunday-school?"

Well, at any rate, if your superintendent has rendered my set speech as impossible as a coalition between righteousness and sin, and as much out of place upon this occasion as a shouting Methodist would be in a Christmas ball-room, he alone must be made to bear the brunt of any disappointment

which you may experience, while I am acquitted of all blame in the premises, however unanimous your verdict may be against me when my remarks are concluded.

I am not going to weary you with a history of the origin and general scope and purposes of the first Sunday-schools that we have any record of. You all know that they were instituted to give educational facilities to the poor and needy classes, who, by reason of urgent duties at home, or continuous employment elsewhere, were unable to attend the week-day schools in their midst. Many good men, jealous of the traditions of the Church, and opposed to all innovations upon established customs and to all changes in venerable methods for Christianizing the world, regarded Sabbath-schools as the invention of the Evil One himself, and steadfastly refused to countenance or to take any part whatever in them. Years rolled by, and the advancement of the cause of general education and the provisions made for the instruction of all who desired it, gradually eliminated the feature of secular education from the Sunday-schools of Christendom, and broadened and lengthened the lines of their purpose and usefulness.

The Sunday-school room has often been called the nursery of the Church—a sort of religious kindergarten, as it were, where the smaller children are sent to be entertained sufficiently to keep them out of mischief during the morning hour, and to be fed upon such harmless mental pabulum as is best suited to their tender and undeveloped intellects. But, in my opinion, the day and time for such infantile caparisons are gone. The Sabbath-school of to-day is the great training-school of the army of Christ, and from its membership must come the recruits to the rank and file of the soldiers of the cross, who are pressing on through this vale of tears towards the blissful land that lies just beyond the shadowy banks of the Jordan of Death. It is its high purpose and blessed mission to instill into the minds and to engrave upon the hearts of the boys of to-day, who will become the youths of to-morrow and the men of the future, those great truths and lofty lessons which must enter into and become a controlling influence and sacred inspiration to every character that is fully equipped to meet the duties and obligations, the disappointments and sacrifices, which are to be encountered during the changing scenes of the battle of life.

I know that many—in fact, an embarrassing majority—of the average young men of this day and time are wont to associate the Sabbath-school and its work with women and children, with no place there for such as they; and that as soon as a microscopic examination of the upper lip of one of these young lords of creation discloses the embryotic stage of a future mustache, which has not yet advanced beyond that stage in which it shares with Faith the apostolic definition that it is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," he jumps to the conclusion that he has passed the scholastic age of the Sunday-school and is now expected to become a matriculate of the institutions of sin, upon the plea that he is too much of a man to continue his attendance upon a course of instruction suited to only juveniles and females. Thereupon he grows more intensely interested in the cut of his coat than in his biblical studies, and the regulation of his two-story turn-down collar becomes to him a problem of far weightier importance than the salvation of his immortal soul.

Little wots he that the more he knows and understands the contents of the Bible, and the more freely he appropriates to his own use the wholesome lessons which it contains, the better equipped will he become for any and every honest and honorable avocation or profession that he may elect to pursue. Would he be a lawyer? The eternal principles of truth, justice and mercy which are so deeply interwoven into human jurisprudence are but a partial and faulty imitation of the divine teachings of Holy Writ. A doctor? The tender, merciful and sympathetic ministrations of the Divine Healer form a glorious example of perfection that he can faithfully imitate, but never hope to attain. A public speaker? The beautiful imagery of David, the unanswerable logic of Paul, the matchless wisdom of Solomon, the grand and uncompromising rebukes of the prophets, and the tender pathos of many of the Savior's public declamations, are equalled in no other work extant.

The Sabbath-school is intended, also, to teach the girls of this hour, who soon will develop into the misses and then the matrons of our land, that truth and virtue, honor and godliness, are the most regal garments they can wear, for they will enable those whom they adorn to reach the most exalted sphere of usefulness in this life and, when struggling Hope finally folds her weary pinions and sweetly falls asleep in the sheltering arms of a glorious fruition, they will insure for such as

these happiness, peace and rest throughout the unceasing cycles of God's eternal years. But, alas! for the dear girls and more mature young ladies! How many of them, after they have passed that mysterious age referred to as "sweet sixteen," prove themselves equal to the supreme effort involved in getting up early enough each Sabbath morn to prepare their modest toilets in time for Sunday-school? Have not the most of them laid aside their Bibles and quarterlies for fashion bazars and sensational novels? Have you never known them to pour with unabated interest over a two-hundred page work of fiction, from introduction to appendix, for the avowed purpose of appropriating (by absorption, I presume) the infrequent lessons of truth, virtue and morality that are so springly interwoven into its chapters, and yet be unable to read the "Sermon on the Mount" without the most strenuous efforts imaginable to avoid falling asleep, notwithstanding it is the grandest, completest and most wonderful presentation of the duties and obligations and privileges of this life that ever fell from lips, either human or divine? These things ought not to be; for the Church and Sunday-school alike expects its women to become its most zealous workers and most effective teachers. And why should they not? They who earned the sweet tribute of being "last at the cross and first at the sepulchre;" they who are soon to become the mothers in Israel, the mainstay of the institutions of the Christian faith, and the comfort and consolation of the broken-hearted of earth! What grander work than this can human hearts desire or human energies find complete expression in?

Be ye men or women, married or single, wearing the healthful glow of early youth or crowned with the snowlocks that bespeak the evening of life, there still is plenty of work that you can and ought to do in the Sabbath-school. The babe who can lip the Savior's name is none too young to come, and the grandsires and grandmothers of the church will receive many a refreshing shower of divine grace here that falls in no other part of the Master's vineyard. If sacrifices are required, make them and come. The nearer the cross you live, the nearer the arms of Christ you will die. Contact and companionship with these little ones will do you good. As their young voices swell the glad chorus which tells

"The old, old story,
Of Jesus and his love,"

your souls will be filled with the richest melody they will ever know until you join the innumerable choir above, whose "alleluiahs" will resound for aye throughout the highest arches of the courts of heaven.

One of the greatest lawyers this or any other country has ever produced—a man of profound learning and deep research, who was honored and loved by all who knew him, and who for thirty-four years presided over the Supreme Court of the United States as its Chief Justice—was once asked by a friend and admirer to name the proudest moment of his long and eventful life. Passing by the many political and professional honors that had been showered upon him, he replied that he had never known a prouder moment through all the years of success and promotion that had fallen to his lot than when he was permitted to lead a mammoth Sunday-school procession that was marching through the principal streets of one of the largest cities in the North. How many attorneys do you suppose there are in Austin to-day who could be induced to lead such a demonstration from the Colorado River bridge to the Capitol grounds?

In this day of boasted civilization and general enlightenment, I fear that many of the mothers and fathers in our Churches are not possessed of a proper appreciation of their own duties toward the Sabbath-school, and never stop to think what a potential factor for good it could be made, with an earnest and faithful support from the entire membership of the Church.

Judging from the fact that some of them never darken the doors of the Sabbath-school room from one year's end to another, and are seemingly content to let a few faithful ones bear the entire burden of directing this important recruiting force for the Church and keeping in marching Zionward week by week, I could declare them heartlessly ungrateful of the Master's injunction, "Feed my lambs," and that there is ample opportunity for bettering the condition of every Sunday-school in the land, by an appeal directly to the professed followers of the blessed Savior.

Some mothers, doubtless, thank God for the Sunday-school because each Sabbath morn they can send a band of truly and disobedient children into their sacred precincts, thereby securing for the family circle a blessed peace and quietude that are known no other day in the week; while others are impressed

with its splendid facilities for housing for an hour and a half any juvenile interference that might otherwise threaten their elaborate toilets for the eleven o'clock service.

O ye mothers of Zion, hear me! As unfortunate as are the views above quoted, a far more reprehensible and dangerous error that is sometimes fallen into by so-called Christian parents is that of entrusting to the Sabbath-school and its influences for good such religious training as can be given alone around the family hearthstone, where parental example as well parental precept should inculcate in the minds of the young, the blessed lambs of God's flock, those ideas and lessons of truth, virtue, honor and purity which form the true foundation of every Christian character. The Sabbath-school possesses a mission separate and distinct from your own solemn duties along these lines, and has no intention of relieving you of a single one of the sacred obligations of Christian parentage.

You may talk to me of the inspiring altars of the faithful of old, and the sacred memories which cluster around those of apostolic times, and point me to places hallowed by the blood of martyrs and sanctified by God's especial presence there, but I tell you, ye sons and daughters of the Church, that the cause of Christ never yet has had, nor will it ever know, a purer or more effective shrine than that which is found at a Christian mother's knees. The lessons which are there instilled into young and tender and trusting hearts, before the polluting hand of sin has laid its blighting touch upon them, will continue to fructify through all the coming years, and not until the harvest of eternity can you know all the blessings that have been reaped from the seed sown at these godly altars.

I go one step further, and proclaim that, in the ultimate results attained, the wholesome lessons of obedience and submission which are imparted while the young convert is lying across his mother's lap are as potential for the cause of true Christianity as are the ten thousand times ten thousand anathemas that are thundered against sin and sinners from the pulpits of the ablest preachers of our land.

In my boyhood I was told:

"A pebble in the streamlet scant
Has turned the course of many a river;
A dewdrop on the baby plant
Has warped the giant oak forever."

If not literally true, that the lessons sought to be taught by this couplet are sound and orthodox, no one will deny. Early impressions are the most enduring, and a few kind words or a gentle rebuke, a loving hand to guide into the paths of truth and righteousness the uncertain footsteps of thoughtless childhood or the faltering feet of those about to go astray, will oftentimes seal the fate of a man or woman and ultimately bring them home to glory.

The late lamented Henry W. Grady, whose burning eloquence and candid words of truth and earnest defense of his native Sunny South had much to do with the creation of the spirit of forbearance, reconciliation and fraternal regard which now bind the people of a reunited country in the indissoluble bonds of mutual interest and unfeigned esteem, was a devoted and consistent member of the Church and an ardent worker in the Sabbath-school, and his generous and buoyant nature was never more happily employed than when he was mingling with the little ones of his own household and the children of his neighbors and friends, and joining with genuine delight in their innocent and childish sports. A short time before he died he visited his dear old Christian mother at the family homestead—the one who had loved and ministered to him in his happy boyhood days as only a sweet, sacrificing mother can—and who, with mingled pride and wonder, had watched his rapid ascent up the rugged heights of true success. When the lengthening shadows of eventide had faded away, and the sweet hush of the summer twilight had fallen like a heavenly benediction upon the wearied world, they sat together and talked, and lived again in the happy past. Goodnights were finally said, and he started, as had been his wont in his childhood, to his old bed-room in the half-story above; but his mother called him back and bade him enter the company room on the parlor floor. "No, no, mother dear," he answered, "just for to-night let me be your darling boy once more," and he went up to his little attic room and was soon in bed. And that blessed mother came and carefully tucked the cover all around him, as she had so often done before. Then, kneeling down beside the bed, she took his outstretched hand into hers and prayed God's forgiveness for all their sins, and invoked his divine protection in behalf of her beloved and faithful son. As she kissed him a tender good-night, his face glowed with fondness; love, and the enkindled flame of a Christian's hope beamed from his earnest eyes as he

said: "Mother, were you will but kneel and hold my hand in touch, heaven will I to earth that I shall before you know this. Oh, the beauty, glory, of a Christian side into the evanescent fade into conscious the starry diamonds tending crown of nig ed faces when they splendor of a noont true consecration a tion to the cause of her into a mini earth, for it seem atmosphere with him, and sheds t glows outside the sl palaces of God.

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said: "Mother, when I come to die, if you will but kneel beside my couch and hold my hand with your caressing touch, heaven will be brought so close to earth that I shall enter its portals before you know that I am gone!"

Oh, the beauty, the grandeur, the glory of a Christian mother's life! Beside it the evanescent honors of earth fade into conscious obscurity, even as the starry diamonds that jewel the glittering crown of night veil their abashed faces when they view the gorgeous splendor of a noontide sun. Her life of true consecration and unselfish devotion to the cause of Christ transforms her into a ministering angel here on earth, for it seems to exist in the same atmosphere with seraphim and cherubim, and sheds the purest halo that glows outside the shining courts of the palaces of God.

Children, if you have a true and loving Christian mother, as often as your little knees are bended at the altar of prayer, fervently thank your Heavenly Father for so priceless a treasure. Love and cherish her as a sacred gift, and minister to her comfort and happiness in every way you can, for the only thing in this sinful world of ours that makes any approach to the boundless and unfathomable love of Deity is the pure, unselfish devotion of a mother's heart.

Young man, a kind and indulgent father's wrath may be so enkindled against you by a flagrant act of sin and dark dishonor that the tenacious ties of parentage will be rudely snapped in twain; your own brother may cease to love you and spurn you from his open door, and your sweet and gentle sister know you not as you pass her by; the playmates of your happy youth may remember you in scorn and with deep contempt, and the trustful friends and acquaintances of your maturer years curse the day that you were born; society may shun you as it would an unclean leper, and your country place a price upon your outlawed head; but your darling, patient, loving mother, through whose anguish you entered this life, and upon whose bosom you nestled as her sweet lullaby hushed your helpless infancy into gentle slumber, will follow you with her aching heart through the lowest depth of disgraceful degradation and dark despair into sin-cursed exile and prison walls. Aye, further still! Even through the grim horror of the gallows and unto the very gates of hell itself!

The time will come, children, when God will call your gentle mother home to him; when her continued sacrifices in your behalf will end, and her loving smile can greet you here no more, when her ministering hands, that have caressed you ten thousand times and never failed to wipe the teardrops from your childish eyes, will be pulseless and cold as they lie folded across her lifeless breast, and your only hope of meeting her again must be born of the same trust and faith in God that now adorn her walk on earth.

Just after the fearful night of desolation and woe that recently visited the beautiful Island City of our State, a little newsboy was telling a gentleman friend of the thrilling scenes through which he had passed.

"Our family," said he, "consisted of father, sister, little brother and me, and our home was away out by the Gulf. When the storm began to rage so fiercely, father took little brother and me into the city, and left sister to take care of the house and contents. The storm grew worse, and father telephoned sister to close up the house at once and come to where we were sheltered. After waiting a little while for sister, he became afraid that she would not be able to come alone, and so he went out to get her; but she soon came in, wet, cold and half-drowned, but all right."

"Well," said the gentleman, "it must have been a great joy to your father when he returned, after missing your sister out at the house, to find her safe and sound with you."

The brave little fellow leaned his head against the supporting form beside him, his eyes filled to overflowing, and he slipped his hand into the warm palm that reached out for it, as the words came falteringly between his sobs:

"Poor papa! He never came back!"

"To you, too, children, the time will come when your burdened hearts will cry:

"Poor mamma! She never came back!"

If you would go to her, after life's fitful fever is over, begin at once to learn the lessons of Christian devotion that guide her in her journey through this vale of tears; renew your interest and increase your zeal in the Sabbath-school and other Church work she loves so well; meet life's duties and obligations as God interprets them to you; take the Word of God as the man of your counsel, and reconsecrate yourself to a faithful discharge of every religious duty, and, ere long, your Sabbath-school will be filled to overflowing with as sweet and tender a flock as the Savior ever welcomed into his heavenly fold

SINFUL AMUSEMENTS—CARD-PLAYING.
No. 11.

Fursuing the subject, that card-playing leads to gambling, I shall introduce my next witness, Dr. Sinks, who says: "We dare to assert that the starting point in a large proportion of cases of gambling is the card-table; in not a few cases it is the card-table in the home. The tendencies of the card-table are toward the vice of gambling. So much is certain." Mr. John Philip Quinn, the converted gambler of Chicago, who had kept a gambling-house for twenty-five years, denounces card-playing in the home, as making the home a kindergarten for gambling saloons. Finally, the card-table, as its pleasures are often indulged in even by the cultured and so-called Christian society, is nothing less than gambling. Gambling is not less gambling because pursued in the name of the Church. In "Welsh's English and American Literature" is a letter from Frances Trollope, of England, who in 1827 made a tour through the United States. From this letter I quote the following: "I never saw any people who appear to live so much without amusements as these Cincinnatians. Billiards are forbidden by law; so are cards. To sell a pack of cards in Ohio subjects the seller to a penalty of fifty dollars." Selling cards and playing cards was forbidden by law. Why forbidden by law? Because it is within the purview of the civil law to protect society against anything that tends to degrade humanity. Card-playing has such tendency, therefore the law proscribed it. To-day the law in Ohio reads as follows: "Whosoever plays at any game whatsoever, for any sum of money or property of any value, or makes any bet or wager for any sum of money or other property of any value, shall be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than six months nor less than ten days, or both." The law in this State prohibits card-playing in any public place or house. Why this prohibition if there is no harm in card-playing? Who can answer? It is the duty of the civil authorities to protect the morals as well as the health of society. Hence this law. Will a man or woman who professes to love God, and consequently humanity, convert his or her home into a play-house when the civil law will not allow a public house so prostituted? Who can believe a Christian will do such a thing? Not the writer. But I have said that playing cards was gambling and that much of the playing in the private homes was downright gambling. Let us see. I shall quote the Morning Register again—the same issue previously quoted: "Not only is society worn out, but the prosperous florist and caterer will hint at another feature of the season not to be overlooked. A glance over the Register for the season now closing will show a record of over two hundred card parties and receptions, where cut flowers, handsome decorations, elaborate refreshments and valuable prizes were provided for the pleasure of the guests, representing a money outlay of from ten to five hundred dollars each, so generous is the Fort Worth heart where giving pleasure to friends is concerned. The pleasures are seemingly evanescent, but the social atmosphere has caused to blossom in its sunny warmth many virtues prized the world over." Now I submit that these same society folk were gambling as certainly as the negro crap-shooter. No one can deny this. Then, why in the name of reason, punish the ignorant negro for gambling and call the same crime in society people a virtue? What is gambling? The definition with which we began says "to play a game, especially a game of chance for stakes" is gambling. Now what did these society people do? They "played a game of chance for stakes," "varying in value from ten to five hundred dollars." Then they and all others who do likewise are gamblers. Where is the justice in punishing the negro and complimenting society people? Here is a paper, which should stand for the moral elevation of our race, sanctioning and encouraging this great crime of gambling because, forsooth, it happens to be the sin of society people. Recently a Grand Jury in North Carolina mentioned the increase of crime, and attributed it greatly to the habit of gambling, which they believed to be inculcated largely by the example of the fair, deft hands of progressive euchre players. "Gambling in high life," said the jury, "is winked at, while the lit'le coons, throwing craps back in some livery stable and on the creek bank for a nickel a game, are always corralled by the police." This North Carolina jury called things by their proper names. Our editor calls gambling a virtue "that causes the social atmosphere to blossom in its sunny warmth." It would have been nearer the truth if he had said "the social atmosphere" has been rendered deleterious by this Upas tree and has sapped the moral life of every young plant that has fallen within the radius of its pernicious shadows. Do not forget that the law in Texas says card-playing is gambling if engaged in in a public

place. Games prohibited and made penal in this State are divided into two classes: 1. Playing at cards in particular places. 2. Gaming tables and banks, etc. I desire to ask again, if the law throws around society its strong protecting arm to guard the public, what shall we think of a mother or father who opens up her or his home for this evil, which is excluded by law from the public places? A young lady may engage in this evil without moral wreck, but what of the effect of her influence upon her brother or the young man with whom her deft fingers turn the spotted papers? None can deny the power of influence. It is the more subtle and powerful when exerted by those we most esteem. Eternity alone will reveal the dreadful effect exerted by mothers, sisters and lovers by means of the private card club over men. "There is a downward climax in this sin. The opening and the ending are fatally connected and drawn toward each other with almost irresistible attraction. If gambling is a vortex, playing is the outer ring of the maelstrom. I do not call every man who plays a gambler, but a gambler in embryo."

