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THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

I reached the seat of the Texas Conference, at Rockdale, from Dallas, over the Santa Fe road, last Wednesday morning. The distance is over two hundred miles by that route, but the "Flyer" soon annihilated that distance, and the trip was a good one. Rockdale is a good town of 3000 inhabitants, located at the intersection of the Aransas Pass and International and Great Northern roads, about eight miles from Milano Junction, where you leave the Santa Fe. Austin is not a great way from here. The region is sandy. There is lots of it. The residences and public buildings indicate a well-to-do community. The churches are good modern structures and all of the denominations are well represented. Dr. C. F. Reid and myself are comfortably domiciled with Rev. T. G. Alfred, pastor of the Baptist Church. He and his good wife are Louisiana people and they are possessed of the hospitable traits characteristic of Southern people. They gave us a warm welcome and most delightful entertainment. Rev. G. H. Collins and Rev. J. B. Cochran, the pastor and the presiding elder, aided by their Church people and the citizens of the town in general, took most excellent care of the Conference. The town left nothing undone that could contribute royally to the comfort and pleasure of the preachers and visitors. Our Church at this point is made up of good, earnest people, and they own a commodious and well finished house of worship. I do not know what the sources of business are in the community, but the lands are productive in the vicinity, and I note the fact that much cotton has been produced in the country round about. Coal, a sort of lignite, has been discovered in paying quantities near by and it is being mined extensively. It is hardly good for domestic uses, but is applied to good advantage in furnaces and steam engines.

The Conference was largely attended by its members and a number of visitors. Dr. E. E. Hoss, Dr. H. P. Whisner and Dr. C. F. Reid were the leading, and in fact the only, visitors from beyond the Mississippi. Such was the pressure for time that they could only remain a day or so. Bishop Candler came in a day ahead of time, and looked fresh for the occasion. He seems to have great powers of endurance and stands up wonderfully well under the strain of these successive Conference sessions. His resources are extraordinary and he was ready for any and all occasions. He spoke at anniversaries, talked from the chair and preached with as much vigor as he did the first day he opened the West Texas Conference more than a month before. He gave great satisfaction to the brethren.

Wednesday morning was a beautiful, clear day and the members of the Conference were present in large numbers when Bishop Candler called the body to order and announced the opening hymn, 221. It was sung with a zest and the Bishop led in an earnest prayer. He then read a lesson from the first chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians and a part of the second chapter also, and a few verses from the latter part of the third. The Bishop followed these readings with a very pointed

talk. "These Judaisers of whom the Apostle spoke wanted a diluted gospel, an emulsion of Judaism and Christianity, to make it taste good. Some people are practically doing the same thing today. But it won't go. The effort of modern teachers at the present time, in some quarters, to make Christ out a little more than man and a little less than God, is in keeping with that old spirit that Paul encountered at Ephesus. The great Apostle, in these chapters, is making an effort to show that Christ is the fullness of the God-head bodily; that his Church comes down to men out of the eternities. The Church, then, is the place to which men turn instinctively when they are touched by our supernatural Christ. Some people set an idea that the Church is a great big, obese, apoplectic organization, into which all people are to come. But this is not true. It is an organization of spiritual life. This is the only true unity of the Church of God. The Church, then, is independent of the small conditions that seem to pester some good people. It is far above these little things. It comes down from God out of heaven, and its one business is to save men from sin and build them up in righteousness. Merely intellectual processes do not bring us into fellowship with the Church, and emotional processes do not accomplish this end, either. It comes through the interposition of the Holy Ghost when we accept the truth of Christ and obey it. In carrying on the work of the Church in our own Annual Conferences and in our pulpits, we must have the power of the Divine Spirit only. The living Christ, under these conditions, is able to take care of his Church. Let us, then, come to the business of this hour seeking the help of our blessed Christ, to guide and direct us in our business." The above are a few fragmentary utterances of the address, which was one of the best and tenderest that I have yet heard him deliver in this round of our Conferences. Seth Ward was re-elected Secretary and Brothers Hotchkiss, Hooper and McLarty were appointed assistants. The preliminaries of the Conference organization having thus been disposed of, the body went at once into the business of the session. The usual reports from the connectional departments were read and referred to their appropriate committees. After reading the report of the Book Agents, Dr. E. E. Hoss, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, was introduced and spoke of the interests of our great central organ. This was the Doctor's first visit to the Texas Conference, and it was a benediction, and the brethren received him with great cordiality. In the course of his very happy speech, he told the following two-edged story on Bishop Candler: "I am glad to be at this Conference at this time and under the presidency of the present Bishop. The first time I ever saw him was at the General Conference in Atlanta. I did not like his personal appearance, for I had never seen anybody who looked like him, and I may add that I have never seen anybody since then who looks just like him. But as the years have gone by, I have learned to know him personally and to love him dearly. In all these years I have never known him to do but one thoroughly unbrotherly act. That was just before the meeting of the last General Conference. Just previous to that time, my wife received a beau-

tiful box, with the express prepaid. She opened it and found in it a rabbit's foot with a note running about thus: 'This is to guarantee that this foot was taken from the left hind leg of a graveyard negro in the dark of the moon. If you will take it and rub Hoss with it, he will be elected to the Episcopacy.' But when the General Conference met I found out that he had sent my wife the foot off of the right hind leg of the rabbit and kept the one off of the left hind leg for himself, and the result is the wrong man got the office. There was no virtue in the foot he sent to Nashville. Except in this single instance, the Bishop has always been a truly brotherly man to me." The humor of the story struck the Conference with great force and the laughter and applause of the brethren continued for two or three minutes. It was a really enjoyable incident, and as the Doctor proceeded with his able and profound address, he had the undivided attention of the large audience. I but repeat the wish of the entire Conference when I say that the visit of Dr. Hoss was highly appreciated and his frequent return in the years to come will be hailed with pleasure and delight.

Dr. Whisner, of the Church Extension department, was introduced and spoke in the interest of this great behalf. And the Bishop also added a few pertinent remarks and applied them to the condition of our Church in Galveston. The work there is a living demonstration of the importance of our Church Extension work.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. Hoss preached. He was appointed to this hour by the committee, as he was to leave for the East later in the afternoon. He took for his text, Matt. 6:3, "Our Father which art in heaven," etc. "There are some truths held in common among all peoples; but there are other truths peculiar to Christianity and which differentiate it from all others. One of these truths is found in our text. It is the Fatherhood of God. This truth, in its fullness, is found only in the Gospel. Even the Old Testament does not contain this great truth in its broadest and completest sense. And Phillips Brooks says that around this one great principle all of the teachings of Christ are crystallized. This, in our judgment, is correct. And Christ does not teach this in any speculative way, but practically and in reality. He makes it the foundation upon which we base all of our petitions for the temporal and spiritual needs of our natures. Our hope of salvation and the preservation of our daily lives and vital encouragement in this doctrine. And it is equally true that the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God is made the basis of that disciplinary dispensation that grows out of our sufferings and misfortunes as we pass through this life. Even in Job's day it was thought that all afflictions are the results of sin and misdoing in those who suffer, and that those things come as a punishment for transgression. Not that sin and suffering are sometimes connected as cause and effect, but that all suffering is the result of sin is a position that Job successfully resisted and one that our Savior exposed. Often our sufferings are badges of our heirship in the kingdom of Christ. They