Card-playing is an associate evil. It rarely stands alone. It is very closely allied to dancing, drinking and attendance upon theaters. A person who practices one of these is likely to engage in others. Not necessarily so; but they are correlated the one to the other, and they seldom stand alone. All of these are instruments of spiritual death. The evangelical Churches have pronounced against them all as the enemy to all good and destructive to the best interests of men. It is presumption of the most brazen type for an individual to set up his private opinion against the consensus of conviction of the wisest and best men of all ages respecting the sinfulness and hurtfulness of these things. So, if any of our members practice these things, they should be taught that they violate not only our General Rules, which prohibit "such diversions as can not be taken in the name of the Lord Jesus," but they violate their vow of consecration which requires the renunciation of "the vain pomp and glory of the world and the carnal desires of the flesh." After due process of discipline, if they will not be corrected, then they should be cut off.

R. C. ARMSTRONG,
Fort Worth, Texas.

EPISCOPAL METHODISM—ITS ITINERANT SYSTEM VS. A CALLED PASTORATE.
No. 1.

"Go ye into all the world."—Mark 16:15.

1. We often hear our system of sending our pastors derided and ridiculed by the congregational system of calling their preachers.

I used to wince and cringe under such thrusts, and try to half-way apologize for what I did not understand, or had not examined in the light of Scripture, but now, since comparing our plan with God's Word, I only laugh at and pity the ignorance of the scoffer.

I used to wonder where the people who are always harping about their being the Church in apostolic succession, and of their being the only Church, etc., got their authority for calling their pastors, but after examining closely God's Word on this line, I have found they made it themselves, without an intimation or example in Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation where ever a Church, through its deacons, elders or by a popular vote of the congregation called its pastor. No, sir, it is not there. If you think so, read and see.

Nowhere does the Bible tell us of a favorite pastor being installed for life, but rather intimates that two years is a long time for a pastor to preach at one place. See Acts 25:30. And this is the longest time Paul speaks of preaching to one Church, but he itinerated all over Europe and Asia.

Nor do we find any place where a less favored brother went around preaching a trial sermon, or of a congregation driving a campaign to secure a popular pastor. No, brother; the example is not there, neither the precept nor inference. Then why should these churchianity and succession folks throw stones at us? If we had no example of the pastor being appointed to his work, then we would be on an equality with them, but as we have example and precept both in the Old and New Testament polity of sending the pastor, we warn our congregational brethren not to throw stones, lest they hit the hoary prophets or inspired apostles.

2. It is pitiable to see a man who says he is called of God to preach, and none others are fit to try unless called to preach—we repeat, it is pitiable to see such an one standing in the market place idle all day—yes, in the ecclesiastical market place—saying, "I am idle because no man, no Church, hath hired me."

Called of God he is, but his voice is not melodious, his delivery is at fault, he is not popular with the young people, or his trial sermon was not to the

taste of some fantastical dude or dudine in the Church, and the vote being so near equal, such a character held the balance of power, and while this man is called of God, he is not of a Church, hence he is still on the market place, while millions of souls perish for want of preachers to go and carry the gospel to them.

But one says, "You have put an extreme case of where only one vote decides who shall be the pastor." No, brother; this has occurred often. I know of a case in point for this year. Blank Church wanted a pastor; two preachers had applied, both were on the ground when the vote was taken, it was a tie the first day. The next time one brother went to a man in another Church to get him to help elect one for a particular candidate. This brother was busy stacking wheat when the brother who needed help in electioneering for his candidate went and helped to stack the wheat, procured the assistance of his brother in another Church, and elected his man by one vote. This looks like a Church campaign, and the election of a pastor by one vote only.

Reader, what would you think of a Church at Samaria writing a letter up to Jerusalem to the officials there to know if Peter understood election, or if John could reach the young people or manage the choir? All of which we admit are good things; but those apostles did not wait for this, but sent the two at once to help confirm and organize the Church at Samaria.

The spirit of calling the pastor by deacons, officials or the congregation is against the plan of the Old or New Testament, and wholly out of harmony with the Bible and the Methodist plan of itinerancy.

Therefore, when a Methodist congregation, through the sentiment of the Church, or the officiousness of the officials, seeks to specify to the Bishop or his Cabinet the man to serve them as pastor, they are out of harmony with their Church and disloyal to its polity.

In a few instances—thank God, there are not many—some of the Churches in our large cities think they have outgrown the conferences that made them, and, contrary to law and Scripture, the thing made is saying to its maker, "Why did you make me thus?" And since you have lifted us so high you ought to say we have fallen so low that you can not administer to us any longer, we will have to import a giraffe, a thoroughbred, or a something else, to fill our pulpit."

Such language, or rather actions—and they speak louder than words—says to the conference and preachers, "We grow, but you don't, beyond a certain limit." Such language would be contemptible, if it were not pitifully weak.

The Methodist Church that pursues such a course, the body of presiding elders and the Bishops that submit or ponder to such a course, are all alike guilty of violating the spirit, not to say letter, of the law of our itinerancy. Brethren, let's away with it, and be thorough Methodists or quit and join the congregationalists, and quit boasting of our itinerant system as being the best system of evangelizing the world.

If one Church has a right to select its pastor, so have all other Churches on the same ground, and if the Churches have a right to select their pastors, the preachers have a right to select their Churches. If this state of affairs should obtain, some of our giraffes would take a lower stall, and some of our high-steep Churches would have to put up with common mortals like themselves.

Brethren, let us work our God-honored plan to its utmost capacity, and hasten the millennium dawn.

We love our polity. It leaves no loyal preacher without a work and no loyal Church without a preacher, and if we are not loyal we ought to be left out. Our church doors are never closed for the want of a pastor. But when one pastor's time is up, another steps in his tracks and carries on the work where the other left it off.

On one occasion, when a pastor left his work on Monday, after preaching on Sunday before, the work had another regularly appointed pastor on the following Sunday. What system could do this but ours? Thus we wheel in and wheel out from year to year, all from being sent and not waiting to be called.

C. L. BALLARD.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION.

I wish to thank Dr. Horace Bishop for his wise and timely suggestion in the Advocate in regard to a Thanksgiving collection in all the churches in Texas for the benefit of the churches that were wrecked in the terrific storm that swept over our conference on September 8.

As a member of the Board of Church Extension in this conference, I have had ample opportunity to know something of the many demands that are



Cough, Cough,

Night and day, until the strength is entirely exhausted, and that dreaded word "Consumption" begins to be whispered among friends. That's a common story, familiar to the people of every town and village.

There's another story which ought to be as widely known as the story of disease, and that is the story of the cures effected by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Bronchitis, asthma, catarrh, deep-seated coughs, bleeding of the lungs, and other forms of disease which affect the respiratory organs, are permanently cured by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery."

Only Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures. I wish to be in your city to-day, writes Mr. James W. W. of Buffalo, N. Y. "I had a cough, and I had a cold, and I had a headache, and I had a sore throat, and I had a chest pain, and I had a difficulty in breathing, and I had a general debility, and I had a general weakness, and I had a general prostration, and I had a general exhaustion, and I had a general collapse, and I had a general death."

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made of our board. Having been President and Vice-President of the board for nine years, I can truthfully say that, with the exception of one year, we have been asked for a great deal more money than we had in hand for disbursement. Sometimes as much as \$2,000 has been requested, when we had only about one-third of that sum for distribution.

This year we will need a much larger sum than ever, and will have a smaller amount to dispose of than any year for a long time. Our own people will not be in a condition to pay the collections this year on account of the failure of their crops and the destruction of their property.

In some parts of our own charge it takes the crops of four men to make one bale of cotton. Many farmers who have been making from five to ten bales have made less than one bale this year. Many of the renters, and some landholders, have already left their country and gone to North and Middle Texas to hunt work to do and to get homes for another year. Thousands of renters are not able to pay the rent on the land they have worked, and besides this they have large stock accounts standing against them. So, my brethren of the other conferences in Texas, you will see that our people can not come up with the Church Extension money and other assessments, and this conference stands in great need of help just now. I hope that the wise suggestions of Dr. Bishop and the strong exhortation of Dr. Rankin will be heeded, and that all the brethren of Texas will make a handsome collection on Thanksgiving Day. May the richest blessings of God rest upon our beloved Texas Methodism, be my earnest and sincere prayer.

W. W. HORNOR,
Montgomery, Texas.

Dullness sometimes passes for depth. If you give no place to the devil you will not go to the devil's place.

A HARD WORKER.

One of the "kings" of the Coast.

Mrs. L. S. King, of Diamond, Cal., is State organizer and lecturer for the W. C. T. U. of California. She had been carrying on her work without using proper food to sustain her body, and says: "Before I found Grape-Nuts food I was suffering seriously with indigestion and my mind had become sluggish and dull, the memory being very much impaired."

"Hearing of Grape-Nuts as a food for rebuilding and strengthening the brain and nervous system, I began its use. In two months I have gained four pounds in weight, never felt better in my life, and find a most remarkable improvement in my memory and mental activity. I never stand the fatigue and pressure of work as well as I do now. A short time ago I went to a new county, worked twenty-two days, almost day and night, without rest, and came home feeling fine. You may be sure I take Grape-Nuts food with me so that I may depend upon having it."

Secular News Items.

A terrific storm swept over the Bay of Fundy last Saturday morning. The steamer City of Monticello, bound for hours by sea and gale, sprang a leak and filled, became unmanageable, broke apart and foundered off the shore of Yarmouth, N. S. The shore for ten miles east and west was strewn with the wreckage of the hull and cargo. Twenty-five bodies of victims of the disaster have been recovered from the sea, so great was the fury of the sea that the bodies were battered almost beyond recognition. Many more are believed to have been lost.

The Paris Exposition is now a thing of the past. The booming of a cannon from the first story of the Eiffel Tower announced that the exposition of 1900 had come to a close. More than 20,000,000 persons have passed through the gates. M. Hanouss, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an article entitled "The Finance sheet of the Exposition," says: "France expended 200,000,000 francs to erect the Exposition. She has recovered them easily in the increase of the treasury receipts, which for this year alone is nearly 100,000,000 francs in the surplus of Parisian retail duties, in the monuments remaining to the state of the city and in the quays, streets and improved transportation facilities bequeathed by the Exposition. Moreover, there has been a general increase of the city, which has contributed to its brilliance and beauty."

A report from Denison says: The levee on the Texas side of the river has more penitents now than they have had in two years. Hundreds of vagabond pass through Denison and pass the police roads every day. They come chiefly from Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois and Iowa, but some of them have traveled from as far as Kentucky overland in wagons to get to Texas.

The German Emperor William has given 500,000 marks toward the new building which the Lette society proposed to erect in a Berlin suburb, as a model house for 2000 young girls, who will be instructed there in book-keeping, photography, housekeeping, etc.

Frank Jarvis Patton, inventor of the multiplex telegraph system, which was purchased by the Western Union Telegraph Company, and of the gyroscopic, based on ocean vessels for giving the position of the vessel in mid-ocean, died suddenly in New York Sunday night. Patton was born in Bath, Me., forty-eight years ago. He was a graduate of West Point Military Academy and served in the battle of Wounded Knee and in the battles of Foreign Hope as a Lieutenant.

The arrest of T. P. Brady upon a Federal warrant sworn out by F. O. Watts, Cashier of the First National Bank, has stirred up a sensation in Nashville. The firm of which Brady was a member made an assignment Monday, and the arrest of Brady followed. In this connection the disappearance last July of an individual book-keeper of the First National Bank is explained. The two are charged with collusion in defrauding the bank out of \$44,000.

Capt. Lawrence M. Murray, who commanded the famous Confederate cruiser Nashville before her capture by the Federal Government, died at his home in Malden last Sunday. After the war he commanded steamers plying between New York and South American ports. Subsequently he served in the revenue service at Savannah, Ga. His son, Major Cuniff Murray, was military secretary to Gen. Ois.

The total expenditure by the Government on account of the Indian service from March 1, 1899, up to and including July 30, 1900, has been \$288,228,217, according to the annual report of Commissioner of Indian Affairs Wm. A. Jones. The expenditures for the fiscal year ended last July amounted to \$19,175,107. Of this amount at least \$2,350,000 was devoted to the cause of Indian education. Under the head of obstacles to self-support of the Indians, the report deprecates the ration system, annuity payments and the leasing of allotments.

The following is self-explanatory: Department of State, Washington, Nov. 1.—His Excellency, the Governor of Texas, Austin, Texas: Sir—I have the honor to inclose a copy of a dispatch from the Consular Agent at Green Turtle Cay, W. I., transmitting for the benefit of the Texas sufferers the sum of \$25 contributed by the people of that island, which the department has made payable to you by check. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, JOHN HAY.

United States Consular Agency, Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Bahamas, W. I., Oct. 11.—The Honorable, the Secretary of State, United States of America: Sir—Having read of the

terrible disaster at Galveston, caused by the late hurricane of September, and of the many lives lost and of the misery of the rest that was spared, we of this little island wish to show our good wishes by sending a few mites, though it be small.

We are all poor people, only about 500 inhabitants, yet when we read and hear of the awful misery of some of our fellow creatures, we are thankful to say that we are not yet so bad off, and we have much to be satisfied with, and it is our best wishes that they may never be visited again with such another hurricane.

Will you be kind enough to forward the amount collected, as I did not know how or to whom to direct at Galveston, and please forward this letter with amount.

My little girl, Nellie, one to subscribe to the list, said to me and her mamma: "Why don't you send some of my clothes to the poor children," and some of the other subscribers made other such feeling remarks.

Please let me know if the amount comes safely to hand. Your humble and obedient servant,

ED WILLIS BETHEL, United States Consular Agent.

A syndicate of Danish and Swedish bankers has begun negotiations with American bankers for a \$15,000,000 loan for the Copenhagen municipality.

The first carload of pears ever shipped from Denton County left Pilot Point last week en route to Kansas City, where they will be put on the market. The fruit was raised by S. D. Anderson, living near Pilot Point, and was only about one-fourth of his crop. Off three and a half acres Mr. Anderson raised 2000 bushels of pears, or an average of 5.0 bushels to the acre. On the market the fruit is expected to bring \$2 a bushel, which would make the gross income off the three and a half acres about \$4000, more than \$1000 an acre. The owner also made off the pears 1000 gallons of cider.

A report from Oklahoma City, Ok., says: The preliminary steps have been taken for the formation of a company with a capital of \$1,000,000 to operate a factory for the purpose of using the hulls from the oil mills here to make paper. In addition to the hull stock, which is very large, the company will so construct its mill that it will be used for the purpose of making straw board for a large part of the year as well. The hull paper pulp is said to be the substitute that will supplant wood pulp in paper making, and the company has sent an agent to Georgia to inspect a plant that is in operation there, and if it is a success the company will be completed and arrangements made for the building of a factory.

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at the Cabinet meeting. Responses were made by all the members present, and while there were no definite pledges from any of them that they would accept, there were, on the other hand, no definite declinations.

The British Parliament has been called unusually early, with the object of securing the Government further borrowing powers to meet the expenses of the South African and Chinese situation. The Government has already borrowed £80,000,000 from the Bank of England, and further operations of this kind would be imprudent and would disorganize the money market. The sum of money to be borrowed is somewhere between £25,000,000 and £50,000,000. South African capitalists are protesting against the Transvaal being saddled with the cost of the war, while British tax-payers are equally anxious to have the mines bear the burden.