are often made the channels through which God's richest blessings are made to flow. It is rare that a man ever reaches fifty years without coming under the shadow of a great heart-sorrow. Were it not for the fact that God is our Father, these things would be unbearable. But his great loving, Fatherly love comes to our relief, and when we are called to walk through a midnight darkness, over which there is a starless firmament, then we want to reach up and grasp a Father's hand. And we reach up in faith; we do not grasp the empty air. But in the next place the doctrine of the Divine Fatherhood is the inspiration of our hopes. This truth finds its illustration in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Here God puts the heaviest strain upon his tender mercy and continuous compassion. He finds the penitent in the direst extremity and bids him get up and come back home. And when he obeys, he is met upon the highway, revived with open arms, kissed with tenderest love and restored to son-ship, to the privileges of home. This is what the Fatherhood of God does for the poorest of the poor and the lowliest of the low. Without this we would have no hope. In conclusion, permit me to say that God is a King because he is a Father. He has a standing welcome for all wayward children whenever they come back to him; but what of those who never return? They are lost, for in the paternal character there is the element of authority. So we need not lay to our sinful hearts the unctious that, because God is a father, he is too merciful to punish. This will not do. Such a position is subversive of the obligations of divine paternity. He will save to the uttermost, if we will repent; but in the absence of repentance, there is a fearful penalty. May we ever turn to our Father and receive his blessing rather than turn away and die." This is a sort of outline of a wonderfully helpful discourse.

At the night service there was a very large audience to hear Rev. W. D. Bradford speak in behalf of the Galveston Church enterprise. He took for his text Isaiah 22:2.

The address was not a sermon, but the text was made to illustrate the truth of the great disaster which befell the island of Galveston. The real theme was "The Masson of a Life." The preacher said, in part: "The text had a local meaning, but it goes further and assumes that character is conditioned upon a life of rectitude. The man possessed of a great character is the protection to the safety of the domestic, the social, the political and religious life of a people. Under all circumstances, when nations were passing through great crises, there have been special men raised up from the masses to become rocks in a dreary land for the deliverance of the people. History makes record of the doings of those special men who have thus figured in the weal of the nations.

"But this text, in another sense, presents Christ in prophesy preparing to assume the form of man that he might redeem an apostate race. In his suffering and death as the Son of Man that the world is to be transformed and that men are to be brought into fellowship with God, he is become the Rock of Ages in this weary world under whose shadow the sin-stricken and sorrowing

will ever find shelter. Then they will find rest and refreshment in the time of the storm. 'A man shall be as a hiding place from the tempest.' Then in Christ every man can make himself a shelter to some hardened one in the time of calamity. We must not always be seeking comfort from the storm, but we must become a covert to the storm-tossed sons and daughters of men. This is the Christ event. The recent flood in Galveston and the hearty response of good people all over the land have impressed upon us the principles of the text. You have been a shelter to me in our distress, a covert from the tempest. God only knows how you helped me in those hours of horror." Here followed the story of the disaster, which was told in a most graphic way, and the scenes of that awful calamity were made to pass before the audience in a manner that was thrilling and almost tragic in their effect. At the close of the discourse a thank offering was received for the rebuilding of our church house in Galveston, and \$200 was the result.

Thursday was another cloudless day and the weather was perfect. Dr. Bradford led in the morning devotion and the Conference began the business of the second day under favorable circumstances. Dr. W. L. Nelson, of the Northwest Texas Conference, came over and mingled with the brethren pleasantly. Rev. J. D. Scott, of the West Texas Conference, also visited the Conference, and enjoyed the fellowship of his old Conference friends. Rev. J. K. Harrison, of the McKinney Community of San Antonio, was present and spoke to the Conference. Dr. C. F. Reid was presented to the Conference and spoke for the Board of Missions.

The presiding elder was called and made brief mention of their work.

Rev. O. T. Brounson: "We went out in the beginning of the year full, but we are come back empty. The prevalent rains obscured our crops and the fearful storm that swept our coast country left things desolate. Our preachers and people have been faithful and true, but the winds have blown against them. We have done all we could under the circumstances, and we are not without hope even in our extremity. The Father has something better in store for us."

W. A. Latham said: "We have had a successful year on the Austin Island. The reports will show an increase among most islands and we are hopeful."

J. H. Wainwright: "We report satisfaction on the part of the preachers and the people. The year has not been fruitful in its crops and we are burdened with some of our reports. We have not had the results that we would wish and some other harvests are needed."

J. H. Scott: "We have had a seasonably good year. We have had a year of much sickness, but we have had good revivals. Our business are all up and our material interests have gone forward, and upon the whole we have been successful on the Galveston Island."

J. C. Mickle: "In the Houston District we have had a bad year and the most of our preachers will be short in their reports. The prevailing rains interfered with our work, and the crops have been short. Yet a few of the preachers will make good reports, notwithstanding our difficulties. In our

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Secular News Items.

An Associated Press dispatch gives the following in reference to football playing in two of our universities: A census of cripples has been taken at the University of Chicago and at Northwestern University. During the football season twelve men were seriously or painfully injured at the University of Chicago, while at Northwestern ten athletes received hurts which put them temporarily out of the game. The injuries ranged from ruptured blood vessels to broken bones and torn ligaments. The list follows: University of Chicago—W. C. Carey, displacement of the heart; Captain Kellogg Speed, ankle sprained, cut over eye; Frank Goodenow, ankle broken; James H. Henry, hand broken; A. W. Place, shoulder dislocated; W. H. Eldredge, sprained ankle, knee dislocated; Harvey Lord, ankle sprained; S. P. Pettit, tendons of shoulder torn loose; W. R. Irving, tendon of leg torn; G. H. Harvey, blood vessels in arm broken; Elvin Syder, blood vessel in ear broken; A. B. Hart, blood vessel in ear broken. Northwestern University—C. E. Dietz, finger broken, shoulder strained; J. Smiley, ligaments of shoulder torn; C. W. Ward, ankle sprained; J. A. Elliott, ankle sprained; Frank Bredwin, elbow sprained; C. A. Baird, both shoulders wrenched; W. N. Machesney, muscle in leg stiffened; H. M. Schrandenbaa, ligaments in leg torn.

In the midst of a blinding snowstorm on Lake Erie, last Sunday morning, an iron ore barge, Charles Foster, in tow of the Iron Duke, went to the bottom. Eight lives were lost. The Foster was valued at \$19,000, and carried 1500 tons of iron ore.

Andrew Carnegie last week announced to a committee of Chattanooga who waited on him in New York that he would give \$50,000 for a free library in that city if the authorities would appropriate \$5000 annually to maintain it. The City Board, Mayor and Aldermen have already passed an ordinance making the appropriation for the maintenance of the library, which assures Mr. Carnegie's gift.

Dr. Temple, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is an unwearied worker in the cause of temperance, and is much disappointed that, in spite of all his efforts, Parliament refuses to do anything toward restricting the liquor traffic. The Archbishop has prepared three bills on the subject, and they will be presented at the coming session.

While at the Hague last Friday night Mr. Kruger received a message from the Czar. "It was couched in very friendly language," says a correspondent of the London Times, "but the fact that its existence has been kept a close secret is sufficient to indicate its author's intention to abstain from any active steps friendly to intervention." The Czar pleads his illness as a sufficient excuse for not interfering.

Sunday, when Mr. Kruger was cheered by the crowd on his return from the Cathedral, he turned and roundly rebuked those near him for such a desecration of the Sabbath.

Mr. Burnham, the American scout, who was on the staff of Lord Roberts, recently received a letter from the British Commander testifying that, in his opinion, no other man could have performed the services rendered by Mr. Burnham, "services requiring such peculiar training, skill, courage and endurance."