Among the Democratic officers elected in Delta County Tuesday was Capt. Jim Steel, elected Justice of the Peace at Cooper. He has held the office of Justice in the Cooper and Charleston Precincts for the past twenty-six consecutive years. No other Justice in the State can show such a long record of service in the office.

Dr. Chase, of the Yale Observatory, thinks there is a good prospect of our witnessing this month the shower of meteors which was expected last year at this time, but failed then to appear. He says: "It would seem rather strange, in view of the more or less exact regularity of the occurrence of these showers every thirty-three years, that this period should be passed through without a shower now. It is possible that the portion of the stream due at the intersection of the earth's orbit this year in November has not been perturbed by the influence of Jupiter in the same way as was that of last year."

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surplus laboring population of Southern India, but they can not be induced to leave their over-populated land for a life of ease and plenty in the Malay States. The Chinese, however, untrammelled with any delicacy of sentiment for their homes, flock over in hundreds of thousands.

In the census of 1890 the Southern States stood among themselves in the following order: 1. Texas; 2. Kentucky; 3. Georgia; 4. Tennessee; 5. Virginia; 6. North Carolina; 7. Alabama; 8. Mississippi; 9. South Carolina; 10. Arkansas; 11. Louisiana; 12. Florida. The following is the census of 1900. Texas still heads the list: 1. Texas, 3,948,828; 2. Georgia, 2,216,329; 3. Kentucky, 2,147,174; 4. Tennessee, 2,022,123; 5. North Carolina, 1,891,992; 6. Virginia, 1,854,184; 7. Alabama, 1,828,691; 8. Mississippi, 1,551,372; 9. Louisiana, 1,281,821; 10. South Carolina, 1,249,312; 11. Arkansas, 1,311,564; 12. Florida, 528,542.

The following is taken from the Kansas City Star: The tremendous growth of America's export trade during the last three years has caused the German central bureau of commercial treaties to investigate industrial conditions in the United States. The President of the bureau has just issued a book on the subject, in which he recognizes the United States as Germany's greatest commercial rival. The sudden expansion of the foreign commerce of this country has shown other nations that they must make every effort if they are even to delay the coming of the commercial supremacy of the United States. It is interesting to note that this German authority—in common with several British—praises the consular service of the United States, which is so often the subject of severe criticism.

Francis Burton Harrison, who is now a post-graduate student of Yale in the English course, announces that he will write a history of the Civil War from the Confederate standpoint. His father was private secretary to Jefferson Davis. The young man has inherited literary aspirations from his talented mother, Mrs. Frances Burton Harrison. Although the papers have not contained any plague news from San Francisco in quite a while, Dr. Blunt's inspectors there have kept him advised of the conditions, and they report several cases since the last published reports. Dr. Blunt was advised of deaths from bubonic plague in San Francisco on October 5, 10 and 14, and was advised of the death of a white woman from the plague on the 5th of this month, and on November 2 two cases.

The wholesale drug firm of Tarrant & Co., one of the largest and best known in New York City, suffered a very serious loss on Oct. 29 in the total destruction by fire and explosion of their fine building, corner Greenwich and Warren Street.

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The Confederate veterans are rapidly passing away. Every issue of our newspapers, it seems, announces the death of one or two of these brave old men.

Last week, in Atlanta, Ga., Jerry Lynch, aged seventy-two years, died. He was the last surviving member of the crew of the Confederate battleship Alabama.

Last week the steamer Arkadia, of the New Orleans and Galveston-Porto Rico Line, weighed anchor and started for the island on the first voyage ever made direct in the interests of trade. The shippers who have cargoes on the vessel were unable to get the quantity

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of rice necessary to fill their Ponce and San Juan orders, and the Arkadia carried only about 10,000 bags. It now seems that one of the principal articles which it was intended to handle in the Porto Rican commerce the new steamship company expects to carry on will be impossible to obtain in New Orleans on account of the rice trust. The amount of rice which the island of Porto Rico needs for its annual consumption can not be purchased in that port at figures which will permit of the Porto Rican shippers handling it.

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ROYSE CITY. Geo. H. Adams: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held here October 13 and 14. Rev. F. O. Miller was on hand and preached two excellent sermons, holding the conference at night and leaving Sunday afternoon. I had arranged with Rev. C. O. Jones, of Sherman, to continue the meeting. He began the hour the presiding elder left. We had a good meeting from beginning. We closed October 30 at 11 a. m. A tremendous rain that night prevented us returning to the tent. We had fifty-five conversions. Thirty-five joined the Church. Any preacher who has Bro. Jones to help him will want him again.

PILOT GROVE. W. F. Clark, November 10: Ten days will wind up the work of this conference year. I have been confined to my room for four weeks with carbuncle on back of my neck. I have all my collections subscribed, but I fear I will fail to collect, as I have but one full round on my work. The members have remodeled the parsonage; made it very comfortable; are now painting it; will all be completed before conference. We have had a very prosperous year. There is no circuit in North Texas Conference can boast of a better people than the people of Pilot Grove Circuit. I am now absent well and will make full time during next week on my collections and for the A's vote.

WHEATLAND CHARGE. I. J. Coppedge, Nov. 10: We are closing out our fourth year on this work. This has in some respects been the best of the four. I cannot speak too highly of this devoted and loyal people. Sister Sallie McFall has made liberal gifts to the Mission Home in Dallas, and to our Orphanage at Waco, and on our splendid district parsonage, and has done much for her pastor and his family. We are indebted to Bro. Robert Penn for a nice set of harness, and to others for nice things done for the pastor. We have moved our church at Wilmer up into town, and the ladies of Wilmer had it nicely painted inside. With a little more help it can be made "a thing of beauty." Our membership here nearly doubled in the last four years at two of the appointments. With such efficient stewards and other officers as we have, the work will improve steadily, and I trust rapidly. We hope to report everything in full at conference.

FATE AND CHISHOLM. D. F. Fuller: The good and bad mingle. A prosperous year is marred. A good revival at four places on the work, the parsonage removed from the church and cemetery at Chisholm into the village, a nice church erected at Blackbards and ready to use. Is complete and a gem for the country. Other interests under most favorable headway, when lo, I am no more just fled in mingling with my people, having been exposed to small-pox. For some weeks past the loathsome disease has existed in very mild form at Heath, where our Bethel church is located. It was pronounced chicken-pox by the local physician and also the county health officer. Hence last Sunday Mrs. M. Annie McManis, our organist, had the eruptions appear on her face at church. On Tuesday, Dr. White, of Terrell, met the local physician and county health officer Benbrook, and the disease was pronounced small-pox. The number of exposures is very great. There were some 15 or 18 cases last Wednesday in the community. When I tell you at least

two men with the disease under full headway upon them went to the town of Heath and elsewhere, together with the case as reported above, you will see there is cause for alarm. Pray for us. My own home suffers no uneasiness except the interference with my work, and the few others may have of contracting the disease from us. I am sad, oh, so sad, to think my report at conference instead of being full will, I fear, be very low.

A NEW CHURCH. J. David Crockett, November 8: For many years the people of Three Forks have worshiped in an old school-house, which is now very much dilapidated, and seated, like other school-houses, with patent seats, so that an adult person can scarcely get between them. We have had two acres of ground there for many years, on which to build a church, and at one time they had about \$1000 subscribed to build, but it fell through. But now we have nearly \$1000 in cash and good subscriptions to build a church, and we do not propose to let it fall through this time, but push it to completion. Sisters Morgan and Wallace have taken the lead in this matter, and soon we hope to worship in a new church at Three Forks, which is badly needed.

COUTS MEMORIAL. R. B. Bonner, Nov. 5: Rejoice with us. We are happy. Our report to the fourth Quarterly Conference makes us feel good. Full collections, full salary full Twentieth Century Fund, and an old church debt of about \$1250 paid off. We serve a liberal faithful people. We have two live Leagues, an energetic Sunday-school, an earnest working Home Mission Society, a faithful Official Board and a liberal membership that have made this report possible. Some have been so faithful and liberal that they deserve special praise. The dangerous disease diphtheria has invaded the home of our faithful presiding elder. His wife and three of his children have suffered very much, but the force of the disease has been broken and all are much better at this writing. Bros. Knickerbocker and Caperton are doing well, and will make a fine report at conference.

HOLCOMB CIRCUIT. H. B. Smith, Nov. 9: So far we have kept our peace in regard to our work, because sometimes we expect great things at the year's beginning, but are disappointed in the end. We have received thirty-four into the Church; twenty-six of these on profession of faith, with several more to receive. Have done our own work in meeting, except some help locally. Preacher's and presiding elder's salaries, amounting to \$515, all paid. Preacher over paid, besides our brethren made up a purse for a conference suit. Many thanks. Conference collections up in full, amounting to \$159.50. Our part of Twentieth Century Thank Offering, amounting to \$100, will all be paid. Have traveled more miles and visited more families than ever before in a single year. Of course we expect to come back. Our presiding elder is very popular and we are well satisfied with his works.

BROADWAY—GAINESVILLE. W. A. Stuckey: Next Sunday ends our fourth year at Broadway. Have had 91 additions this year. During the four years 398—think 400 will be reached before conference. We leave the Church in fine condition and with greater possibilities for the future. Too much can not be said for the noble and faithful pastors who preceded us in this charge. Their footprints are seen everywhere, and they are held in sacred memory by this good people. The assessments will be paid in full. The ladies have purchased a handsome carpet at a cost of \$215. The church has been calcimined this year, hence the interior of the church will present an attractive appearance to the new preacher. We have 145 Leaguers, who have raised this year \$75 in the conference assessments. The first Sunday night in this month J. M. Binkley preached us a far-well sermon. It was a splendid discourse—clear in thought and in demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit. His expressions of heaven and heavenly recognition filled our hearts with rapture and our eyes with tears. The far-well hand-shake at the close of the service was a touching scene.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Whereas, Rev. W. N. Curry has been our beloved pastor on the Grapevine Circuit, Northwest Texas Conference, for four years; and, Whereas, He must go from us another conference year, since the laws of our Church prohibits a longer term than four years; therefore be it Resolved, By the members and officers of the Grapevine Circuit, that we hereby express our entire satisfaction with the work done by Bro. Curry during his stay with us. He has performed his labors fearlessly and impartially, the Church has prospered under his administration, and the cause of Christ has been wonderfully strengthened.

Resolved further, That we wish to show to the world our sincere admiration for him as a pastor and a gentleman, also to express our love for his family. We heartily commend them to the officers and members of any circuit to which they may be sent in the Northwest Texas Conference, and we invoke the richest benedictions of heaven upon them. Our loss will be the gain of some other circuit. Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given our local paper for publication, one be forwarded to the Texas Christian Advocate, and a copy be given the family. Respectfully, G. T. BLUDWORTH, Sunday-school Superintendent. A. M. QUAYLE, Steward.

HUBBARD INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL. MATANZAS, CUBA. Again we beg a small space in your paper, hoping that among your many readers some at least of our friends may be quickened to a greater interest in our work. Your hands are full providing for the helpless at home, but others help them, and none think of us. God has wonderfully blessed thousands of our people. Can they see these precious little ones, whom God has hidden us bring to him, sent out to where, if they do not die in the flesh, they may be lost eternally? This afternoon we bade good-bye to six—five girls and one boy—who are relatives, though of the poorest, in the next town, because our Christian friends have forgotten us, the Missionary Society that promised relief has failed us; and were it not for the knowledge that we have gone our best, and past evidences of his approval, it would seem that God himself had turned from us. It may be—it may be—that our work is finished; that it is the Father's will that our doors be closed. But how can it be? Our children have shown lately such unmistakable signs that the seeds are sprouting in their hearts. A few Sundays ago I knelt at the communion table with joy in my heart that four of our girls knelt beside me—two of our very own—for the first time. Mr. Hubbard has secured work as a day laborer on the new church, while we women-folk are doing what we can outside of the Home work—sewing, giving private lessons—praying that this may be only a trial of our faith, and that our faith may bear the trial. It is useless to try to tell you of our struggles to keep our children. Of clothes we have a sufficiency, thanks to the King's Daughters for their boxes last spring. But rent must be paid, and rice and beans will give out. Help us to save these children from the ruin that awaits them! We are sending out all whose relatives can feed them. There will be thirty-four boys and girls left, who, when we give them up, must go to the Catholic Home or to the streets, and the former is already full to overflowing. When they leave us it is with tears, and they say, "I will come back." Oh, God! that we might help others to realize our extremity and to feel the greatness of this work of love for thy name's sake! MISS IRMA CARLTON, Quinta de Triolet, Matanzas, Cuba.

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GRANBURY STATION. S. J. Vaughten: I am closing out my second year at this place and will report a few items. We have made an addition to our church building at a cost of about one thousand dollars, which gives us a beautiful house of worship as compared with the old one. Have spent about one hundred dollars on the parsonage property. In this work the ladies of the Church deserve great credit. Our congregations are large and attentive. The senior and junior Leagues are doing excellent work. The Sunday-school, under the

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THE GETHEMANE OF LIFE.

For every one of us, sooner or later, the Gethsemane of life must come. It may be the Gethsemane of struggle and poverty and care; it may be the Gethsemane of long and weary sickness; it may be the Gethsemane of farewells that wring the heart by the deathbeds of those we love; it may be the Gethsemane of remorse and of well-earned despair for sins that we will not but which we say we cannot, overcome. Well, my brethren, in that Gethsemane—aye, even in that Gethsemane of sin—no angel merely, but Christ himself, who bore the burden of our sins, will, if we seek him, come to comfort us. He will be home in an instant, we pray. He can be touched, he is touched, with the feeling of our infirmities. He, too, has trodden the wilderness of agony alone; he, too, has lain face downwards in the night upon the ground; and the comfort which then came to him he has bequeathed to us—even the comfort, the help, the peace, the recovery, the light, the hope, the faith, the sustaining arm, the healing anodyne of prayer.—Dean Farrar.

THE QUIET HOUR.

God never forces himself upon the indifferent soul. A little time alone with God every day is indispensable to those who would hear him speak. The man who never leaves his counting-room cannot hear an orchestra. The student who never leaves his books will never know the glories of Mendelssohn or Beethoven. The housewife in whose ears is always the clatter of pots and pans and knives will never have any attention for a sweeter orchestra. So the man or woman who never listens to God's voice will never hear it. This makes indispensable the quiet hour, the morning watch, the moments of silent communion until our senses have become so refined and our spiritual ears so attentive that we can hear God's voice above the din of the market-place and the buzz of the school room and the clatter of the kitchen. The very familiarity of the voice of God in nature or his word may dull our accustomed ears to its sound just as the roar of Niagara is never heard by those who live upon the banks of the Horsehoe Falls and the whirr of the loom in the factory falls upon calloused ears. Because we are familiar with God's message in his house, with his written word, with his songs of praise, we need all the more to stop and listen that we may catch his individual message for our souls.

THE WIND AND THE WAVE.

The Wind and the Wave once met on the sea-shore. The sky was divinely blue and the beach stretched away into the sunlight like a shining floor. Neither seemed to notice the beauty of the day, for both began talking of their troubles. "Ah," moaned the Wave, "There is no sorrow in all the world like the sorrow of the sea. It holds so many mysteries and dark secrets. Time was when I laughed and tossed my white cap in the air when I saw a distant sail. Now I only weep, for I know all about the treacherous reefs and the typhoons that lurk in the sultry heats like lions in their lairs. Even in moonlight calms I am not quite at rest, and when I hear the sailors singing I sometimes murmur this song:

"Sing on, O sailor-boy, sing on,
The halcyon night will soon be over;
Sing on the deck, sing on the mast,
Life and love are drifting past;
Sing on the deck, sing on the mast,
Crystal urns are in the sea.
They will soon your tresses hold,
Bonny locks of brown and gold;
Sing your death-song, sing it high,
Life and love are drifting by."

"Well," sighed the Wind, "all have their troubles, real or imaginary. Being an old friend, you will pardon my saying that yours seem largely imaginary. The dark secrets you hint at must extend back to the days of the vikings. No doubt a mysterious sorrow makes you interesting. Romantic people never tire of listening to your digress and talking of the 'sad sea waves'; but your emotions are not deep enough to be called grief. Sometimes when out of breath I stop in the pines or the ivy of an old ruin, and hum plaintive airs of the past myself, but I should never think of dignifying my feelings on those occasions by the name of grief. Unquestionably the sorrows of the land are far greater than those of the sea. You have heard that living troubles are worse than dead ones. Those on land are living ones. What you say of the sailors is rather pathetic, but reefs and tempests quickly do their work. Their cries are soon hushed, but not the weeping of their friends on shore, to say nothing of those who mourn their dead on the battle-field.

"Then there are no end of sorrows caused by wayward children and drunken and dishonest husbands and fathers. In fact, every house has a skeleton in the closet. No wonder I am mad with woe and howl in chim-

neys and shriek at key-holes like a maniac."

In the heat of discussion, neither had noticed a heron standing by the water's edge. She now spoke up:

"You claim to be friends, but I hear no exchange of sympathies. Each seems bent on selfishly defending his own misery. If I were given to airing my troubles, I should say I have a double portion. I live in the cedars yonder, not far from high-water. So the sorrows of both land and sea nudge. Besides, I have many personal troubles. When confined to my nest the gloom of the swamp is intolerable. The Wind always makes for the cedars when he gets distracted and the unearthly noises he gets out of them are beyond description. After my young are hatched, I live in constant fear lest some hunter kill me and leave them to perish. One thing only keeps me balanced, steady employment. If it were not for that I should be as crazy as the Wind and as melancholy as the Wave. I should suggest that the Wave, being a musician, go to work on something more inspiring than dirges for the benefit of the invalids who visit the beach. He might also cast unpeevish shells to amuse the children. The Wind is one of the great forces of nature, and ought to be ashamed of tearing the leaves off the trees and rousing eggs from their nests when frantic. He better put more time into mending his holed-up cap for usefulness and could work off his wild feelings to some advantage."