In a decision handed down by Judge Hook, of the Federal District Court of Kansas and concurred in by United States Judge Ames Thayer Monday, Charles M. Carter, formerly Captain in the United States Army, under sentence of five years' imprisonment for misappropriation of funds while in charge of the harbor work at Savannah, is remanded to the custody of Robert W. McLaughrey, Warden of the Federal prison at Leavenworth, where Carter has been confined, the court overruling the petitioner's demurrer on the habeas corpus writ issued some time ago and sustaining the ruling of the trial courts, together with the subsequent action of President McKinley, who set aside twelve of the charges under which he was convicted, but made no change of the sentence imposed by the court-martial.

The papers have been signed in New Orleans incorporating the Bowie Lumber Company, limited at \$1,000,000 paid up capital, which is the largest deal in cypress lumber interests ever negotiated in Louisiana. This big concern will absorb all four of the Cameron cypress mills, their commissaries and other accessories in Louisiana, including the Bowie, Whitecastle, Jennerette and Des Allemands Mills.

TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1899-1906.

Table with columns: DISTRICTS, No. Local Preachers, Total Members, Additions on Profession of Faith, Additions by Certificate and Otherwise, Removals by Death, Cer. & Otherwise, Infants Baptized, Adults Baptized, No. of Societies in Charge, No. Houses of Worship, Value Houses of Worship, Indebtedness on Houses of Worship, No. of Parsonages, Value Parsonages, Indebtedness on Parsonages, No. District Parsonages, Value of District Parsonages, Indebtedness on District Parsonages, Value of Other Church Property. Rows for Houston, Austin, Brenham, Calvert, Huntsville, Total, Total last y'r.

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Table with columns: DISTRICTS, Assessed for Foreign Missions, Paid for Foreign Missions, Assessed for Domestic Missions, Paid for Domestic Missions, Assessed for Church Extension, Paid for Church Extension, Assessed for Education, Paid for Education, W. F. M. S.—Paid, W. H. M. S.—Paid, Paid to American Bible Society, Paid for Bibles and Lectors, Paid for Orphanages, Paid Other Objects. Rows for Houston, Austin, Brenham, Calvert, Huntsville, Total, Total last y'r.

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Operations under the new title will begin Jan. 1. The new company will have a daily output of 200,000 feet of lumber, 600,000 shingles and 75,000 laths, all cypress. Some 2500 men will be employed and the company will own over 85,000 acres of cypress stumpage.

In addition to the prison sentence Carter was fined \$5000, which was paid and he was dismissed from the army. Judges Thayer and Hook announced that these proceedings were entirely regular.

The London Daily Mail has received the following from its Calcutta correspondent: "The Post Commissioners recently invited tenders for locomotives. The lowest English tender quoted \$1544 for each locomotive and wanted nine months to complete the order. The lowest American tender quoted \$1250, and asked for six months. The latter was accepted subject to the approval of the Government."

The City Council of San Antonio has taken a decisive step toward settling the telephone strike. A resolution was unanimously adopted deprecating the fact that the telephone company had refused to arbitrate the differences with its employees and affirming that the demands of the strikers were just. After adopting the resolution the Council authorized Mayor Hicks to appoint a committee of four who, together with the Mayor, are to use every means in their power to effect a settlement of the strike.

Queen Wilhelmina received Mr. Kruger last week. As the Boer statesman was traveling incognito the visit was not attended by the ceremony usually paid to a chief of state. He was unsuccessful, however, and learned that Holland has no intention of intervening in the arbitration in the Transvaal troubles.

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Resolved, By the members of Ashby Church, that we hereby express our gratitude and entire satisfaction with the work so earnestly done by Bro. Callaway. Our Church has been built up and the cause of Christ wonderfully strengthened during his administration.

Resolved, further, That we desire to show to the world our appreciation and love for him and esteem for his family. We heartily commend them to the members of any Church to which they may be sent, and invoke the richest benedictions of heaven upon them. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the Tribune for publication, one be forwarded the Texas Christian Advocate, and a copy given the family.

J. P. SPOOR, Sunday-school Superintendent. T. F. DICKERT, Steward. (MISS) OCE MOORE, President Epworth League.

A Gift to Give.

It is often difficult to decide what to get your friends for holiday gifts. Here is a suggestion: "Good morning, Jennie, I have brought you a nice present," said Gertrude, as she handed her friend a neatly wrapped package. The pale, weary looking girl, who was slowly recovering from severe illness, opened the bundle and held up a large bottle of clear, rich medicine. "Hood's Sarsaparilla," she exclaimed. "I have been reading about it today and wished I had a bottle."

On New Year's Day Jennie was able to be out on the street, and to her friends who remarked how well she was looking she simply said, "Hood's Sarsaparilla," and every one of them knew it was this great medicine that had given back her health.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES. Rev. F. M. Sherwood, Gatesville, Texas. Rev. G. F. Fair, Comanche, Texas.

VIRGINIA COLLEGE GOES AHEAD.

Takes Possession of a Hotel Where Its Young Women Live and Study.

The management of the Virginia College has brought system and order out of the chaos caused by the fire which destroyed the college building and its contents at Roanoke. After the fire the girl students were well cared for by the hospitable people of Roanoke, and many offers were made of buildings in which to continue the work of educating them. Miss Harris, President of the college, would accept no building that was not heated by steam, fearing that the students would suffer in health after being accustomed to the comforts of the college buildings. At length an excellent temporary location has been found in the handsome and sanitary building of the Buena Vista Hotel, at Buena Vista. Here the young women are pursuing their studies with the excellent faculty and administrative force of the college in direction, and they are hugely enjoying the novelty of college life in a comfortable resort hotel. The college rules and routine are followed and no serious interruption of studies has been caused.

The sympathy of the friends and patrons of the school has been shown by the contributions in their places of nearly all the students and the willingness to send new ones. Arrangements are under consideration to continue the college in a new building of its own, in or near Roanoke.

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INFORMATION WANTED.

Two boys (Raymond Davis and Willie Fritz) left their homes in Stephenville, Texas, on December 7, Raymond is 14 years old and Willie 16. We think they will try to go to relatives in Kansas City. Any information in regard to their whereabouts, or any kindness shown them, will be appreciated. Address, REV. J. J. DAVIS, Stephenville, Texas.

The celebrated explorer of the Polar regions, P. G. Jackson, who commanded the Jackson-Harmsworth expedition and spent a thousand days in the Arctic, has written for the next volume of The Youth's Companion an interesting account of the rare and difficult feat of capturing a Polar bear alive.

SHERMAN DISTRICT.

The District Stewards will meet at Sherman Thursday, Dec. 27, instead of Jan. 1, as heretofore announced. J. A. STAFFORD.

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CONTINUED FROM. respect our district is all ours; and that is on the very offering. Now, I think that hurts me, and I want you to refer my committee on Conference I superintended relation, down by sickness and longer. This last statement sympathy and his request. No man is more a Brother Mickle. He is one of the most useful in the Texas Conference.

The names of the called and their character. Three of them were very touching. They Haynie, Goodwyn and words of these old sold much sympathy in the brethren.

One brother reported and the Bishop made: "Covetousness is a great to throw it into grammar would say this: 'Positive comparative stininess stealing.' This I, who Well, you say I am course you are not, say so. But I did not a chicken, but you put I hen and in three weeks out a chicken and go to it is with covetousness, check it with liberality, out stealing, if you do See to it, brethren, th take care to use their w or our Church will not point. May the Lord d the sin of selfishness."

At night Dr. Reid spoiled subject and his speech he has yet made tion. He was listened to and profit by a large-another collection was a building of the Galvesto

Friday morning opened northern, but the sun brightly. Rev. O. T. I ducted the devotional ex business of the Confere When the two leading cl Street, Austin, and S Houston, were called each \$100 short in th the Bishop made these di of a very practical talk tance of taking the colla the year and save to th ed funds, instead of waiti and running the risk of l end.

When the name of S called, he made a most part of his work as Secer cation in the Conferen year. He was put in t brethren at the last sessi ference to work on the T tieth Century Thank-Offe well has he done his w standing the fact that a ritory has been visited by ed rains and short crops tions of it were fearful by the fury of the Soutem Brother Ward made a b from the Texas Conferen ational work than any ence in the State. He l the help of the preacher in cash and subscription of \$23,000. This is more lar per member. One amount was contributed at Huntsville. And this the fact that Huntsville Church school to inspire ty. Every dollar of it w the town to help our C in other localities. Th ference is in the lead in Century Movement in T ought to prompt the ot

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THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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respect our district is ahead of all others; and that is on the Twentieth Century offering. Now, I want to ask a thing that hurts me, and that is, to request you to refer my case to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation. I am broken down by sickness and can work no longer.

This last statement elicited much sympathy and his request was granted. No man is more dearly loved than Brother Mickle. He has been and is one of the most useful and faithful men in the Texas Conference.

The names of the old guard were called and their characters passed. Three of them were present and spoke very touchingly. They were brethren Haynie, Goodwyn and Turner. The words of these old soldiers awakened much sympathy in the hearts of the brethren.

One brother reported a large deficit, and the Bishop made some remarks. "Covetousness is a great sin. If I were to throw it into grammatical form, I would say this: 'Positive covetousness, comparative stinginess and superlative stealing.' This is what it comes to. Well, you say, I am no rogue. Of course you are not, and I did not say so. But I did not say that egg was a chicken, but you put it under an old hen and in three weeks it will come out a chicken and go to scratching. So it is with covetousness, if you do not check it with liberality, it will come out stealing, if you do not watch it. See to it, brethren, that our people take care to use their wealth properly, or our Church will suffer at a vital point. May the Lord deliver us from the sin of selfishness."

At night Dr. Reid spoke on the missionary subject and it was the best speech he has yet made on this question. He was listened to with interest and profit by a large audience, and another collection was taken for the rebuilding of the Galveston church.

Friday morning opened with a slight norther, but the sun was shining brightly. Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss conducted the devotional exercises and the business of the Conference proceeded. When the two leading churches, Tenth Street, Austin, and Shearn Church, Houston, were called and they reported each \$100 short in their collections, the Bishop made these deficits the basis of a very practical talk on the importance of taking the collections early in the year and save to the Church needed funds, instead of waiting till the fall and running the risk of losing it in the end.

When the name of Seth Ward was called, he made a most favorable report of his work as Secretary of Education in the Conference during the year. He was put in the field by his brethren at the last session of the Conference to work on the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering and right well has he done his work. Notwithstanding the fact that all of this territory has been visited by unprecedented rains and short crops and that portions of it were fearfully devastated by the fury of the September storm, yet Brother Ward made a better showing from the Texas Conference in the educational work than any other Conference in the State. He has raised, by the help of the preachers and laymen, in cash and subscriptions, the amount of \$23,000. This is more than one dollar per member. One-fourth of this amount was contributed by the Church at Huntsville. And this in the face of the fact that Huntsville has no local Church school to inspire this liberality. Every dollar of it was sent out of the town to help our Church schools in other localities. The Texas Conference is in the lead in the Twentieth Century Movement in Texas, and this ought to prompt the other four Con-

ferences to larger endeavor in this work. If this flooded and storm-swept Conference can come up with its full quota for this movement, then the other Conferences surely ought to do as well or better. All honor to Seth Ward and his helpers in the Texas Conference for their creditable showing in this great interest. They have set a fine example to our black land and fine cattle land sections.

After the Marlin pastor had made a fine report, Dr. Goodwyn, who lives there, made a few excellent remarks about the Church and the town and stated that it was a hot-water town, and he invited the Bishop to visit them and enjoy the heated temperature of the water. The Bishop replied: "I am already in hot water, and have been at the most of these Conferences, and do not need to go to Marlin to find it any warmer. Still, if I had the time, I would love to see your good people." The Bishop's resources of appropriate and strikingly wise wit and humor never fail him. And he always brings down the Conference and leaves a permanent impression.

Bro. Oxley, of Galveston, preached in the afternoon, and at night J. L. Massey, of Brenham, conducted a most helpful service. Preaching is one of the orders of this conference, and the people enjoy it.

Saturday was chilly, and a good, hot stove made the church comfortable. Conference opened as usual, and the call of the preachers was continued.

The next session of the conference will go to Huntsville. It has been twelve years since the Texas Conference met in this delightful community. The brethren accepted the invitation with enthusiasm.

The application of Rev. W. O. Hightower for admission on trial into the conference was considered at length, but owing to his age and family obligations and the crowded condition of the conference, his admission was lost on a tie vote. But such was the great confidence of the brethren in the character and consecration of Bro. Hightower that they voted unanimously that the Bishop might use him as a supply.

The class of three young men who were applicants for deacon's orders were called before the conference and were addressed by the Bishop, and after answering the disciplinary questions they were voted into full connection and granted the orders asked.

In the course of his talk to the above class, the Bishop gave utterance to some of the most unquote remarks that I have yet heard fall from his lips. One of them occurred while discussing "Higher Criticism." He said that some people thought he was making too much of this matter, but he added: "I am only trying to vaccinate our young preachers against the approach of this New England pestilence." Again he said: "I want an atonement that goes down beyond the depths of my consciousness—even to those lower depths where my consciousness can not go, where purpose takes on form and life has its birth—down where God only understands and knows my nature and its needs." Speaking of feeling, he said: "Emotions are all right, but it is not their function to keep us crying or shouting all the time. A man who does this is dying at the top. There are times when we need to cry and to shout, but crying and shouting are not all of life. Back of those we want a clean heart, a deep conviction and earnest living. Do not express more feelings than you possess. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." There are confidences between the aged couple about which they never talk. And so there are confidences between God and the truly converted soul that words can not express. They are never spoken of publicly. If one of God's children can die for Christ, but is not able to compass your little theory, you had better not interfere with his purpose to serve God. Theories do not amount to much, after all. It is substance we want. If you have this you are all right." Speaking of giving the whole life to the ministry, he said: "If you want to provide your family a home, that may be a safe thing to do, but be sure that you do not sit down too hard in that sort of a nest. I have known a brother to sit down in this sort of a home and wear out every circuit for miles around. They can go so far and no farther. Such a case is a problem to the Cabinet. Be ready to move to any part of the connection to which the Church may send you." On the subject of debt he said: "Do not have debts hanging after you. They will ruin you. But if you are so imprudent as to have these things, then you go to a bank or some friend and get enough money to pay all of these off. It is easier to manage one debt than to try to look after a score. I would rather fight one big

dog in front of me than to have twenty little flies barking at my heels. They cannot bite very deeply, but they spoil my trousers. The idea of a preacher being followed by unpaid-for potatoes, onions, coffee and the like, is a trouble to be avoided. Get somebody to help you out of these annoyances and then be sure to stand by that friend. I charge you to keep out of debt. I thank God that I owe no man anything but love." The address not only impressed the young men, but the preachers generally, with many wholesome lessons.