"Just here the heron seized a fish and, remembering that business before the blues had always been her motto, she flew away to her duties in the swamp.—Michigan Advocate.

WHAT SPLIT THE LOG.

"There is nothing like giving a boy a little encouragement once in a while," said a wealthy downtown merchant, the other day. "I know I owe a great deal to a remark a crabbed old farmer made to me when I was quite small.

"I was trying to split a cross-grained hickory log, and as our wood-pile was close by the roadside, my efforts attracted the notice of the farmer, who stopped his team.

"I was greatly flattered by his attention, because he was the crassest and surliest man in town, and never took any notice of us boys, except to stifle in his orchards with a shot-gun in his hand when the apples were ripe. So I put in my best blows, and cover'd my hands with blisters, but the log refused to split. I had to be beaten, but there seemed no help for it. The old man noticed my chagrin.

"'Humph!' I thought you'd hev to give it up," he said, with a chuckle.

"Those words were all I need. 'I made no reply; but the way that axe-head went into that log was a revelation to me. As I drove it into the knots, they yielded. There was a cheerful crackle, the gap widened, and soon the halves lay by my side, and the farmer drove off discontented.

"But I never forgot that scene. When I first went into business, I made mistakes, as every young man will. But whenever I got caught in a doubtful enterprise, I remembered that my friends were standing around waiting for the chance to say, 'I thought you'd have to give it up!'

"In spite of himself, that old farmer gave me the key-note of my success.

"So you see that if a boy has any grit in him, he is bound to profit by the right sort of encouragement; and in that connection I may remark, a well-placed sneer is often worth more than a barrel of taffy."—Puck.

THE MAISTER'S MARK.

"Lucie, can you not go down to see old Winnie Campbell this afternoon? I will be so glad, dear, if you will, for to-morrow is Thanksgiving, and I have a few little things to send her."

Kate Preston glanced hesitatingly toward the window as she spoke, and met a pair of dark blue eyes fixed upon her with a world of sadness in their depths.

"O Kate, do not ask me to go anywhere, for I can not! What have I to do with Thanksgiving anyway, when only to-day Doctor Mostyn has taken all hope from me, and says I must go through life a miserable misshapen creature on crutches. Why did I not die when I was—ah, instead of being left here to drag out my life? And O sister, I am so young—only seventeen."

There was such bitter despair in Lucie's voice that the hot tears hurried in the elder sister's eyes as she moved silently over to the pretty wheel-chair. She did not speak at once, but stood with her hand resting on the tumbled mass of shining hair, while before her arose a picture of this same slender figure only one year ago to-day. Last Thanksgiving eve Lucie had stood by this very window, dressed in her pretty blue riding habit, while every movement, from the radiant, laughing face under the natty cap to the small feet tapping the floor so impatiently, had been replete with joyous, buoyant health. Then in the afternoon they had brought her to her home—the

CANCER IS NOT INCURABLE

Time was when Cancer was considered as incurable as leprosy. Physicians and friends could give relief or encouragement to one afflicted with this terrible disease. Given now doctors know of no remedy for this fearful malady; while admitting it to be a blood disease, they still insist that there is no hope outside of a surgical operation, and advise you to have the Cancer cut out, but at the same time cannot assure you that it will not return. You may cut or draw out the sore, but another will grow in its place, for the disease is in the blood—is deep-seated and destructive, and beyond the reach of the surgeon's knife or caustic, flesh-destroying plasters. The blood must be purified and strengthened, the system relieved of all poisonous effluvia matter before the Cancer sore will heal.

S. S. S. is the only medicine that can overcome this powerful and contaminating poison and force it out of the blood. It builds up and invigorates the old, and supplies new, rich, life-giving blood. S. S. S. is a purely vegetable remedy, an animal can be found in it; the roots and herbs from which it is made contain powerful purifying properties that act directly upon the blood system and make a safe and permanent cure of Cancer. It has cured thousands, why not you?

Cancer is not always inherited; your family may be free from any taint, yet your blood may become so polluted that a severe and stubborn form of the disease may develop from a sore or ulcer on your tongue or other part of your body, or a slight bruise or hurt, a little pimple on the eyelid, or

or nose, a small lump on the jaw or breast, a harmless looking wart or mole, and other causes so numerous, but so extract little or no attention. If you have an obstinate sore, don't rely upon salves or ointments to cure it—begin with S. S. S. at once; it will cleanse your blood and prevent the formation of cancerous cells.

Mrs. R. Shiver, La Plata, Mo., writes: "A small pimple came on my jaw about one inch below the ear on the left side of my face. At first it gave me no trouble and I did not think it was anything serious until the jaw began to swell and became much inflamed. At the same time the sore began to spread and eat into the flesh, and gave me intense pain. I tried everything I could hear of, but nothing did me any good. I then began the use of S. S. S., and after taking several bottles the Cancer healed, and there is now no sign of the disease. This was two years ago, and I am still enjoying perfect health."

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slender, girlish figure all crushed and bruised by the cruel, iron-shod feet of her horse. All this, and the long months of suffering which had ensued, and passed through the elder sister's mind; then with unsteady lips she said gently:

"God did not spare you to us to punish you, Lucie, but because he had some work for you to do."

She paused, unable to go on. Then, seeing how wistfully the blue eyes were searching her face, she touched a little silver cross pinned at Lucie's throat.

"My little sister, have you forgotten this? You are a King's Daughter, can you not bear your cross in his name?"

Then, without waiting for an answer, she kissed the sweet, pale face, and left the room.

An hour later, Katie's room door opened slowly, and Lucie appeared on the threshold. A wide hat was tied over her curls, and, for the first time since they had been sent home two months before, she was leaning on her crutches.

"I will go to Winnie's, if you wish it, Kat," she said with an evident effort, and without a word her sister handed her a small basket.

Lucie met many of her friends as she went slowly down the village street, and their looks of pity were agony to the sensitive girl.

"I am going in his name," but oh, how hard it is to have people turn and look at me as I pass!" she said with a motherly sob as she paused before a tiny house.

A cherry voice lured her enter, and she went into a poor, bare little room, where an old woman sat knitting by the fire.

"Come ye ways in, ma bairn," she said, as Lucie greeted her; then, dropping her knitting into her lap, she held out her hands in that aimless, groping way peculiar to the blind. "Ay, 'tis ma ain bairn, sure! I ken ye voice, lassie, and it does ye auld nurse's heart glad tae hae ye here once mair."

She went on in her garrulous way, never seeming to notice that, beyond the first greeting, the girl had not spoken. Lucie put her packages on the little table, then, drawing a stool close to Winnie's side, looked wistfully up into the placid wrinkled face, on which an expression of perfect peace rested.

"I have wanted to see you so badly, Winnie, but I could not bear to come limping through the streets," she faltered presently; then, burying her face in Winnie's lap, she cried in a tone which made the old woman's heart ache.

"Oh, Winnie, you are helpless yourself, and know how it hurts! Tell me your secret, and why you are always so happy in spite of your troubles."

"I ken it aye, lassie; aye, the pain that's making ye heart sa sair the day," the blind woman said with a rare understanding of the sore young heart which had come to her for help. "But I hae na secret, lassie; none at aye." She went on slowly, resting her wrinkled hand on Lucie's head, and seeming to be speaking more to herself than to the girl beside her. "When we came tae this country fra Scotland, ma guid mon and me, wi' our bonnie bit laddie, the sun never shone on a mair gladsome lass nor I. We had a wee cot wi' a bit o' land, and aye we went till Sandie was taken frae. Then my heart seemed like tae break, but I had ma bit laddie, and I lived on for him. Then he too was taken, and for lang I grieved sair, and whiles I rebelled against the Maister's hand. Then one day, lassie, when ma tribles pressed me sair, I read in a bit o' paper how the shepherds I a far country ken their ain sheep by name. They dinna ken them by their guid

parts, but by their marks and scars, by the clipped ear and the scarred shoulder, and how they carried the bit lamms to their ain arms. And it came tae me bairn, sudden lak, that mayhap the guid Maister had marked his ain sheep because he loved them, and sae he 'ud ken them weel when they come tae him, and sae when the thought took awa, a the pain and bitterness for aye. And when ma eyes goed out, and licht o' day grewed thinner and thinner, till I no could tell when the night came, I think me heart 'ud broken in my loneliness had I nae felt the Maister was ony mair kin to the plainer as his ain. It hae been ten years noo sin' I looked upon the licht o' day, but it dinna seem sa lang tae me, for I ken I weel that I am aye his ain, and no matter if I could see, he'd ken me by the mark he put upon me, and sae I dinna weep lang, or noo because I mean tae abide i' the darkness. And, ma lassie, sae I greet that he hae twisted ye bit body, for he hae ony markit ye the plainer as his ain, and I am thinkin' when ye calls us a hame i' the gloaming, the first tae cum at his call, 'ud be the aye his markit the plainer as his ain, and that they'll be the goodness tae get hame. Noo, ma bairn, rest ye heart on that thought, and at the mornow be a happy Thanksgiving day."

The shadows lengthened and dusk crept into the little room, and still they sat there silent, the humble, wrinkled child of God whose life was nearly over, and the golden-haired young girl, trying to face the future as one upon whom her Maister had put his own mark.

The street lamps were glimmering in the gloom when Lucie got last arose, and, kissing Winnie's wrinkled cheeks, said in a low, unsteady tone from which all bitterness had fled:

"I am glad I came, Winnie, and oh, how I thank you for all you have said to me this evening! I think your wish has already come true, for to-morrow will be a glad Thanksgiving to me, for I will never forget again that he has put his own mark upon me, and that he knows me now by name—Good-by."

As Lucie limped slowly homeward a wonderful peace crept into her heart, and she whispered to herself:

"Ah, I did not know when I told Kate I had nothing to do with Thanksgiving how much the day would mean to me! Winnie has made it all plain to me, and I will try not to waste the life the Maister has marked, darkened though it be."

It was very hard at first to bear her cross, for she was very young and her seventeen life seems such a beautiful thing to be suddenly marred; but humble Winnie had given her a talisman, and into the homes of the poor, of the sick, but above all, of the sorrowful, she went this fragile golden-haired girl, and taught by her own sorrow how to help others, brightened many a dreary home and melted many a hard and bitter heart.

Long ago old blind Winnie's life of darkness ended, but the few homely words uttered that snowy Thanksgiving eve are still hearing abundant fruit.—Children's Visitor.

DOING WELL DEPENDS ON DOING COM-PLIETLY.

"If I were a collier, it would be my pride The best of all colliers to be; If I were a tinker, so tinker would I should mend an old kettle like me."

It is a rule that a workman must follow his employer's orders, as a writer in the Living Age says, but no one has a right to make him do disagreeable work. Judge M. do discernible jurist living near Cincinnati loved to tell the anecdote of a young man who understood the risk of doing a shab-

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by job, even when directed to. He'd it occasion to send for a carpenter, and a steady young man, as you call a red-

"I want this fence mended. There are some unplanned boards—some there you need not take time to make. I'll meet you. I will pay you only a dollar and a half."

Later, the judge heard the man carefully planning with himself, and finding that he was trying to make a steady job, he ordered him to send the man on just as they were, and sent him his work. When he returned the boards were all planned and arranged ready for nailing.

"I told you this fence was to be mended with care," he said, and said, "I do not care how it comes."

"I do," said the carpenter, smiling, carefully measuring the work. When it was done, there was a month's pay of the fence on through in a week.

"How much are you giving?" asked the judge.

"A dollar and a half," said the man, smiling at his boss.

The judge started.

"Why did you spend all that money on that fence, if you're mending it?"

"For the job, sir."

"Nobody would have seen the good work on it."

"But I should have known it was there. No, I'll only take a dollar and a half."

Ten years afterwards, the judge had a contract to give the mending of several hundred public buildings. There were many applicants, but the master builders, but the best of all of them caught his eye. "It was my own of the fence," he said. "I know you should have only wanted work from him. I gave him the contract, and he made a rich man of him."

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BAD DREAMS Caused by Coffee.

"I have been a coffee drinker, more or less, ever since I can remember, until a few months ago I became more and more nervous and irritable, and finally I could not sleep at night for I was horribly disturbed by dreams of all sorts and a species of terrifying nightmare."

"Finally, after hearing the experience of numbers of friends who had quit coffee and were enjoying the most perfect sleep, I concluded coffee must be the cause of my trouble, so I got some Postum Coffee and had it made exactly according to directions.

"I was astonished at the change it made. It entirely took the place of coffee, and to my very great satisfaction, I began to sleep peacefully and sweetly. My nerves improved and I wish I could warn every man, woman, and child from the unwholesome and dangerous coffee."

"People really do not appreciate the value of what a powerful drug it is and what terrible effect it has on the human system. If they did, hardly a pound of it would be sold. I would never think of going back to coffee again. I would almost as soon think of putting my hand in a fire after I had once been burned."

"A young lady friend of mine, Miss Emily Theron, had stomach trouble for a long time, and could not get well as long as she used coffee. She finally quit coffee and began the use of Postum Coffee and is now perfectly well. Yours for health, Don't substitute my name."—Herrington Kay, Name given by Postum Cereal Co. Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Table with conference dates: North Texas, Denton, Nov. 23-24; East Texas, Pittsburg, Tex., Nov. 25-26; Texas, Rockdale, Tex., Dec. 1-2

During the conference season the Advocate will necessarily be irregular in reaching subscribers. We shall endeavor to print the proceedings of each conference promptly after adjournment, and this will sometimes cause a delay of a day in going to press. Let our readers be patient, and we will soon return to our regular hours in serving them.

There are two sources of information accessible to every diligent preacher: Good books and human nature. To thoroughly study these is to furnish the preacher with the knowledge necessary to his success. The best of books are now sold at a very reasonable price. Any man can possess a half dozen of these during the year and read and digest them. By this method he makes their contents his own. This knowledge he can turn to good account in his sermoneering. And if he will keep this up habitually he will never become a stale and insipid preacher. As long as he has health he will be in demand. Along with his well digested book knowledge he must acquire a knowledge of men. This knowledge will help him to reach the hearts and minds of people, and it will reduce his reading to practical issues.

Bishop Candler gives close attention to the reports of the preachers and he evidently makes them the basis of his knowledge of the efficiency of the men who make them. Once in a while he throws in a pointed question which brings out much that the preacher does not intend to make public, and often he uses the information thus brought out as a text for a good exhortation. He never fails to lay emphasis upon the work done in the interest of the Twentieth Century Movement and lagging at this point never fails to call forth a suggestive comment. Then, too, he has no patience with the young man who fails to come up with his examinations on the course of study. A number of the brethren at the West Texas Conference were made to feel uncomfortable at this point of inquiry, and the conference heartily approved the course of the Bishop in this behalf.

The "Good Literature Day" adopted by the West Texas Conference is a move in the right direction. If our people keep abreast of the movement and enterprise of the times they must be a reading people. To this end we have established our Publishing House, and we are issuing our weekly religious papers. These are to furnish the sources of information from which our people are to receive their intelligence of moral and religious matters. It is incumbent upon us to keep the output of our press before the membership of the Church, so that the people called Methodists may understand why they are Methodists and instruct themselves and their children in our own distinctive literature. The preachers have an opportunity at this point, and it is with them to acquaint the people with these things. This Good Literature Day will afford the occasion for bringing the subject before every congregation within the bounds of the conference, and the West Texas preachers have done well to set apart this special day for this one object. If they observe it good results are sure to follow.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Clean finger nails is an evidence of character.

A tooth brush when used properly is a means of grace.

Tobacco does not add to the pleasant fragrance of the breath.

Neat clothing, kept in good repair, enhance the self-respect of a man.

A snarling disposition is not a desirable trait of character in a Christian.

We have known more than one person to mistake pure stubbornness for a vertebrated will.

The preacher in an Annual Conference who is oftener heard on the floor in the discussion of subjects is not always the most influential.

Old age kept sweet by the Divine Spirit is beautiful and full of charms, but when soured by disappointment it makes itself very disagreeable and unhappy.

Artificial tests are no proofs of high attainments in grace, but the life that roots itself in the great matters of the gospel is rich in experience and lofty in its faith.

The address of the Hon. N. A. Cravens, which appears in another column of this issue, will be read with interest and profit. He is a prominent layman in the Church in the bounds of the Texas Conference, and he is the son of one of the old guard of other days in that section. At present Judge Cravens is the Private Secretary of Gov. Sayers, and he resides at Austin. This address was delivered in Tenth Street Church, Austin, on the Children's Rally Day service, and owing to its appropriateness and merit he was induced by the congregation to furnish a copy of it for publication. Hence it will be found in full in this issue, and it makes good reading for children and parents.

DEATH OF REV. DR. H. V. PHILPOT.

Rev. H. V. Philpot, D. D., for a great many years a leading member of the Texas Conference, died at the home of his son at College Station, near Bryan, the 5th instant. No man has been better known in Texas Methodism than Dr. Philpot. He entered the active work several decades ago, and during all of these years he has filled all of the prominent positions in his conference as preacher in charge, presiding elder and delegate to the General Conference. No man ever doubted his courage or fidelity. Under all circumstances he was true to his convictions. Such was his decision of character and tenacity of purpose that he was often forced to take issue with that necessarily arise in the progress of Church work, but he was always respectful to his opponents and contended for principle instead of personal ascendancy. In all of his instincts and bearing he was a gentleman of the old school. His passing away removes a landmark, and his name will remain a household word among thousands of people throughout his conference, particularly and throughout the State generally. He leaves the savor of a good name, and he being dead yet speaketh. Hence be to his memory and rest to his redeemed spirit!

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Bro. A. M. Gravley, of Frankford, called on the Advocate during our absence. Sorry to have missed seeing him.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, of Trinity Church in this city, attended the church dedication in Fort Worth last Sunday.

Rev. George Sexton announces in another column the dedicatory services of his new church building at Terrell. Next Sunday is the day, and Dr. E. E. Hoss is the preacher for that occasion. Bro. Sexton has done a no-

ble work this year, and we rejoice with him and his people in their great success.

Rev. L. M. Carleton, pastor of our Church at Ferris, was in Dallas last week, and did not forget to call on the Advocate.

Bro. T. D. Ross, of Durant, I. T., recently paid the Advocate a very pleasant visit. He is a zealous layman and enjoys the weekly visits of the Advocate.

Rev. J. H. McLean, D. D., closed out his quadrennium of service with First Church last Sunday as presiding elder. He preached an earnest sermon to an attentive congregation.

Rev. C. W. Dennis, of Farmer's Branch, and his young bride called to see us the other day. They are about ready for the conference, which will meet the 22d instant.

As we go to press the Northwest Texas Conference is in session at Georgetown and the office force is down there taking in the gathering. That is the largest conference in the State.

Bishop Candler dedicated the new Missouri Avenue Church edifice at Fort Worth last Sunday. All of our congregations in the city attended the exercises, and the occasion was a great one in every sense of the word.

"Uncle Buck" Hughes has been under the weather with a grippa for several days, but he is up and out again, looking a little the worse for wear. He hopes to be able to attend the conference at Denton next week.

In a note from Rev. G. H. Collins, of Pochahole, he tells us that Dr. E. S. Smith will preach the conference sermon for the Texas Conference Dec. 7, at 7:30 p. m. Bro. Collins has things well in hand for the approaching conference session.

Rev. W. A. Sompey, of Ennis, a supernummate member of the East Texas Conference, made this office a pleasant visit last week. This is the first time he has called on the Advocate since it has been in Dallas. He has been a hard worker in his conference.

METHODIST NEWS.

Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, wife of Dr. Hargrove, son of our Bishop, died at their home in Alabama recently. The remains were taken to Nashville for burial.

Rev. W. W. Pinson, formerly of West Texas Conference, has entered the field of fiction. His first production is entitled, "In White and Black." Bro. Pinson is now stationed in Macon, Ga.

Secretary E. M. Mills has given out the announcement that eight million of the twenty million dollars of the special Twentieth Century Thank-Offering are already secured by our Northern Methodist brethren.

MINUTES

Of the forty-second session of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Gonzales, Texas, beginning Oct. 21, 1900, and ending Nov. 5, 1900. Bishop Warren A. Candler, President; Sterling Fisher, Secretary.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Reuben S. Pierce, Wallace A. Dunn, Jas. A. Pledger and Hal A. Burns remain in this class.

2. Who remain on trial? E. Thurston Campbell, Jas. A. Pledger and Hal A. Burn in class of first year; Mason K. Fred and Wm. H. Newkirk in class of second year.

Who are discontinued? None.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Wm. T. Renfro, David A. Gregg, Jas. J. Rape, T. F. Sessions.

5. Who are readmitted? None.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? E. E. Swanson, a deacon in the class of the fourth year, from Southwest Missouri Conference; A. H. Bezzo, an elder from Memphis Conference; J. H. Davis, an elder from West Virginia Conference.

7. Who are the deacons of one year? Albert J. McCulloch, Jesse T. King, Joseph J. Franks, Wm. T. Renfro, Frank B. Buchanan, Nathan B. Thompson, Marion T. Allen, E. E. Swanson.

8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? David A. Gregg.

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16. Who are located this year? T. F. Dimmitt, at his own request; Hiram Graham, at his own request; Wm. A. Bowen, at his own request; C. W. Godwin, at his own request; D. O. McAllister, at his own request.

Who are supernumerary? J. W. West, J. A. Wright.

17. Who are superannuated? Wm. Monk, H. G. Horton, J. F. Denton, N. W. Keith, R. M. Leaton, W. J. Joyce, S. G. Shaw, J. T. Gillett, W. O. Shurtart, H. T. Hill, John S. Gillett, Morris Evans, A. G. Nolen.

19. What preachers have died during the past year? Alanson Brown, E. G. Duval, J. P. Rogers, M. W. Francis.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over one by one and their characters passed, except M. S. Gardner, who had surrendered his credentials and withdrawn from the Church.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 80; members, 16,647.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 581.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 389.

24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 77.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 2,550.

26. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 151.

27. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1,127.

28. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 9,382.

29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1,500.

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? From charges, \$3450.15; other sources, \$968.65. Applied to claimants.

31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$2327.50; domestic, \$4952.80.

32. What has been contributed for Church extension? \$997.35.

33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? \$125.25.

34. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$7345.60; preachers in charge, \$37,502.55.

35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$742.40.

36. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 214; number of houses of worship, 151.

37. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$249,682; indebtedness, \$1927.15.

38. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 82; number of parsonages, 68.

39. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$60,642; indebtedness, \$1160.

40. What is the number of districts and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 76; number of district parsonages, 5.

41. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1500; indebtedness, \$800.

42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 2; amount of damage, \$25.

43. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$68,000; losses sustained none; premiums paid, \$545.45; collection on losses none.

45. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? San Antonio, Texas.

CHINA MUST AND WILL BE SAVED.

A significant fact in all the disturbances in China is that the missionaries—those who are on the field, have faced the danger, suffered the anxiety and braved the perils—do not sound one note of discouragement or retreat. Every letter breathes a spirit of hopefulness, stresses the fact of greater opportunities and urges the Church to be ready to meet them. Our men are returning to their work, Revs. H. L. Hendry and H. T. Reed having gone back to Sungkiang. Everything is quiet there, and they were cordially welcomed, not only by the native Christians, but by the officials and other friends outside of the Church. The following letter from Dr. A. P. Parker, which has been received recently by the Missionary Secretaries,

shows how God has cared for his people and is preparing the way for the salvation of China. Dr. Parker writes from Shanghai:

"Say to the people in the home land that the present uprising in China is not anti-missionary, but anti-foreign. The missionary, or religious, idea has little or nothing to do with it. It is not a religious persecution. On the contrary, it is a determined effort on the part of the Manchu rulers to expel all foreigners—merchants, missionaries, diplomats, engineers, etc.—from the country, and close the door against them forever. This is proven in the most striking manner by the fact that in the beginning of the outbreak, last May, the Boxers attacked the Belgian Railway engineers along the line from Peking to Pooting-foo, killing nine out of a party of some thirty-six men and women, before they could get to Tien Tsin. This attack on the engineers was immediately followed by the destruction of a number of railway stations, the tearing up of many miles of track, the destruction of the telegraph lines, and the burning and looting of the offices. Two missionaries were killed at about the same time and in the same region of country.

"Evidence is continually coming to light which proves, beyond the possibility of doubt, that ever since the Reform Movement was overthrown by the Palace Revolution in September, 1898, the Manchus have been making the most determined and widespread preparations to exterminate foreigners and all foreign interests throughout the Empire. They have bought tens of thousands of Mauser rifles and millions of rounds of ammunition for them; hundreds of the finest Krupp guns have been imported and placed on strong forts, built under the advice and direction of the best military experts that could be hired in Europe, as well as on the city walls of Tien Tsin, Peking and many other cities; they have employed the best German instructors to drill their army and navy; they have encouraged and assisted the Boxers to organize and drill, till they number more than three million members; and they have strained every nerve to extract money from the people in the form of various kinds of taxation, new and old, in order to provide the supplies for their nefarious undertaking.

"The blow was to have been delivered in September of this year—swift, sudden and overwhelming. Every foreigner and every Christian, every foreigner's servant, teacher, student or helper of any kind, was to be slaughtered out of hand, and all foreign property, houses, chapels, stores, offices, railways, telegraphs, post-offices, mines, anything and everything that the foreigners had helped to introduce into the country, were to be wiped out at one fell stroke. The destruction was to be complete and final.

"But, in the good providence of God, a premature outbreak in Pooting-foo in May precipitated things and brought on the crisis before the leaders were ready. The blow fell before its time and so its force was considerably broken. But that, even under these circumstances, it came very nearly being successful is proved by the following facts:

"1. Over 20,000 Christians—Protestant and Roman Catholic—have been massacred in these three months. 2. More than one hundred and fifty missionaries—Protestant and Roman Catholic—have been murdered in different parts of the country. 3. The foreign community in Tien Tsin of over 2000 persons, men and women, besides a large number of native Christians who had taken refuge there, were barely saved from slaughter by the most desperate and superhuman efforts of the Russian and other soldiers that guarded them against shot and shell fired from thousands of Chinese regular troops. 4. The Chinese regular troops and Boxers did their utmost for nearly four weeks to destroy the foreign legations in Peking and the nine hundred foreigners shut up there. If the allied forces had arrived a day later than they did, the diabolical efforts of those savages would have succeeded, and nine hundred foreigners and four thousand native Christians would have been added to the list of the slain. 5. Practically all the missionaries in the eighteen Provinces and Manchuria have been driven out to the open ports. The country has been swept clean of foreigners, as with a broom. Of the three thousand Protestant missionaries now in China, not one hundred are left in the interior, and of those who are left nearly all are trying to escape to the coast. Some of these are hiding in various places. Of others no news can be obtained, and the worst is feared for them. Roman Catholic missionaries, also, have had to flee to places of safety at the ports along the coast. A story is told of one of them who was carried one hundred miles in a coffin by some of the native converts, and so escaped to Canton.

"That the instigators of this movement have been able to accomplish so much, proves only too clearly what they might have done if they could have held their minions—the Boxers—in check and continued to hoodwink

the foreigners until when all could be with the unity a determined purpose.

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Instead of relaxing our efforts because the country is now apparently trying to cast us out, let us redouble our exertions, because the people will soon be ready to receive us with open arms, when the incubus of a corrupt government is taken away from them."

"A QUESTION OF METHODIST HISTORY."

The article headed as above, by Bro. S. W. Turner, in the Advocate of Sept. 27, 1900, has attracted my attention, and, as I am able to cast some light upon the subject, I believe that I ought to do so, and hence this effort. Bro. Turner's inquiries, if I understand them, amount to these: When, where and by whom was the first Protestant sermon preached in Texas? And when, where and by whom was the first Protestant Church, class or society formed, or organized in Texas? In both instances the answer is Stephenson; but here arises the incidental implied question: "What Stephenson?"

To explain my opportunities for knowing whereof I write I give a brief account of myself. In June, 1820, with my mother and little sister, I lacked a few days of being ten years old, came from the eastern part of Louisiana to what is now San Augustine County, Texas, whither my father had preceded us, and where he had provided for us a temporary home. Though but a child, I was a close observer and attentive listener, and blessed with an extraordinary memory, which is yet better than those of most men of my age, especially on subjects and events of which I became cognizant when young. Almost simultaneously with our arrival in that vicinity a family by the name of Walker, from the southern part of Arkansas, arrived and became our near neighbors. The matron of that family, Mrs. Prudence Walker, formerly Mrs. Eastess, was a very pious Methodist, and had often heard Wm. Stephenson preach in Arkansas. I heard her speak of him then and there, and years later when she was again our near neighbor. I often heard her speak of him in Grimes County. From her account I think I have a correct idea of part of Wm. Stephenson's ministry, especially as it is confirmatory of some accounts of him which I have read.

Of Bishop McTear's statements made on authority of Dr. Thrall, and quoted by Bro. Turner, part is doubtless correct, but part is erroneous. From what I learned from Mrs. Wm. Walker, confirmed by later reading, I have no doubt that the first part relating to Wm. Stephenson is correct, excepting the words "and Louisiana," as follows:

"Wm. Stephenson itinerated from Missouri through Arkansas and Louisiana to Texas. From 1821 to 1825 he was presiding elder in the Arkansas District, then part of the Missouri Conference."

While I was yet young I understood from various sources, which my memory now fails to credit, that at least as early as 1820, and perhaps 1818, Wm. Stephenson entered Texas, and preached in what is now Bowie County the first Protestant sermon ever delivered in Texas; also that he there organized a Church, class or society, the first Protestant organization in Texas. Though now unable to give my authority, I yet confidently believe this report to be true. Yet it must be remembered that the region under consideration was not then, nor till many years later, regarded as part of Texas. The United States Government had sectionized it as part of Arkansas Territory, and had sold the land therein. Even till after the Texas Declaration of Independence it was under organization as part of Miller County, Arkansas. So it remained till the survey of the dry line between the United States and the Republic of Texas from the intersection of the Sabine River and the thirty-second degree of north latitude due north to Red River. Then, to the great surprise of all concerned, seventeen townships, confidently believed to be part of Miller County, Arkansas, fell into Red River County, Texas, and the allegiance of the people thereof was transferred from the United States to Texas. Later,

when Bowie County was created, this section became part of that county, and so it is yet. In process of time American frontiersmen, not knowing where the line would be run, extended their settlements up Red River till some of them knew that they were in the Mexican province of Texas; but, being isolated from the other Texas settlements, they, by common consent, claimed citizenship in Arkansas, and that Territory or State extended its civil jurisdiction over them; but I do not believe that any Protestant or Catholic preached there till 1836 or later. Hence I have no doubt that Wm. Stephenson, in fact, preached the first Protestant sermon, and formed the first Protestant organization in Texas, but he did so unwittingly, confidently believing that his work was in Arkansas, which, for the time, was practically true. I know not when he died, but I opine that he did not live long enough to learn that he had ever been in Texas.

But the latter part of the quotation is erroneous, as it credits Wm. Stephenson with work performed by Henry Stephenson, and says that he was presiding elder in Louisiana. It is as follows:

"Subsequently he (Wm. Stephenson) was presiding elder in the Louisiana District from 1829 to 1833. This brought him to the Sabine River, and he went over occasionally and bore the gospel to the Americans who had settled there, disregarding the Romish interdicts of the Mexican authorities."

This is the first time that I have ever heard or read that Wm. Stephenson ever preached in Louisiana, and my opinion is that he never did, and I am sure that he never visited Texas, excepting his work in what is now Bowie County, which was then confidently recognized and appropriated as part of Arkansas. But during that time Henry Stephenson did labor in Louisiana, which was then part of the Mississippi Conference, and did preach in Texas in 1829, 1830, 1832 and 1834, though I do not believe that he was ever presiding elder. I heard him preach three times in 1830. He sojournd most of a day, a night and part of a second day at my father's residence; then I rode with him on the same horse with my father a distance of five miles. During this time I heard him converse much with my parents and others, and thus learned personally from himself part of what he had done, and yet purported to do in Texas, and my memory on this subject was often refreshed and strengthened by conversations with my parents, especially with my mother, whose memory was the best that I have ever known, excepting my own. I give the substance of what I thus learned:

In 1820 Henry Stephenson did not believe that he was violating the laws of Mexico by preaching in Texas. Stephen F. Austin had obtained for his colonists the privilege, which was extended to the other colonists, to enjoy the rights and privileges which they had enjoyed in the country whence they had come, till the laws of Mexico should be translated into their language and promulgated among them. Mr. Stephenson construed this privilege to embrace the right to worship as they had been taught in their native country. He also construed the oath to which they had subscribed to support the Roman Catholic Church, only to mean that they should patronize the priests by employing them to celebrate the rites of marriage, treat them with respect, hear them preach and lecture when convenient, and not organize other Churches. Then, by keeping the spirit of Protestantism alive by occasional preaching, he hoped that the Anglo-American colonists might be contact and good example so enlighten the people of Mexico as to induce them so to change their constitution as to permit every person to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. Though this construction of Mexican law was regarded by many persons as strained and absurd, yet many colonists believed with Mr. Stephenson that it was correct. Hence he scrupled not to preach in private houses to those who came to hear him; yet he abstained from publicly censuring the Roman Catholic Church and from organizing Churches.

At a very early date Henry Stephenson took a deep interest in the spiritual condition of the Anglo-American colonists in Texas. For the year 1829 he was on his own request appointed, I think, as supernumerary to a work in Louisiana bordering on the Sabine River. During that year he came over into the District of Aes, now San Augustine County, Texas, and preached at the residences of George Teal and Thomas Spencer. His sermon at Teal's was undoubtedly the first Protestant sermon ever preached in what was then known to be part of Texas. Mr. Spencer resided on the east bank of the Attoyac River, and Mr. Teal about eight miles east of Spencer, near the present town of San Augustine. Thence he went west, intending to visit the colonies of Austin

and DeWitt; but on reaching the Trinity River he received a dispatch from John A. Williams (a wealthy and influential man, though a vicious one, called Judge Williams, who resided near the Trinity, I think on the west side), informing him that he (Williams) had procured a writ for his arrest, and that he would execute it and imprison him if he should preach another sermon in Texas. This unwelcome message did not change his construction of Mexican law, as he attributed it, no doubt, justly, to a spirit of persecution in Judge Williams; but, believing that his further progress would involve the colonists in great trouble, he immediately returned to Louisiana. Yet several persons residing near the present town of San Augustine went across the Sabine and joined a class that he had organized in Louisiana. One of these was Shadrach Thomas and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Thomas, and his sister, Miss Ann Thomas, sent their names and were enrolled in the same class.