The Conference met at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the business of the session was resumed. The brethren made an offering of \$77.00 for Bro. Sandoz, who was placed on the superannuate list. This was an expression of their appreciation and esteem of this noble old servant of the Church, who for these long years has labored so faithfully as a minister of the gospel of Christ.

The address of Rev. J. C. Mickle, who recently was given a superannuated relation by his Conference, will henceforth be Bandera, Texas. It will be a strange experience to this noble man to put in his time resting this year. He has long been an active member, and his ministerial life has been a very fruitful one. He carries the prayers of all his brethren into his place of retirement.

The report on education was read by the committee, and Prof. Hyer was introduced and addressed the Conference on the work of Southwestern University. He spoke with pleasure of the fact that the institution has now the largest patronage in its history, and when the new building shall have been equipped with suitable furniture and other appliances it will then accomplish still larger results for the Church. Bro. Hyer made the following statement: "The largest contributions yet made to the Southwestern University have come from some good women," and then added: "The good women and the preachers have made the Southwestern University. True, our laymen, in some instances, have done good work in this behalf, but the preachers have led in this noble work, and have not withheld from it liberal contributions even out of their spare means."

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made their report and I was accorded a most patient hearing in the interest of the Advocate. The brethren down there always receive me kindly and listen to me sympathetically.

Professor Smith, of the Chappell Hill Female College, addressed the conference in behalf of that institution, and notwithstanding the fact that the school was in the edge of the great storm, it is now in good condition and doing a good work.

Sunday morning was an auspicious day—bright and beautiful. Bro. Wootton led the love-feast. It was a blessed occasion. Dr. Goodwyn spoke first. His talk was sweet and tender. Fred Allen told briefly of his hopes and of the work he had done for many long years in the Texas Conference. A number of the brethren from the coast country spoke most thrillingly of their experiences and of God's mercies to them in the fearful ordeal through which they had passed. Sister Thompson, a very good woman, spoke. She said: "I have a very remarkable experience. There was not a Bible in our house till I was twenty years old. Tom Paine's 'Age of Reason' was there. One day I thought I was sick, and told our old colored woman how I felt. She said, 'Why, child, you are under conviction.' I asked her what I must do. She told me to pray. Well, I prayed, and God forgave me. I told my old mother, and asked her to go with me to heaven. She said she would. And I lived to see her die happy and go to heaven. Now I am an old woman, living on borrowed time, but God is good to me, and I will reach my home in a few more days." The telling of that experience pitched the tune of the meeting to a very high key. Many others threw in short experiences, and the whole spirit of the occasion was caught up into one great

harmony of praises and hallelujahs. When 11 o'clock came the congregation was in a happy frame for the regular service. The Bishop, after the introductory exercises, took a series of texts bearing on the witness of the Spirit, and made this subject the basis of his sermon. "This doctrine was lost sight of in the early ages. It was partially recovered in the Reformation inaugurated by Luther; but it was fully extirpated by John Wesley. It has been prominent in the lives and in our pulpits from that time till now. Methodists can not get along without it. We have no priest to tell us we are saved, and if the Holy Spirit does not do it, then we are in a bad way. We must have the Spirit—must bear witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. It is this that guarantees the integrity of our faith and brings us into the knowledge of God's approval of our consciences. Such a state of life as this has not the approval of the world. It does not find friendly reception at the hands of worldly men. There are two things that the world does not want—a man too bad and a man too good. Hence Barabbas and Christ were both crucified. The one was a highway robber and the other was without sin. The world will tolerate the ordinary virtues of respectable life, but when the deeper things of God come out in a consecrated life, the world begins to frown. Nothing but the Divine Spirit will nerve a good man and take out of it the sentiment and the imprudent defiance of transient compliance. If we are God's children, the Holy Spirit will not be long impressing us with the fact of our heirship. Again, the witness of the Spirit is essential to the success of our work. There never was any interest in the great work of missions in foreign fields until the witness of the Spirit became a conscious fact in religious experience. Secular editors have been advising us to call our missionaries home because of the disturbances in China. Well, from their premises they are correct, but we are not working on those premises, for they are false. These men can not understand us, for they are worldly. They know nothing of the Spirit. We will not withdraw, for God is our guide. He is saving the whole world, and not little patches of it. A God who can not save it as a whole can not save it in spots. His Spirit is directing the workers, and disturbances will not dampen the ardor of those who have the witness of the Spirit. But this is not all. The witness of the Spirit is essential to the intensity of our active work. I have seen this in the experience of the men of wealth and position, and in the poor outcast of the world. Into their faces come alike that wondrous light unseen on land or sea. Wherever this witness of the Spirit abides, you will

go anywhere and do anything to save the unsaved. We are in a broken and tragic world, and we need to go to it in the power of the Spirit to lift it and save. There is nothing greater than this, and we can not accomplish such results except as the Holy Ghost witnesses to our spirits that we are the children of God. But how am I to know that I have this witness of the Spirit, and how am I to distinguish between my own spirit and God's Spirit? Some people imagine that they have so much of God that they can not sin, or make mistakes, even. This is abnormal. Then there are those who are so overly conscientious that they come to the conclusion that God can not forgive them for the wickedness of their past lives, and many though good, seem to die in despair. This is also a mistake. God is too good to overlook the needs of the least of his penitent children. I can not explain to you the tones of the language of the Spirit. This can not be explained. But I know it and can not mistake it. Can I ever forget the voice of my mother? No. There is something in it not in any other voice, and though she has been dead those years if she

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 In the crowd, or alone with a friend,
 But the ear of eternity wakes
 In a wave that shall never end.

Never in an inmost thought,
 Alone, in the dead of the night,
 That the ear of God hath not caught,
 And he knoweth if it be right.

Father, who hearest my prayer,
 Help me to do and say,
 Yes, and to think what will bear,
 The light of the Judgment Day!

William Answyl Jones.

SERENA'S OFFERING.

Serena Lathrop was not a poor woman. All her life she had been very comfortably provided for, and the recent deaths of an aunt and a cousin who had left her generous legacies had made her very well-to-do indeed. But unfortunately Serena was at heart a pauper.

She hated to give a cent away. When the collector for the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions went on her annual round through the Church she always left the call on Miss Lathrop to the last. She dreaded the levelling she was sure to receive, the skillful demerit of the lady and the remarks, never omitted, on the waste in carrying out missionary effort. Lately Miss Serena had been heard to say that she believed the trouble in the Far East was wholly due to the missionaries and their mistakes and that she should hereafter cut down her subscription. It had never exceeded a dollar a year, so the fifty cents was all that Miss Jennie Robinson, who was collector, had any reason to expect.

"I believe," said Miss Jennie, faltering on Miss Serena's doorstep, "that I'll just add fifty cents to my own collection and not go to Miss Serena at all." Then another thought came over her mind. "What right have I, on the Lord's own ground, to be faint-hearted and feeble? I am behaving like a coward. I am ashamed of myself for being so timorous when the Lord has sent me forth."

She rang the doorbell and was introduced into Miss Serena's stately, well-furnished drawing-room. The carpet was rich and thick with huge medallions of flowers on a crimson background at regular intervals. Sofa and chairs were upholstered in green satin, after a bizarre fashion. Every chair was covered with a large crocheted tily, and on the sofa were three. A round table, marble-topped, stood in the center of the room and on the mantel were a French clock and two large china vases holding bouquets of pompas plumes. The walls were ornamented with ancestral portraits, and the whole room was clean, of order and cleanliness, a very temple of conservatism.