For the year 1830 Mr. Stephenson again procured an appointment bordering on the Sabine, and in July of that year he again came across that river and preached at the residences of George Teal and Thomas Spencer; also at that of Abraham Zuber. I heard all three of these sermons, the first that I heard in Texas. The first was at George Teal's on Sunday. Some days later Mr. Stephenson came to my father's early in the morning and stayed till late on the next morning. During the afternoon we were visited by Gen. Wm. McFarling, his daughter, Miss Eliza McFarling, and one or two other neighbors, who obtained his promise to preach on that night if they would call in a congregation. Accordingly about fifteen or twenty persons assembled to whom he preached a plain, old-fashioned, earnest sermon. On the next morning, after breakfast (I think it was Sunday), he went five miles to Thomas Spencer's, where he preached again. My father and I accompanied him. I never saw him again. The congregations at Teal's and Spencer's were both very large, and as quiet, orderly and attentive as they possibly could be. At each of the two places the house was filled with ladies, and Mr. Stephenson stood in the door and preached, alternately facing the ladies in the house and the men and boys who filled the front yard. They were the largest congregations that I had ever seen, excepting at a camp-meeting. Mr. Stephenson was then quite an elderly man. He was evidently a man of deep humility, but of burning zeal, and I believe that he was one of the ablest preachers that I have ever heard. He expressed a strong desire yet to visit the colonies of Austin and DeWitt; but learning of the persistent hostility of Judge Williams he thought it imprudent to do so at that time. From Thomas Spencer's he went to a settlement further south, called Bevil, or the Nerches or the Angelins, I have forgotten which, where he again preached and thence he returned to Louisiana.

From some cause unknown to me Mr. Stephenson did not again visit Texas till 1833. Then he again preached at the residences of George Teal and Thomas Spencer, but did not go farther west. By that time experience had demonstrated that the Mexican authorities in Texas were not practically opposed to Protestant worship, provided that it was conducted orderly as a private right, and without opposition to the Catholic Church. Several Methodist and Baptist preachers had held religious meetings in several parts of Austin's Colony as early as 1831. Padre Michael Muldoon, an Irish Catholic priest, whose parish was Austin's Colony, with headquarters at San Felipe, was cognizant of the fact, but did not oppose it, and the State officials beyond the Rio Grande, if they knew of it, took no notice of it. It was now known that the active opposition was confined to a few wicked men among the colonists themselves, who in general only inveighed, only Judge Williams having complained to the officials, who were bound to attend to complaints when presented to them. Further, since the expulsion from Texas of Mexican soldiers in 1832, the colonists felt more at liberty to exercise the right of self-government, and the colonial officials, being of the people, encouraged them in doing so. Then Mr. Stephenson, doubtless from those causes, seems to have abandoned his scruples of forming organizations in Mexican territory, for he organized a society near where San Augustine now stands, over which he appointed a class leader, whose name I have never learned.

In 1834 he again visited Texas, and preached at the same places—George Teal's and Thomas Spencer's. But the class leader whom he had appointed being incompetent, the class that he had organized had dissolved. But he now organized another class in the same vicinity, which, I believe, was permanent. Excepting the class that

he had organized there during the preceding year, but which was not permanent, this was believed to be, and doubtless was, the first Protestant organization in what was then known to be part of Texas. Thus, though Wm. Stephenson is believed to be the first Protestant minister who preached, and the first who organized a Church in what is now known to be part of Texas, Henry Stephenson was evidently the first to preach, and the first to organize a Church in what was then known to be such. The class paper of that Church, as organized in 1834 was preserved during many years, and fell into the hands of the late Rev. John C. Woolam. In 1885 or 1886 that venerable brother sent it to the Texas Christian Advocate, in which it was published. I remember the names of five of the members, which I here insert. They were Shadrach Thomas, class leader; Mrs. Sarah Thomas, Miss Ann Thomas, Mrs. Emily Chaplin and Miss Zerena Palmer. Mrs. Sarah Thomas was the class leader's wife, Miss Ann Thomas was his sister, and Mrs. Emily Chaplin and Miss Zerena Palmer were daughters of Col. Martin Palmer, Shadrach and Sarah Thomas died in San Augustine County; Mrs. Emily Chaplin died in Nachitoches, La., and Miss Zerena Palmer became Mrs. Landrum, and died in California. The last that I knew of Miss Ann Thomas she was living in Gonzales County, yet unmarried, some milestones past seventy years old, and devotedly pious.

During this last visit to Texas (1834) Henry Stephenson proceeded to Austin's Colony, where he found, near the line between the present counties of Austin and Washington, a small congregation of Methodists already enrolled, but not otherwise organized from want of an authorized pastor, ministered to by Rev. Mr. Kenney, a local preacher who had brought his credentials from the United States. There he held a camp-meeting and organized a flourishing society, the second Protestant organization in what was then known to be part of Texas. Thence he again returned to Louisiana. If I am not mistaken he never married.

Soon after Henry Stephenson's death (I do not remember the precise date, but it was in 1840, 1841 or 1842), Rev. Joseph P. Sneed, who was well posted on his history, wrote a lengthy but interesting obituary of him (it might well be called a biography), which was published in the South-western Christian Advocate, issued at Nashville, Tenn., which substantially embraced nearly all that I here say of him.

Miss Rachel Teal, later Mrs. Thomas Palmer, was a daughter of Geo. Teal, at whose house Henry Stephenson preached his first sermon in Texas, and several subsequent ones. A few years ago she yet lived, a widow. I believe in Taylor, Williamson County. So far as I know she may yet live; but, if so, she must be largely past eighty years old. Her daughter, Miss Zerena Palmer, married DeWitt Sandle, a brother to Rev. G. S. Sandle, of the Texas Conference. When I last knew of her and her husband they resided in Austin, and I believe that they yet reside there.

Capt. Martin M. Kenney, of Austin, is a son of Rev. Mr. Kenney, whom Mr. Stephenson found ministering to a small congregation of Methodists in Austin's Colony.

I hope that this humble contribution may be of service to the future historians of Texas Methodism.

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The writer has been designated by the Board of Missions to receive funds for this scholarship. He will give fuller information if requested. Subscriptions may be made any time up to February 15, 1901.

GEO. B. WINTON,
San Antonio.

I will soon have ready for sale the following a hand-book on the Library Department of the League. Those who send two cent's postage will receive the first copies.

W. A. PALMER,
State Third Vice-President,
Eastrop, Texas.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION IN 1901.

The souls of the earth will be lost unless tribute for the 1901 volume of the Youth's Companion, State-wide, itinerants, travelers, trappers, Indian fighters, cow-boys, numbers and soft-made men and women of many vocations will contribute to the entertainment of souls and fill in the companion homes. Theodora Burrows will write upon "The Essence of Health." The Secretary of the Treasury will answer Frank T. Rollin, the old sailor who gives fascinating yarns of life at sea, will contribute a story. W. D. Howells will describe the relations between "Young Conservatives and Editors." Paul Laxative Ford will write about "The Man of the Dictionary." Noah Webster. There is not space here to mention all of the good things already provided for readers of the new volume of the Youth's Companion. Interesting, instructive, inspiring from the pens of famous men and women.

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FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON 7, NOVEMBER 15.

THE TEN LEPEERS CLEANSED. Luke 17:11-19.

The International Evangel gives us the following points on the lesson:

We have but one other specific case of the healing of leprosy by Jesus. This is manifestly the same incident recorded by Matthew (8:2), Mark (1:40) and Luke (5:12). That was an extreme case, for Luke says the man was "full of leprosy." His healing was instantaneous and complete, and the fame of it was great. But while these are the only two cases of lepers healed by Jesus which are described, there are intimations and implications that he frequently performed this great miracle. For instance, in the message which he sent to John (Matt. 10:8), in the list of miracles enumerated in the statement that "the lepers are cleansed." This indicates that this was one of his frequently wrought miracles. It is natural to suppose that when he sent forth his disciples on their trial mission, he empowered them to do the works which they had been accustomed to see him perform; and in his commission he commanded them to "cleanse the lepers" (Matt. 11:5). The feast which was given him at Bethany, when Mary anointed his feet, was "in the house of Simon the leper" (Mark 14:3). Simon was without doubt one whom Jesus had cleansed of the dreadful disease of leprosy.

The state of the leper was most pitiable and wretched. In the first place, the disease was a hopeless one so far as human skill was concerned. Then it was a most loathsome disease, gradually eating away the flesh, and transforming the fairest and noblest face and form into hideousness. Added to all this, the victim was excluded from human society. It was perhaps the loathsomeness of the disease more than the fear that it was contagious or infectious, together with the habit of regarding it as special infliction by God, that caused its victims to be excluded from ordinary social relations. Being cast out, with that instinctive sympathy which draws the miserable together, the lepers frequently gathered in companies, haunting the outskirts of society—gruesome objects from which their fellows shrank in disgust and fear. In these wretched groups distinctions of caste and barriers of prejudice found no place. Misery is the great leveler. So in this company of ten lepers to which the lesson introduces us, we find a Samaritan. His companions, it is implied, were Jews; but their hatred was swallowed up in their common calamity.

The method employed by Jesus in working this miracle was very different from that employed in the other specific case referred to above. There Jesus put forth his hand and touched the leper and he was cleansed (Mark 1:41). In this case the lepers stood afar off, and called out their prayer to him. He did not bid them come to him. He did not employ any agency, as the clay and the spittle in the healing of the blind. He did not even say, as he had said to the leper before, "Be thou clean;" but he simply commanded them to go and show themselves to the priest. They understood perfectly that it was required of a leper healed of his leprosy—and there were certain types of leprosy from which recovery was made—to go and show himself to the priest, in order that his recovery might be officially certified, even as one in whom symptoms of leprosy appeared was required also to go, in order that it might be determined whether the disease was in fact leprosy. They were not healed when they started, but "as they went they were cleansed." Their faith was tested by their obedience. It was a severer test to their faith than was Elisha's test of Naaman when he commanded him to go and dip himself seven times in the Jordan (II Kings 5:14), or Christ's test of the blind man whom he commanded to go and wash in the pool of Siloam (John 9:7); for in both these cases the employment of means was a help to faith. But the lepers had nothing material upon which to support their faith; they were required simply to trust the promise of Christ implied in his command. Their faith had its reward; in obeying they were made whole. And this is one of the lessons of highest value which the story teaches us—faith rewarded in obeying.

But the lesson above all others which the incident is intended to teach is the duty of gratitude to God for his grace. There is perhaps no more universal sin than the sin of ingratitude. In his indictment of the corrupt heathen world, one of the weightiest sins to which Paul refers is the fact that "neither were they thankful" (Rom. 1:21). In no respect are the Psalms of greater value than as expressions of thanksgiving. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good." "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving." "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Perhaps nothing is a better test of the moral depth of a man's na-

ture than his capacity for gratitude. The unthankful are always selfish. Gratitude is the converse of generosity; he who receives thankfully will give liberally and cheerfully. We make but slight recognition of God's kindnesses. We take the gifts and forget the giver. "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men." How magnificently that choral response breaks out again and again in that great one hundred and seventh Psalm! One man of ten who were healed returned to glorify God and to kneel down and give thanks unto Christ. Is it not to be feared that that proportion is still as small as at the present time? "Be ye thankful" (Col. 3:15).

Epworth League Department.

Subject for November 18: "What Intemperance Costs Our Nation."—Prov. 25:1-7, 15-21.

The Canadian Era makes the following points on the lesson, and they show us something of the ruin of the rum business in that Dominion:

SACRIFICE OF HUMAN LIFE.

Estimate also, if you can, the value of lives sacrificed to the liquor habit. Careful computation shows that 3000 lives are annually cut short in Canada by intemperance, each death robbing the country of an average of ten years of productive labor. It is estimated we sustain in this way an annual loss of fourteen millions. The distress, heart-breaks and misery caused by these deaths, money can not estimate. There is also the item of misdirected work. The country loses by having about 13,000 men engaged in making and selling liquor, not actually adding anything to the wealth of the country. If properly employed, these men would add to the country an amount of wealth estimated at over seven millions.

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW.

Now in summing up all these items of cost to our country, we reach a total of over \$143,000,000. But as there is a revenue from the liquor traffic of about nine millions, we have a total loss to Canada through the liquor traffic every year of more than one hundred and thirty-four millions of dollars. What a startling revelation these figures make!

HOW TO END IT!

There are three means that may be used to end it. First, continue to create public sentiment, without ceasing, against the curse of the liquor traffic. Second, let every one convinced of the evils of intemperance become a total abstainer now and forevermore, remembering that if all the people of Canada were total abstainers the traffic would die for want of nourishment and support. Third, the monster evil is not to be perpetuated by license laws, but cut down by the prohibition ax, for this is the only effectual remedy for this ghastly disease on the body politic. The power to annihilate the liquor traffic resides in the government. But the people are the government, and when the people are ready to strike the final blow the work will be done. Vote it out. Kill it with the bullets made of ballots, and the curse will end, provided we have behind the enacted law a strong, healthy, intelligent public opinion.

POINTED TRUTHS.

- 1. Keep yourself in the saddle. In other words, "Keep the body under."
2. The longer a body falls, the faster it falls. Control your appetite at the start.
3. "Given to appetite;" "given to drink." These are very significant sayings—the drunkard has given himself away.
4. The body is like a clock. Brandy makes it too fast, glutinous too slow; and the longer it goes wrongly, the faster or slower it gets.
5. Strong drink is the most deceitful of liars. It promises health, and gives disease; promises pleasure, and gives woe; promises friendship, and gives quarrels; promises useful business acquaintances, and gives poverty; promises a mental spur, and gives mental collapse; promises to drown our cares, and instead burns out our peace. It promises cities that it will enrich them with license fees and make business brisk, but enriches itself and ruins business.
6. If strong drink were driven from this nation nearly all the prisons might be closed, and the almshouses, and idiot asylums, and insane asylums, the places of prostitution, the city missions, the public charities, the orphan's homes. We could dismiss more of our policemen, pay our noble debts; we could enrich our municipal politics; we could have twice as many happy homes. The liquor question is greater than all other national questions put together.

The man who will live above his present circumstances is in great danger of living, in a little time, much beneath them.

THE HOLY QUEST.

Matt. 6:22

The legend of the Holy Grail which all the knights pursue, Though in the search all sinners fall, still has its moral true.

They sought its gleaming near and far, at noon and midnight dim; 'Neath day's bright beaming, twinkling star, and stormy fury grim; Throughout the whole wide Table Round there only were but three. Among the champions, sinless found, who might its glory see: From mighty Lancelot down through all his conquering road. That nothing might the crown befall or harm the hero king. Even Lancelot's son, all stainless found, chief of the spotless three, Must traverse long a weary round ere he might blessed be.

With strength unflinching, courage high, and faith beyond compare, They rode the whole wide round night and found it flashing fair.

And still the glorious legend old has yet its moral true, How bravely courage bold may pass all hard-hip through, And deeds of slow endurance cold or desperate daring do.

Come, all who live, of knightly heart, and knightly honor high, With brow unquailing at Death's dart, to win or else to die; Of gentle mind, as all must be who slay the dragon's horrid claim, By whose clear eyes the blind may see, whose strength bears on the lame, Come, listen to the harper's song, how ye may all prevail. And how ye all by seeking long may find the Holy Grail.

Unto their feudal service true the King his vassals calls, Against the Evil high deeds to do, whatever they befall; Our champion in the breach alone against hell's armies stood Until they all were overthrown before his conquering road. So let us "manful under shield" press where the standards fly, And till the foe shall quit the field both odds and death defy.

'Tis easy, gallant deeds to do when hot our courage thrills, And charge the serried women through till death our courage chills; 'Tis easy, when the ladies smile and wave their kerchiefs fair, To pierce through blazoned shields the while and cleave the helmets there; 'Tis easy, as an errant knight, to ride along the highway.

And win the right with gallant might from strong oppression's hand; 'Tis easy, glorious deeds to do or else to glorious die, While a chariot calls our hearts thrill through, or swell the plaudits high; But when our duty calls us through a long and dark travail, 'Tis not so easy thus to do, and win the Holy Grail.

Though in one hand is lifted up the spear of death to sin, Yet must the other win the cup which holds our fate within.

The mighty deeds the Master did showed but the champion's might; The bloody sweat, by darkness hid, drew down the angel bright.

Those who have sinned yet still may find, by long and faithful quest, That Mercy, guiding Justice blind, will bless them with the rest; The knights who in the legend failed were slack, or turned aside; And ancient sin, which then assailed, was not by them defied.

And even the chief triumphant then, whose knightly thrust was sure, "Whose strength was as the strength of ten because his heart was pure," Must traverse far by night and day, ere he might blessed be, And all of earth be purged away before he might see; For mighty deeds may nought avail, and never, from the sky, Shall strength to men the Holy Grail alone through valor high.

When heaven-like Righteousness is won, then all things added are; And, when we seek 'neath noontide sun, living storm, and glimmering star; And, faithful in the holy quest, slack not, nor turn aside, Until at last we shall be blest, though all the world deride;

For some time, by it day or night, we shall at length prevail, And, flashing on our raptured sight, behold the Holy Grail. So callants, by your ladies eyes and by your honor true, Go follow on, wherever it flies, though storm and darkness through; And profit by the minstrel's song, how ye may all prevail, And how ye all, by questing long, may win the Holy Grail.

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ORPHANAGE REPORT / CONFIDENTIAL

We, your Commit beg leave to submit Methodist Orphanage other year of good growth. The erecting has settled the room for several years. Orphanage, in its infancy is perhaps as near a model Christian home one hundred and two come. The prattle the merry throng of sweet strains of Organ, the piano, fiddle, all, too, under a mild but firm, make like other prosperous holds. The five help the manager and his devoted Christian lady who has chari sixty children in first-grade certified Houston Normal School is one of the orphan children attend the Waco. Seventeen professed religion Church this year, the place indicate taste and a scrupulous of the child. The work in room, bed-rooms attributed, systematic by the management girls enjoy rare advantage of the art of housework also in training for various walks of life has managed the institution so there is no embarrassment in its credit is equal to a business firm in the property is valued, the property is valued, the property is valued, the property is valued.

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ORPHANAGE REPORT OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

We, your Committee on Orphanage, beg leave to submit the following: The Methodist Orphanage has enjoyed another year of good fortune and steady growth. The erection of the new building has settled the question of house-room for several years to come. Your Orphanage, in its internal management, is perhaps as near an approach to the model Christian home as a family of one hundred and twenty members could come.

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We recommend that the assessment of \$700 against the West Texas Conference be assumed and distributed among the several districts as follows, viz:

San Marcos District	\$153
San Antonio District	117
Beeville District	124
Cuero District	128
San Angelo District	87
Llano District	91
Total	\$700

We urge pastors to observe either Thanksgiving Day or one of the Christmas holidays as Orphan Day. Take the collection and forward at once to the manager. At least, make it an early collection. The assessment of \$700 for the year now closing has been paid in full by this conference. The untiring efforts of Rev. Abe Mulkey in raising funds for the completion of the new Orphanage building entitles him to the lasting gratitude of all our people.

- J. T. GRAHAM,
- J. W. GIBBENS,
- M. E. LANCASTER,
- A. C. BIGGS,
- C. S. MILLS.

NOTES FROM THOMASTON.

To-day, as is usual on the receipt of the Advocate, I scan its pages to see if there is any contribution from the pen of my former pastors or some one I am acquainted with. I always enjoy those letters Bro. Leaton writes. To-day I see a mention of his departed wife, whom I knew in girlhood, and would fain add a few words of commendation of the pure, simple, faithful character of this good woman. Well do I remember the day when, in the presence of the few families that congregated once a month at the Antioch Church, on the Colitto, they took their marriage vows; and in the reading of the Bible lessons at the after services held in those times, I remember the very inflection of her voice. I have not had the privilege of being associated with her much since, but a useful life could but follow on that foundation. God bless those children whom I have not the pleasure of knowing personally. Another good article in this issue of October 25 was the first article on the editorial page, "Let the Conferences Take Time for Their Work." I know that it referred to the Annual, but will not this apply to the Quarterly Conferences? I am well aware there are more of those to be held sometimes than there are Sabbaths, so it is not always so we can have preaching on Sunday; but we have lived at once place two years or more, and there is a Church that has a standing monthly appointment and the financial business is attended to quarterly, but we have not had the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Methodist Church more than twice during that time. Why? I do not know. This means of grace is being neglected to the hurt of the members of our Zion. C. HEARD.

Thomaston, Texas.

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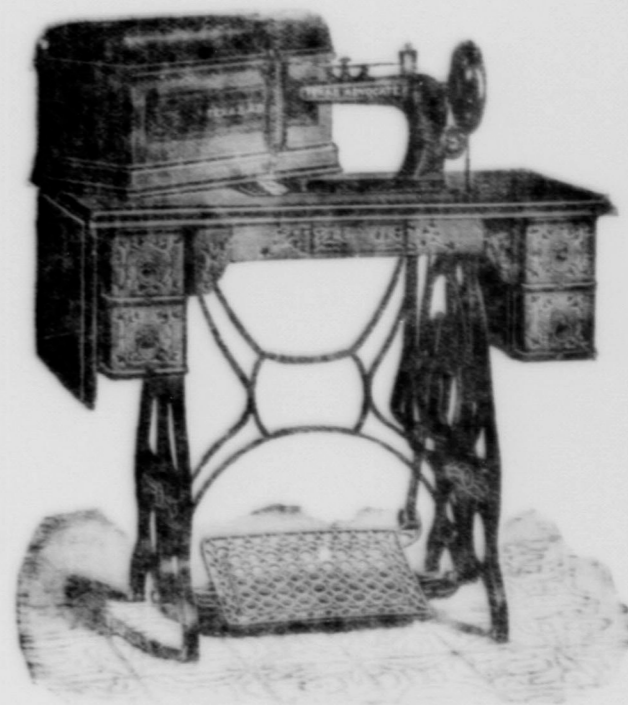
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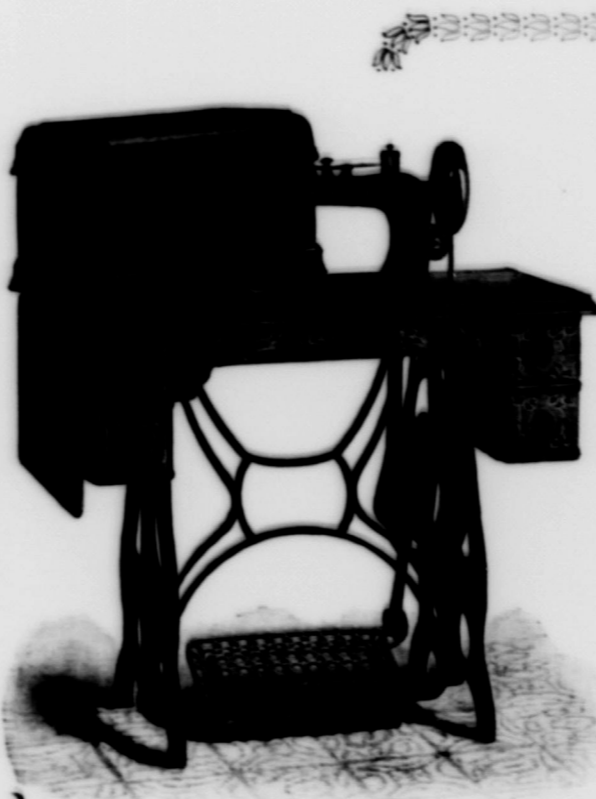
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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

Send all money, etc., for the Rescue Home debt to Rev. J. M. Moore, San Antonio, Texas.

NATH THOMPSON.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Texas Conference will be held at Rockdale, December 5-8.

MRS. O. T. HOTCHKISS, Conference Cor. Sec'y.

Our Home Mission Society at Haskell occupied the 11 o'clock hour on Sunday, Oct. 14th, held an interesting service. When asked by the pastor to hold our services at that hour, our President said, "Thank you for a chance to have our women preach."

MRS. J. T. BLOODWORTH, Haskell, Texas.

A CARD OF THANKS.

To the dear friends who have offered words of consolation to me in my great sorrow, I wish to return my heartfelt thanks. Many letters of condolence have come from those who were strangers to me, but who had met my sainted husband.

I wish to say that I feel above me the sheltering wings and beneath the "Everlasting Arms."

MRS. W. B. WALKER, Bedford, Texas.

MARRIAGES.

McClure-Kinross.—At the residence of Mrs. J. C. Kinross, in Weimar, Texas, October 21, 1900, at 2 p. m., Dr. Sam B. McClure and Miss Marie Kinross, Rev. W. P. Brinson officiating.

Johnson-Dodson.—At Maryle, Lamar County, Texas, October 25, 1900, Mr. Ed Johnson and Mrs. Beza Dodson, Rev. W. H. McCarter officiating.

Hobbs-Woodcock.—At Burner, Lamar County, Texas, October 27, 1900, Mr. J. W. Hobbs and Miss Helen Woodcock, Rev. J. M. Weather, of Glory, Texas, Rev. W. B. McCarter officiating.

Hopkins-Roberts.—In the Methodist Church at Cansdell, Texas, October 21, 1900, at 8:30 p. m., Dr. B. Ellis Hudgins and Miss Lela May Roberts, Rev. W. M. Leatherwood officiating.

Allen-Rawls.—At the Methodist Church at Oakwade, Texas, November 1, 1900, Rev. B. W. Allen, of the Texas Conference, and Miss Lillian Rawls, of Oakwade, Texas, Rev. Fred L. Allen officiating.

Mason-Young.—In front of the parsonage, in their barge, on Sunday afternoon, November 1, 1900, Mr. H. A. Mason and Miss Vera Belle Young, Rev. S. Crutchfield officiating.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Nov. 8-G. F. Boyd, sub. Jim E. Rouch, sub. R. P. Ulrich, sub. W. C. Hollingsworth, sub. C. R. Edwards, sub. L. M. Brooks, sub. J. D. Crockett, sub. R. S. Adair, sub.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

NORTH TEXAS.

I will be at the First National Bank, Denton, Texas, Wednesday afternoon the 21st instant, for the purpose of receiving Conference Collections. I am exceedingly anxious for the several pastors to settle with me as soon as possible, to my arrival there.

B. M. HIGHER, Conference Teller.

RATES TO THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

All parties attending the session of our conference, to be held in Denton, Texas, will get rates at one and one-third fare, on certificate plan. Tickets sold November 20, 21 and for trains entering Denton on morning of 22d, good for return until November 23. See your ticket agent beforehand and ascertain if he has instructions to this effect.

J. MALVIN NICHOLS, Secretary N. T. Conference.

The North Texas Conference Brotherhood will meet at the Methodist Church in the city of Denton, November 21, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. R. Gibbs Mood will deliver the annual address. All members are requested to be present on time.

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

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 25, 1900, at 4 p. m.

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

The class of the first year and committee will meet in the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 20, at 7:30 p. m. THREAGILL, CARTER, BARTON, Committee.

The committee and class of the second year will meet in the Hickory Street Christian Church, in Denton, at 9 a. 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 21, at 9 p. m. C. M. HARLESS.

The committee and class of the fourth year will meet in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on November 21, at 9 a. m. S. A. ASHBURN, Chairman.

Candidate for admission on trial meet the committee at the Presbyterian Church, 9 a. m., November 21. E. B. THOMPSON, Chairman.

EAST TEXAS.

The assignments have been made and the list published. It will be mailed this week to the pastors and to the laymen, as far as we can obtain their addresses. No provision has been made for those who did not comply with request as published in the Advocate for four weeks.

Remember, therefore, should you come without having notified me, you must not expect entertainment. The fault is yours, not mine. Please bear in mind, brethren, that there are six passenger trains, which arrive in the day, and that I will not meet the night trains except on request. Come in the day if you can. If you can not, notify me and I will meet you. If you come in the night without notifying me, you will not be met at the station.

JAS. W. DOWNS.

RATES TO THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION, TO BE HELD AT PITTSBURGH, NOVEMBER 25, 1900.

The Cotton Belt and the Sheppard, Sherman and Southwestern (Katy) have made an open rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Selling dates, November 25, 27 and 29, final return limit December 2. Connecting lines have been asked by the General Passenger Agents of the two named lines for the same rate, which has been granted, with final limit November 1. JAS. W. DOWNS.

NOTICE TO EAST TEXAS PREACHERS.

Unless the small amounts subscribed to the Twentieth Century Fund are collected by conference, much of it will be lost. Unless the cash is in the hands of W. J. Owens, Treasurer of the Board of Education, by conference, the board will not be able to begin any improvements on the Alexander Institute, nor will it be able to pay to Southwestern University the money for which they wait patiently.

The Board of Education of East Texas Conference will please meet at the Methodist Church in Pittsburg, Nov. 28th, at 8:30 a. m. Business of importance calls us together and a full board is earnestly desired. WM. A. SAMPY, Chairman.

The presiding elders of the East Texas Conference will meet at the Methodist Church in Pittsburg on Wednesday, November 28, at 10 a. m. JOHN ADAMS.

Dear Brethren—It is our 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: 1. We want the members who expect to bring their wives. 2. The members of Conference Boards, who are not lay delegates. 3. The officers and delegates of the Woman's Home Mission Society. 4. Those who expect to visit our conference—to please send me their names not later than the 5th 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 name, you will disturb my plans and I can not promise entertainment.

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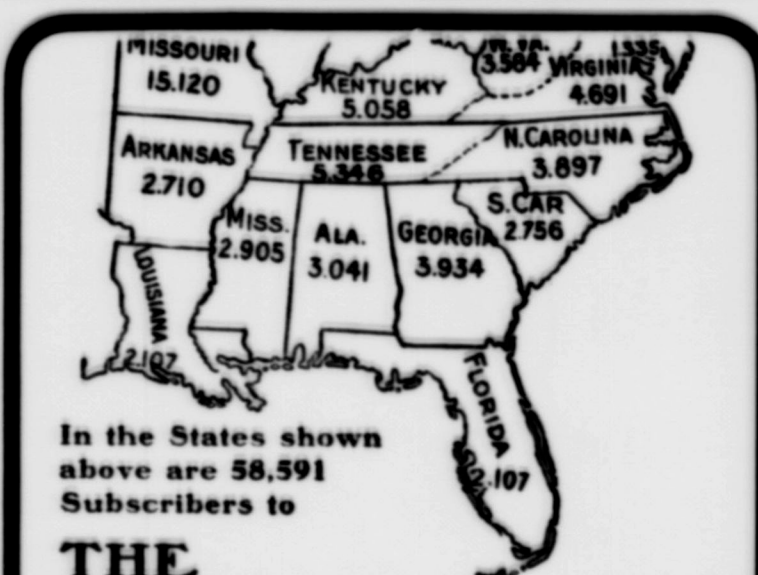
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TEXAS.—The committee and class of the second year will meet at the Methodist Church in Rockdale on Monday, December 3, at 7:30 p. m. JOS. B. BEARS, Chairman.

The committee and class of the first year in the Texas Conference will meet at the Methodist Church in Rockdale, Tuesday morning, December 1, at 9 o'clock. O. T. HOTCHKISS, Chairman.

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A Reply to Higher Criticism.

The last issue of the Nashville Christian Advocate contained the excellent review of "The Torah of Moses," by Wm. Wallace Martin, formerly professor of Hebrew, Vanderbilt University. This volume, which is a critical study of the book of Deuteronomy, deals with its separation into two copies of the Torah, and also refutes some of the claims of higher criticism. Dr. Hoss has this to say:

"This handsome volume has been on our table for some weeks, waiting till we could get a little leisure to examine it. All our professions were in its favor. We have known Prof. Martin for about fifteen years, and have learned to cherish an increasing respect both for his genuine erudition and his inextinguishable diligence. Dr. Chas. A. Briggs induced him to Bishop McTear's as the first man that he could name for the chair of Hebrew in Vanderbilt University. We mention these facts in advance simply to show that he is no ignorant fanatic setting a lance in rest against the well-established conclusions of a knowledgeable scholar. For the rest, his book is its own justification, and every page it exhibits the heart of the trained and careful student, who may reach in vain for a single indication of rashness or a disposition to let up and maintain a preconceived opinion without reference to the actual truth. All the available facts are brought together and set in a definite and orderly array. It is from the facts as thus presented and arranged that the conclusions are drawn. The outcome is the following theory:

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had a clear consciousness of his own intimate moral relationship with God, but there is no evidence that the idea of a peculiar metaphysical union with God ever entered his mind.
To sustain his position, the doctrine of the inspiration of the New Testament must needs be repudiated. This he does by attributing any statement that does not accord with his view to mere tradition.
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Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered with manuscript at same. From these copies, copy.

DEATH.—Martin Fitch, was born in Ohio in 1832, and died May 13, 1899. He was a man that was loved by all who knew him. His wife, Mrs. Fitch, was a kind and loving mother and a loving wife. He was a man of good character and a man of good will. He was a man of good will. He was a man of good will.

JENNINGS.—Eugene Jennings, daughter of Martin and Patricia Dyer, was born June 23, 1862, and died a Christian in the arms of our heavenly Father on Nov. 10, 1899. She was a sweet and kind girl, and a true friend to all who knew her. She was a woman of strong personality. A good wife and an affectionate mother. A kind and loving friend to all who knew her.

FAHNER.—Charles Fahner, son of J. P. and Mrs. Fahner, was born in Ireland, Texas, October 23, 1896, and died in this city, Texas, November 1, 1899. He was a sweet and kind boy, and a true friend to all who knew him. He was a man of good character and a man of good will.

YANKER.—Miss Yanker, was born in Georgia in 1825, and died in this city, Texas, in 1899. She was a woman of strong personality. A good wife and an affectionate mother. A kind and loving friend to all who knew her.

HENNINGTON.—Mrs. E. J. Hennington, was born in the State of Ohio, in 1818, and died in this city, Texas, in 1899. She was a woman of strong personality. A good wife and an affectionate mother. A kind and loving friend to all who knew her.

MARTIN.—Mary Ann Martin, was born in this city, Texas, in 1899, and died in this city, Texas, in 1899. She was a sweet and kind girl, and a true friend to all who knew her. She was a woman of strong personality.

DEATH.—William W. Smith, was born in this city, Texas, in 1899, and died in this city, Texas, in 1899. He was a sweet and kind boy, and a true friend to all who knew him. He was a man of good character and a man of good will.

DEATH.—Mrs. M. J. Jones, was born in this city, Texas, in 1899, and died in this city, Texas, in 1899. She was a woman of strong personality. A good wife and an affectionate mother. A kind and loving friend to all who knew her.