"My dear Jennie," said Miss Serena, coming forward most graciously, "how very glad I am to see you! I have been watching for you all the week. Of course you have as usual come to represent the woman's auxiliary. I have belonged ten years and I've given only ten dollars in that time. I have been considering the matter and feel that I've made a great mistake. I owe the society a good deal by way of a back debt. Here is my offering." And into the hand of the astounded Jennie she slipped ten shining gold pieces, fifty dollars in all.

"Why, Miss Serena!" gasped Jennie in sheer incredulity and amazed delight.

"I may as well tell you all about it, dear. I've had a change of heart," said Miss Serena. "Come to my room and have a cup of tea and I'll explain."

"You see, Jennie," she went on a little later as she poured the boiling water over the fragrant Ceylon tea, "I have never been enthusiastic over Church work, and missions have not appealed to me. I have been honest, but nothing more. Now, of late I have been convinced that they were a mistake, that good money was thrown away in sending missionaries to the barbarians in China and the strange, savage people in India, and I've been saying that when I gave I'd give right here in my own town where I could see it spent. But the other day I was reading of the missionaries who had been martyred this summer, men, women, even children, and though I felt that brought it on themselves going off among such desperately bigoted and unchristian folk, I couldn't get away from the thought of them. The more I tried, the more I couldn't. Against my judgment and against my will, something sold to me. 'Serena Lathrop, you are a mean, selfish thing. You could never have done it. They've broken the alabaster box. You've never

even given the price of a tin box of perfume to the Lord, let alone alabaster."

"I kept a-musing and a-musing, and I went to bed and fell asleep. And, Jennie, on my bed I dreamed a dream."

Jennie said nothing, but her big blue eyes never moved from Miss Serena's excited face. That face usually immobile was strangely stirred. The cheeks were flushed. The eyes shone. Miss Serena looked twenty years younger.

"I dreamed that I was a child again and that my mother had sent me on an errand and I had lost my way. I wandered up and down, but I could not find the path. By and by I seemed to be in a boat floating across a lonely sea. I still know that I wanted to find my home, but I could not. On sea or land I was just a lost child. At last the boat grated on a strange shore and I stepped out on a grassy plain, all smooth and flowery, and there were shining forms moving softly about and in the distance I heard sweet music, singing and the tinkling of harps.

"The singing ones were not all grown-up people. Some were children like me, and one, a dear, small, brown-eyed maiden came and said: 'I am Okara San. Don't you know me?' You used to send me letters to Japan from your Sunday-school. Come with me and I will take you to our Lord."

Okara San was a little girl Miss Sweden's Sabbath class supported years ago. She died when she was fourteen.

"We went a little way and I did not seem now to be a child; you know how the scenes change in a dream. I seemed a young lady, twenty years old or thereabouts. The two Japanese floated away and in her place there appeared a tall and graceful Hindu woman in a white and gleaming robe.

"Come with me, Serena," she said, "and I will guide you to our Lord."

"She had a wreath of flowers on her head and flowers in her hands. She glided quickly by me, and when I said, 'Have I ever known you?' she answered: 'Friends of yours have known me well. I believe you did not care for the Hindus, in the land where some people ever walk with blind eyes and beggared souls.'

"I dropped my head in shame. I remembered my cold disdain of the Hindus and my pizzardi gifts, that I walked on. Presently my conductor left me, and a group of lovely persons came gaily around me. Again I was neither child nor young girl. I was myself, an elderly woman with gray hair, and stubborn ideas that were like a rock. But all the while, under it all, I knew that I was a lost child and that I wanted to find my mother.

"Shall we take her to our dear Lord Christ?" said one to another.

"Their eyes were like stars. Their faces were beautiful. They were like those who had gained the victory and were safe forevermore. And, Jennie, I knew them, for some of them I had met and some I had heard speak in missionary meetings, and a still and solemn voice whispered in my spirit: 'These are they which have come out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.' They were martyrs of the cross. I stood before them with empty hands, ashamed and silent.

"From somewhere out of the golden mist which hung over a walk of blooming roses and lilies, suddenly my mother appeared. She looked very wistful and remote, as if she were much displeased.

"Ah, Serena," she said, "is it you? But you are not fit to be here. Nay, friends do not take her yet to our Lord. She does not care to help him find his sheep that are lost."

"And all around me the air grew more and more chilly and the flowers faded and the faces of the saints disappeared. And I heard a voice far away saying: 'Other sheep I have, them also I must bring, that there may be one flock and one shepherd.' And then, Jennie, I awoke."

Miss Serena's dream wrought in her a steadfast penitence. She was not one to do anything by halves. It seemed to her that she must make up for lost time, so she began to read and study, she attended the meetings, she ceased to discriminate between God's wanderers in America and in the lands across the sea. In a vision of the night her Savior had spoken to her and she was obedient to his commandment.

Jennie, too, had learned a lesson of trust that was not in vain.—Margaret E. Sawyer, in Northwestern Christian Advocate.

TO MANIFEST CHRIST.

As Christ came to manifest the Father, so every Christian is called to manifest Christ—his humility, patience, obedience, truth, faithful endurance, submission to the Father's will, his spirit of service and self-sacrifice. The great need of the Church is more likeness to Christ in the character of its members. A Christ-like life is necessary for Christ himself flows by His Spirit in those who are willing to be

wholly his, and from within molds their disposition and controls their conduct.

But there are too few who take Christ as their example, and seek actually to realize the Christian Ideal. A lower standard contented too many who profess to be Christ's followers. If all who have named Christ's name were following him closely, were daily manifesting his purity, were strong with his strength and beautiful with his love, sympathy and unselfishness, there is not a city in the land but would be redeemed from municipal corruption at the next election, not a Church but would constantly be the scene of conversions, not a missionary treasury whose income would not be more than doubled. The spiritual paralysis caused by money worship would not be dominant in society, and would be entirely cast out of the house of God. The basis of the lordship of Christian men would not be selfishness, but service.—Northern Christian Advocate.

AN ANSWERED PRAYER.

"Oh mamma, come and see my kite!" screamed a babyish voice at the kitchen window. It was Saturday and the mother was busy with all the work that crowds in at the end of the week.

Fred was her only child and a same-brother in the house. If he had been sick, she would have left everything to wait upon him; but a kite—no indeed—and quick came the hasty reply: "The kite! I've no time to wait, an' I'll see you come hatching me with your foolishness."

With a crestfallen look Fred turned away, saying sorrowfully, "I've got it up so high, I wish you'd look." But she didn't, and a few such lessons taught the boy that he could not be sure of mamma's sympathy or interest in his pleasures.

A year or two went by and Fred had grown from kite to baseball.

Rushing into the house one day, he said, eagerly: "Say, mamma, come with me this afternoon, and see the ball game! Will you? I want you to see fully. You see you can't care much for things you don't know about, and if you see a game you'll care more about it when I play, come now, say yes."

"Indeed, I'll not go a step, sir. I've more important work than going to ball games," was the mother's reply.

Fred went off muttering to himself: "When I ask her again she'll know it."

Is it any wonder that as the boy grew into young manhood regard and politeness were the substitutes for tender love and wholehearted confidence?

And the mother said not long ago: "It is thoughtless work to bring up a boy as soon as he sets old enough to be a comfort, he'll care more for everybody else than he does for his mother."

"Where was the fault? Did it not begin away back in kite-days, or before?"

But perhaps you say, do you think mothers ought to stop work and run at every call? Oh, no; but what if mamma had said, as her fingers flew over her work: "How nice of you to come and tell me! I can't come to see just now, for I really must finish my work, dear, but I dearly love to have you want me to see it." Or suppose she had said: "I mustn't take but a second, dear, for I've so much to do, but I'll have a peep," and then had run to the door, and glanced up at the kite with chummy words of appreciation. Would it not have been an added bond between the two?

There were once two boys in a home I know, and after a few happy years one was taken into the Shepherd's arms. The two boys and their mother had always knelt together for the bedtime prayer, and each lay off to a simple petition, the first night they were only two to kneel; the sobbing voice of the lonely brother uttered but one sentence: "Dear Lord, keep mother and me intimate." Said the mother years afterwards: "I consecrated my life to answer that prayer."

Did she have to give, up anything? Yes; receptions and calls were secondary matters when the boy's friends needed entertaining. Embroidered dolls and hand-painted screens were of no account whatever beside the cultivation of intimacy with her boy and the answering of his prayer. "Always give me the first chance to help your dear," she would say; and he did. Whatever was dear to his boyish heart found glad sympathy in her.

Perhaps mothers do not always realize how soon a boy begins to think toward manhood, and so "they treat him like a child, to be watched and scolded, instead of beloved and trusted."

This mother's boy was just as tumultuous and self-willed as you often find. But she had a few rules which helped wonderfully. Shall I copy them for you?

1. I will pray and work to be patient.
2. I will strive to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of God."
3. No matter what happens, I will try to hold my temper and my tongue.

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1. I will try never to scold, and never to reprove or punish in anger.
5. I will listen patiently and tenderly to my boy's side of a grievance.

You will notice that these rules are to govern the mother instead of the boy, and is not that the secret of success? Mother, do you want to keep your boy? Then control yourself. Not the fashionable attempt at stoicism which says it is not "good form to display emotion," but the real holding of one's self in hand.

Fashion would be the mettlesome steed fast; control harnesses him to life, and lets Christ hold the reins.

This mother's boy made many a blunder; he had his days of war-wariness and times of unreasonableness; but never a time when he was not sure that his mother was ready to listen, advise and help. There were times when his impulsiveness made him sore trouble, but the first place he turned for help was to tender, loyal "mother friend," and he was sure of comfort. Do you think it paid? When she reads in the papers the theories on "how to get hold of boys," she thanks God she has never lost her hold on hers. And in the answering of the boyish prayer the mother has not only grown more and more intimate with Christ, but both have grown intimate with Christ.

Mother, you have no "charge to keep" half so sacred as the heart of your boy. Are you true to your trust?—Chr. Adv.

MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU.

When Christ was dying on the cross he made a will. Perhaps you have thought that no one ever remembered you in a will. If you are in the kingdom, Christ did, for it was to his disciples he said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." They say a man can't make a will now that the lawyers can't break and drive a four-inch rod straight through. I challenge them to break this one. Let them try it. No judge or jury can set Christ's will aside, for he rose to execute it himself. If he had left us a lot of gold we should never have gotten it, for thieves would have stolen it in the first century. But he left his peace and his joy for every true believer.—D. L. Moody.

CURVES.

It is said that in building the Pennsylvania Railroad the engineers who laid it out were paid by the mile, and consequently they put in many curves which ought to have been avoided. As a result hundreds of trains and thousands of passengers and tons of freight had to go round those curves every day for fifty years, causing an enormous and ever-increasing loss; but now the railroad company is cutting out those curves and straightening the line at an expense of millions of dollars.

Every bad habit is a curve which is put into life when it is being laid out. The line of life is at first flexible and movable, and can be run anywhere; but once it is embedded and ballasted in the soil and rock of habit, it becomes a fixture, and may become a finality. Any curve put in the original construction then imposes itself upon all the traffic of life that passes over that line. If a boy in learning a trade learns to do some part of his work in a roundabout, clumsy way, every time he does that thing he will travel around that curve at the cost of time and trouble and poor work. If he puts into his speech words of misrepresentation, deceit, falsehood, through all his life he may travel around living curves. If he forms a habit of drink, he will travel a very crooked way which resembles the writhing of a serpent. If he becomes dishonest and tricky in trade, he will never go straight at a matter in an open manner, but will approach it along a crooked path, and be crooked in all his ways. The first few times a youth does a thing he is loose on the track over which he may travel all his life. Every curve he puts into that track means repetition that twisted three countless times, lifelong crookedness and lifetime loss.

Curves should be kept out of the flexible life of the family and Church and nation. Selfishness, ill-temper, strained relations and discord put turns and crooks in the home which twist and wrench all its life. How unpleasant and painful it is to live in a house which is frequently jolting and jarring around sharp curves. Build the home on a straight line, that its life may run on a smooth and pleasant track. Many a Church has dosed itself to crooked travel by setting a twist into its life. Such a curve, due to a single cantankerous member, may persist for a generation, and send pastor after pastor bumping and banging around its devious way. The noblest, harmonious Church rides in a Pullman over a track so straight and smooth that it does not cause the slightest sense of jar; and such a track runs straight to the gates of the city. Nations have tracks that their founders and first generations lay out. We are

CONSTRUCTING THE TRACK OF THIS NATION.

As we build it to-day, so will the nation travel for centuries. Every curve we put into this line will send generations around that crookedness. Every piece of straight track will make it easier and safer for those that come after us. Home missions is building an arcing across this continent, and foreign missions is extending it as a belt-line around the globe. We are constructing a track for coming millions, let us cut out the curves, and build it true. Their feet will follow ours; let us walk straight. "Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people."

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WE'LL BE GATHERED HOME.

When the tasks of life are over, And the Master calls us in; When the final strife is ended, And we cope no more with sin; In the kingdom of the holy, Where to evil thing may come, There with all the saved, forever, We'll be gathered home.

Only blessing in that country, Only happiness and love; Only learning of his sweetness, In that land all lands above. Never pain that place shall enter, Never sorrow there shall come, And, redeemed from death forever, We'll be gathered home.

Multitudes whom none can number, Every age and every clime; Saints of Jesus, safely harbored, Far beyond the waves of Time. There, where all is joy and gladness; There, whence none shall seek to roam; In the kingdom of the Father, We'll be gathered home.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP.

There are probably no four lines in the English language that are repeated so many times daily as the following: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep; If I should die before I wake, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take."

And it is not only children and youth that repeat them. Many whose heads are "silvered over with age" have been accustomed to repeat them as their last prayer before closing their eyes in sleep every night since they were taught them in infancy. John Quincy Adams was among that number. A Bishop of the Methodist Church, in addressing a Sabbath-school, told the children that he had been accustomed to say that little prayer every night since his mother taught it to him when he was a little boy. In conversing recently with a shipmaster, over seventy years of age, and who has been for many years a deacon in the Church, he said that when he followed the seas, and even before he inhaled a hope that he was a Christian, he never lay down in his berth at night without saying, with great seriousness, and, he thought, sincerity, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

He felt so strongly his need of religion and his danger without it, that he used always to read his Bible and place that precious book under his pillow at night, and often to kiss the sacred volume, trusting, no doubt, in this reverence for the Word of God instead of trusting alone in the Savior. Let every reader learn and every night repeat that little prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep," etc.

A DAY OF POVERTY.

If Mrs. Clifford had read the morning paper, this story might not have been written; but Mrs. Clifford did not read the daily press, and found the record of current events as uninteresting as the chatter of her neighbors. The wealthiest woman in Arlington, she was also the loneliest, and perhaps the saddest. There had been a time when the big house on the hill was a home, and childish voices filled the long halls with music, and little golden heads made sunshine in the somber sanctity rooms. But that was long ago.