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DEATH.—Mrs. T. J. Gray, was born in this city, Texas, in 1899, and died in this city, Texas, in 1899. She was a woman of strong personality. A good wife and an affectionate mother. A kind and loving friend to all who knew her.

of acceptance. There are many heralds of the cross who have rested at her home who welcomed her to her eternal abode. She was the dearest friend the writer ever had. How often have we sat in sweet communion and talks of the work of those who had died. All fear when a host in her last moments of consciousness. If there was anything in this world that she wanted, she answered in a whisper, "Nothing but rest, and I'll come to rest, the Lord loves me so much. From our ranks the Master is calling our faithful workers to rest in the home prepared for them. Let us live so that when our summons comes we will cheerfully join her in the blessed beyond. Her resting place is the blessed beyond. M. J. LITTLE, Houston, Texas.

WILSON.—Little Ethel, the daughter of Mrs. Jane and P. M. Wilson, was born March 2, 1893. She blossomed the home and made glad the hearts of papa and mamma. She was always busy with her play-things, and seemed to have no time to lose in this life. We often heard her sing the beautiful hymn, "Let a little sunshine in." Little Ethel we expect that God would pluck such a plant from this world so soon. But we know that she was better prepared to fill her place in heaven than in this world. By such a call of God it inspires Jesus I in heaven for friends and relatives to strive to meet again. We can appreciate heaven a great deal more, it seems, when we know that we have a precious jewel that is dearer to us than the world, and that home, Centerville, Texas. M. L. DICKEY, Georgetown, Texas.

TAYLOR.—Jno. Wesley Taylor, the subject of this sketch, was, like a ripe sheaf, fell before time's relentless sickle in Whitesboro, Texas, April 23, 1900, having during his long lifetime a varied and not unimportant career. Born in Center county, Penn., February 13, 1838, his childhood, after his second year, was spent in the State of Ohio. In 1856 he responded to the call of the United States for volunteer service under the ministry of Gov. W. W. Watts and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Beaumont, May 20, 1857.

After joining the Church he took a large and active interest in all departments of Church work and was remarkably successful in all his religious efforts. His pure and consistent life, his affectionate nature and sympathetic disposition, together with his high degree of intellectuality, fitted him specially for the opportunities of usefulness afforded by Church membership.

Beginning his religious work by conducting family worship at home, at the age of 14 he zealously applied himself to the faithful discharge of every duty that came to him in whatever field of Church labor he was called to reach. His natural talent for the Sunday-school, while a mere boy he was appointed to lead the prayer-meetings and to teach a class in the Sunday-school. He was also called to be the superintendent in preference to those who had more ability and who stood high in professional life. It was perhaps while in this school that he accomplished the best work of his short life, for here he had the largest opportunities and met with fullest appreciation.

A remarkable feature of his character was the freedom with which he mingled with all young people, yet at the same time preserving such a dignity of deportment as to win and hold the highest esteem of all alike. This feature was shown in a most striking way, when he associated himself with the Jeff Davis Rifles, a military organization of the town of Jasper.

At first, his firm adherence to his views and habits of moral life produced criticism and opposition that was anything but kind, but his dignified and courteous gentleness of spirit and devotion to right, he soon won, not only the highest esteem, but the most affectionate regard of every member, and was besides, materially useful in leading many of their number into better views and practices.

As a student he enjoyed the friendship and confidence of the whole faculty, led his classes without exciting envy, or bitterness, and left among them the memory of a beautiful and truly useful life that shall be like sweet fragrance through all the years that shall come and go.

But the end came. When life was at its fairest, its brightest, and was most promising of joy and usefulness, the sever cord was loosed—the pitcher broken at the fountain. The wisdom of such a dispensation may not be called in question, but "it is not yet appear." When earth so much needs the young, the brave, the tender and true, the mystery does but deepen and we only know, "He doeth all things well."

To the desolate mourners, who in the silence of an unspoken grief, go to and fro in the saddened home, there comes the old, old comfort—the only comfort left. "The Lord will provide." My dear brother, I am trying to solve a most difficult problem, my duty to my Church and my duty to my wife and children. I believe wife and children in a shanty home, with me and my children comparatively. Would I not be justifiable in "contingent." Judging the future by my past experience, I have no hope of my condition being bettered. Now, my dear brother Editor, can you or any other brother advise me as to what I should do? My problem is this: "Bro. John, don't locate. Trust in the Lord. The ravens will feed your wife and children. Some time after this he decided, after much thought and prayer, that it was his duty to locate. He bought a little farm, went to hard work, built him a home. Having thus provided for his family in other ways, he applied to the next quarterly Conference for recommendation to the North Texas Conference for readmission. This was denied him by that quarterly Conference. He was sorely disappointed. This was to him almost fatal. He thought the bitterest trial of his life. The good Lord, in coming years, smoothed these rough places and made him fully realize "And even to your old age, I am He, and I will be ready, I will carry you." On his dying bed he sent a special message to me to attend his burial, and requested that the twenty-seventh Psalm be read as an introductory lesson and as a basis of prayer after the service. He was buried in the cemetery of the North Texas Conference for readmission. This was denied him by that quarterly Conference. He was sorely disappointed.

Mrs. Parce's Story.

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A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

We hand you this week a letter from the Secretary of the Local Preachers' Conference of North Carolina. That body has been in successful operation for twenty-nine years, and numbers on its roll for 1892 a membership of 322. We have received, through the kindness of the Financial Secretary, the official minutes for the years 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1892 and 1898. Below we give you so much of the communication of our esteemed foreign correspondent as will be of general interest to our readers. We have not language to express our gratitude to that high functionary of our brotherhood for the gift of those valuable documents, but as a token of our appreciation will forward him the Texas Christian Advocate from the date of our beginning, which will answer his request.

Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. W. C. Young: Dear Brother—Our conference has been in existence since 1870, meeting at various places in the State, and we think has accomplished great good. It might have done much greater good had our local brethren been a unit and stood by each other. Many of the best men in our traveling ranks were identified more or less with the Local Preachers' Conference, thus showing that the itinerancy has not been damaged by our conference. Please let me hear about your convention at Dallas, and about the prospective Local Preachers' Conference. In a great State like Texas there must be a thousand or twelve hundred local preachers—material for a great Local Preachers' Conference. May the Lord bless you abundantly in your missionary work. Very truly,

LEVI BRANSON, Sec. N. C. L. P. Conference.

We will review the proceedings of our sister Local Preachers' Conference, as soon as space will allow, in order to show our own brotherhood in Texas the good results of the association in that field, and so far as may be helpful to us, shape our plans for better service and efficiency by their well-matured methods and experience.

The following letter is from one of our own conference. He was living on the coast at the time of the terrible cyclone that swept over all our southern border. Through the kindness of the railway companies he was conveyed back to his old home in Grayson County. Though he had lost all his worldly goods, except what is mentioned in his own letter, yet he is rich in faith. His presence in our convention was not only of great and lasting benefit to him, but a benediction to all our brotherhood. His patience under such sore trials, his resignation to the unavoidable events of Providence and his spiritual force and power under such adverse conditions, was to us all an example worthy of emulation. But hear him speak for himself.

Elmont, Texas.

Rev. P. G. Smith: Dear Bro. Young—I must tell you something of my trip to Dallas, and how I enjoyed the first session of the Local Preachers' Conference of Texas. I don't think that I ever had a better time from start to finish. My home was with the editor of the Texas Christian Advocate. He is a good, religious man, and his good wife and daughters know how to run things at home. How blessed is the local preacher whose lot is cast with such a quiet Christian family. It makes one feel like life is worth living when in company with such good folks. All that the South Texas storm and flood left me was a wife, eight children, a good case of religion, two ponies and a dog, and I am the happiest man in Texas. I must tell you—can't hold it any longer. I got a pounding this week—one that will do to go on record. It was led by Sister W. C. Young, of the Home Mission Society of First Church, Dallas, where so many good people live. I received one barrel and a box of valuable things. Not being accustomed to such things, and it coming on me at night, it almost robbed me of a night's sleep. I am so much pleased with my new Oxford Bible, that was in the box of so many valuables. I read the one hundred and third Psalm, and thought the words were the sweetest in the Bible. Next Sunday I will, if the Lord is willing, use it and try to help some one to a better life. Pray for me, that I may be a

good and useful man in my day. We have no words whereby to express our heartfelt thanks for your kindness to us, and pray God to bless you and yours and your lovely city, and may it please him to let you live long to bless the world with your kind words and deeds, and at last may it be said to you by our blessed Christ, "I was naked, and ye clothed me."

The following is from a superannuated traveling preacher. Years ago he was editor of the Sunday-school Department of this paper, but now he is in the service of the Southwestern University. It was written in the fullness of an overflowing heart. As it was purely personal and confidential, he will be surprised to see it in print; but it is so sweet and lovely that we can not resist the inclination to give it away. We now serve notice upon our correspondents that if they say or write anything good of our brotherhood they may expect to hear of it again. Dr. Carroll has a high ideal of that primitive type of the local Methodist preacher that helped to lay the foundation of American Methodism:

Georgetown, Texas.

Rev. F. B. Carroll, D. D.: I see from the Advocate that your local preachers' meeting is over. I sincerely hope that you had a most enjoyable and profitable meeting. The local preachers largely laid the foundation of Methodism in the early days of American life—before and after the Revolution. It is worth while to study and emulate their doings in these times of ours. I see that you are to have another meeting next year. If we should live I would like very much to be present and enjoy the fellowship of that meeting. I hope that you may renew your strength in the new leadership of the brethren, and yet do some of your best work.

My father, from his early manhood until his death, was a local Methodist preacher. I barely remember his preaching, as he died when I was a little boy, but the impression of his deep earnestness in the pulpit I vividly retain. And what a noble reputation and good name for usefulness he left his children! When I grew to be a man, and became a preacher, I found the friends of my father all over the counties in our home part of the State, and his name and good works made way for me. His friends became my friends and honored and loved me for his sake. He was a most industrious man, working hard on the farm during all the week, and never failing to go and preach on the Sundays. My father rarely ever got home on Sunday evening until after dark, when we were all in bed. He would come in, and, if it was cool, sit awhile alone at the fireside and sing low some song to himself, the last of the worship of the day.

To this day these little memories are a means of grace to me, and still stir in my heart the hope of heaven and of being with him again. Long, long ago he went to heaven—more than forty years ago—and now I know that much of the time is gone when I shall see him again. All these tender, blessed memories have come up to me and I have lived them over again since you began your call and letters for the local preachers' meeting. What holy chastening, what spiritual uplifting and inspirations are here!

Our correspondents will please remember that everything concerning the local preachers comes to our address, and if not so directed will be attended with unnecessary delay on account of having to be referred by mail to our number. This scribe spends but two-sevenths of his time in Dallas, and the other five-sevenths on his little farm eight miles away, and rarely sees the Advocate office more than once a week. W. C. YOUNG, No. 345 Wall St., Dallas, Texas.

DEDICATION NOTICE.

The new Methodist Church is completed, furnished and paid for at a cost of about \$14,000. It will be dedicated November 18. All the former pastors are requested to be present. Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D., will preach the dedicatory sermon.

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Goliad, Texas, Nov. 8, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock—Dear Sir: I herein send you \$1 for the storm sufferers. Respectfully, (MISS) KATE HATCHER.

Gainesville, Texas, Nov. 7, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock—Dear Sir: I send you \$2 for the storm sufferers. Please find enclosed \$2 for the aid of the Methodist Churches of Galveston. Sincerely yours, MRS. W. C. TWITTY, Matron Orphans' Home.

Hegar, Texas, Nov. 8, 1900.—L. Blaylock—Dear Sir: I send you \$1 which my little daughter Katie intended to send soon after the storm, for the sufferers at Galveston. She was taken sick and died a week later. I send you her money. Please place it where you think it will do most good for the storm sufferers, and oblige. A. F. HEGAR.

Barry, Texas, Nov. 8, 1900.—L. Blaylock—Dear Sir: I send you \$1 which my little daughter Katie intended to send soon after the storm, for the sufferers at Galveston. She was taken sick and died a week later. I send you her money. Please place it where you think it will do most good for the storm sufferers, and oblige. A. F. HEGAR.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 11, 1900.—Dear Brother—I herewith send you check for \$20, amount raised by Randall Sunday-school for the Galveston sufferers. "A drop in the bucket," truly, but yet I trust acceptable. Yours very truly, L. W. CRAWFORD, Per W. F. A.

HANDLED ROUNDLAP BALES WITH PROFIT.

The following was addressed to the Oakland Gin Company, August 15, by Messrs. Harvey, Black & Co., Moore & Herron, A. P. Herron, Moore & Co., and Marders & Newburger: "We the undersigned merchants and cotton buyers of Oakland, Miss., bought the roundlap bale cotton ginned and pressed at your plant in this place during the latter portion of last season, and we take pleasure in stating that we had no trouble in selling the cotton to advantage and that we found your system of handling cotton very satisfactory."

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APPRECIATES THE ADVOCATE.

This is my eighty-first birthday; united with the Church September, 1849, under the administration of D. R. McAnally, presiding elder of Asheville District, of Holston Conference, D. Pain, preacher in charge of Franklin Circuit; have been a pretty close reader of Church literature to the present time; have been a regular reader of the Texas Christian Advocate since early in 1869 (though not now a subscriber, as all my children are), and believe the paper under its present management comes nearer meeting the requirements of the Church than at any former period. May it and its present editor long live to do battle for the right. R. C. SLAGLE, Cumby, Hopkins Co., Tex., Oct. 29.

DEBATE, ETC.

Tow Valley is situated in the extreme northeast corner of Llano County, and is one of the most picturesque places in all Texas. I think, with its range of mountains, cedar-brakes, fine springs, clear running brooks. The Colorado River runs through one edge of it. This is a great country for people to resort to in summer time, where they can fish and hunt to their hearts' content. Tow Valley was settled in 1854, and is now filled up with good, law-abiding, energetic people. We have just had Bro. H. M. Pirtle, of Princeton, Texas, with us, practicing surgery—that is, straightening humps on people's backs—and I think the operation very successful. So far there have been no relapses. I have heard of two or three to whom Bro. Pirtle proved or made clear that sprinkling or pouring in the mode of baptism taught by the Word of God, and if he could have stayed eight or ten days longer he would have convinced many more. Methodism will never suffer in his hands. The Methodist Church ought to be proud of him.

Enclosed you will find the wording of the propositions as they were debated by him and his opponent. This debate has made me proud in two ways. In the first place, I am proud to live amongst a people that more than filled their obligations to him in a financial way for his service; and then I am proud of him in more than filling the

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expectations that I insisted on. It gave me great pleasure to meet him and to introduce him to the people, and talk of days gone by.

PROPOSITIONS.

- 1. Infant baptism is authorized by the Word of God. H. M. Pirtle affirms; E. M. Borden denies. 2. Immersion or dipping in water is the order commanded by Christ. E. M. Borden affirms; H. M. Pirtle denies. 3. In conversion from sin the Holy Spirit sometimes operates on sinners' hearts independent of Bible written. H. M. Pirtle affirms; E. M. Borden denies. 4. Baptism is for, in order to, the remission of sins. E. M. Borden affirms; H. M. Pirtle denies. C. M. ABERNATHY, M. D. Tow Valley, Llano Co., Texas.

THAT "THANK-OFFERING."

The suggestion of Bro. Horace Bishop, in the last Advocate, shows the bigness of his heart, the benevolence of his nature. No wiser solution of the problem, "how to rebuild in the storm district," could have been made at this time. No more worthy object could possibly engage our help, our sympathies. Present the cause to the people—you can hardly exaggerate the conditions—and forward the money collected to the Advocate at once. W. WOOTTON, President Texas Conference Board of Church Extension, Caldwell, Texas.

"THE WOODEN HEN."

Of course a wooden egg will not hatch out a chick, but a wooden hen will hatch chickens from tested fertile eggs. The "Noah's Ark" hens that the children play with will not do this trick, but the "Wooden Hen" invented by George H. Stahl will double discount the largest "biddy" in turning out a brood of chicks; and when hatched an "Auntie" is provided for the fuzzy little fellows that will bring them up with care and kindness. One of the most interesting novelties yet put on the market—and a novelty of decidedly practical value—is Mr. Stahl's small-sized hot-water incubator, modeled after the famous Excelsior and called the "Wooden Hen." It takes up no more room than a good-sized hen, being 16x18x8 inches, and it holds 50 eggs—



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NORTHWEST TEXAS

In company with E of the Branch House Tuesday morning, the town, the seat of the Conference. We we M. K. & T. Railroad ways pleasant to trav good time, furnishes and it is manned by modating trainmen. reached Waxahachi began to join us, an left Waco we had They continued to s and when we reached on board a hungry, that made a rush for It was led by Bro. E wonderful speed for a manic proportions, V a scant dinner, but th rear as the bell rang pull out. At Taylor nearly four hours for and put in the time t and lounging about t ber of us went up Church. It is a sn well stricken with much out of repair buildings near by as they put ours at a g If our people do not early enterprise, we in taking a back seat nightfall the Interna ing in, and it was a preachers. But fort of us in waiting, coaches were provide with the statement t to our destination w at Round Rock. So were in Georgetown, to the comfortable h Snyder and family, with Bros. C. R. W Benz, I had one of t the city. This is o dist families of this preachers are given under this roof. T people, and our con and helpful.

Georgetown is the Hamson County, and inland town. There road coming into branch leaving the m Rock. The business is built around a fin upon which a hands house is located. M ings are also stone, abundant all round b ter of buildings gives substantial appearan school building is a ture, and quite impos edifice, in which the sions are held, is al stone building, put style. Its architectu has large windows, mental cathedral gla them are memorial w a spacious gallery, g seating capacity of more. It has hands church is a credit to Just across from t old chapel, on one c iversity campus—the And the old school bu