Bereavement, which mellowed some natures, hardened others. Mrs. Clifford had lost husband and children in the terrible epidemic which had swept over the State like a scourge; she had rebuffed and baffled all who were ready to sympathize with her and help her. No one ever saw her shed a tear. Her kindly, pitying neighbors felt their hearts chilled when her unaccountably bright eyes met theirs, or when the metallic, controlled tones of her voice fell on their ears. The transformation in her reacted on her acquaintances and her friends, and she resented the change in them, without recognizing that she was responsible for it.

For fifteen years Mrs. Clifford had shut herself out of the house and hearts of the community, and had grown daily more bitter and exalted and suspicious, while gradually dropping out of the thoughts of those about her.

Then a day came when her affairs were the topic of conversation in every house in Arlington. The morning paper had chronicled the failure of the Merchant's Bank of Praxan, with liabilities startlingly great, and every one knew that Mrs. Clifford's money was largely deposited there. Mrs. Clifford would not have been surprised at her neighbor's curiosity regarding her financial condition. What would have astonished her was the sympathy expressed everywhere. "Four soul! And the money was all she had," said Mrs. Banks, the doctor's wife, casting a fond glance about her

long extension table, and feeling herself the richest of women. "I believe I'll run in there a few minutes after my work is done."

Accordingly, for the first time in years, Mrs. Clifford had a morning caller who dropped in without formality and chatted about counting fruit, and the baby's latest out-saying, and went away in twenty minutes, urging Mrs. Clifford to return her visit, as soon as possible, and to drop in to meals whenever she felt so inclined.

After the door closed upon her visitor, Mrs. Clifford sat down and reflected.

"What in the world is Eliza Banks planning now?" Then suddenly it crossed her mind that young Tom Banks was completing his first year in college. Very possibly the income of a country physician with a large family was severely taxed by extra expense. "And Eliza thinks that a rich and childless widow is worth cultivating," thought Mrs. Clifford, pressing her lips tightly together. "But forewarned is forearmed."

Meanwhile at home Mrs. Banks was saying: "She bears it as she always bears trouble, poor soul. Like a Spartan! From her manner you wouldn't know that a thing had happened." "Claire Leslie to see you, Ma'am," said Martha, the gray-haired servant, interrupting her mistress' cynical meditations. And before Mrs. Clifford had time to ask herself what this might mean, a young girl with her gray eyes and cheeks delicately flushed, stood before her.

"Good morning, Mrs. Clifford," said the visitor, with a smile, which somehow found its way to the heart of the lonely and suspicious woman as nothing had done for years. "I have brought you some of my sweet peas. They seem more business than almost any flower, don't you think so? More as if you could make friends with them."

Of course, Mrs. Clifford knew that this sort of talk was nonsense, yet some indefinable reason she enjoyed it. Perhaps it brought back to her mind the days when she had indolently listened to the fanciful prattle of little ones who, like this young girl, were ready to "make friends" with all beautiful things, animate and inanimate, in God's fair world. It was not until after Miss Leslie had departed, as patiently pluck as one of her favorite Massachs, that Mrs. Clifford's suspicions remained the ascendancy.

Strange that she should have been deceived even for a moment. Was not this girl the granddaughter of old Mr. Leslie, who had grown white-haired in the service of the Church she occasionally attended? Had she not heard it said that in his increasing feebleness the cares of the great churchman weighed heavily upon him?

"Probably he hasn't saved a cent," thought Mrs. Clifford, with the indignation at such lack of foresight. "And his relatives think me a suitable person to make up deficiencies."

In her quick resentment, she was sorry she had asked the delicate girl to come again.

Strange things kept occurring all the day. Old Mrs. Peters sent up a glass of currant jelly, and Thad Deamling brought his mother's invitation for Mrs. Clifford to dine with her the next day. Kate Crank came to the door and handed Martha a book to give to her mistress. It was called "Sunshine in Shadowed Places," and Kate said it had "been a great comfort to her sister, who was dead." Mrs. Clifford turned the pages with a feeling of bewilderment, and put it out of sight behind a bound volume of the Spectator.

Late in the afternoon Joe Bentz the blacksmith's crippled son, came swinging up the path on his crutches. Mrs. Clifford did not rise from her seat on the piazza, but she looked at him disapprovingly. He was planning to ask some favor, of course. Boys are by nature, and boys of this stamp peculiarly so.

"Well," said she, in her hardest voice, "what did you come for?"

Joe was clearly taken back by this reception. He looked at her deprecatingly.

"Yes, to say I am sorry," he answered, in his shrill voice, as sweet nevertheless as the piping of a black bird.

"Sorry?" repeated Mrs. Clifford, and for some reason she began to tremble. She was swept by a wave of feeling which was like indignation and like fear. "Sorry! Why should you be sorry?"

Joe sat on the edge of the piazza, wringing nervously. He had never seen a woman who accepted sympathy in so singular a fashion.

"Cause—well, that about your money," he explained, evasively. "What about my money?" Mrs. Clifford's eyes were boring down into Joe's soul, and the information something there bubbled forth like a spring. "Cause that big bank at Praxan's busted, and it's all gone. But I haven't done anything, have I?" cried poor

Joe, protesting against the severity of those judicial eyes.

To his great relief, Mrs. Clifford smiled. The Merchant's Bank had failed, then. She had done well when she withdrew her deposits six months before, acting on her lawyer's advice. Her first sensation was of unmitigated triumph.

Then another emotion filled her soul, crowding out all besides. The stings which had been heaped upon her throughout the day were bestowed, not because she was a rich woman, but because she was thought poor. Those whom she had mentally censured of every sort of interested motive, were only actuated by pity, and a desire to help her in her supposed distress. A wholesome shame flushed her cheeks, as she thought of the spirit with which she had received the doctor's wife and Claire Leslie, and has listened to the blundering words of the crippled child. "God forgive me," said Mrs. Clifford. "I didn't dream I had fallen so low."—The Advance.

OFF-HAND CHARITY.

It was Archbishop Whately who once thanked God that he had never given alms to a street beggar. Indiscriminate bestowal of off-hand charity to mendicants who nestle in by-ways and streets is a most injurious policy, and Christian people should not permit it. Nine-tenths of these street operators are rank impostors.

A American writer has made an interesting study of street-begging from the standpoint of a beggar. Assuming the part of a mendicant, he put his arm in a sling well saturated with carbolic acid, partly for its appeal to sympathy, partly to expel the undesirable tenants of his raiment, and started out in business for a week. In seven days he collected \$70 averaging 25¢ per hour for the actual time employed. For the purpose of his investigation, he selected all sorts of districts, and estimated that if he had confined himself to the best-paying fields, he could easily have averaged \$20 a day of eight hours. Following the one given him by a "beggar friend," he solicited only those men who seemed to be strangers, but accosted women indiscriminately. In the "millionaire districts" he got the least, in the "tenement districts" he got the most. The proportion of givers was, among the richest, two in twelve. From out-of-town sightseers he got twice as much as from city women shoppers. He found that begging from homes to some, pays five times better than begging on a street corner, yet the "standards" are rich, not the travelers, the reason being that the stander works without intermission. He found that, as a rule, "a wanderer beggar has at least a comfortable home, that his rent is paid promptly, his meals are good, he has a wife and children, he makes and receives calls, and in many cases has a savings-bank account of generous dimensions; some of them are even owners of realty." From six to ten thousand people in New York he reckons as in the business of begging. The magistrates commit many, but when released they go at it again.

The pathetic side of the story is the maddening of the sympathetic but ignorant poor. The instructive side of it is the certainty of debauching mankind by "charity" to beggars. There are no worse enemies to the poor than some fools who put themselves for their "charitable" practices, Indian Warnings.

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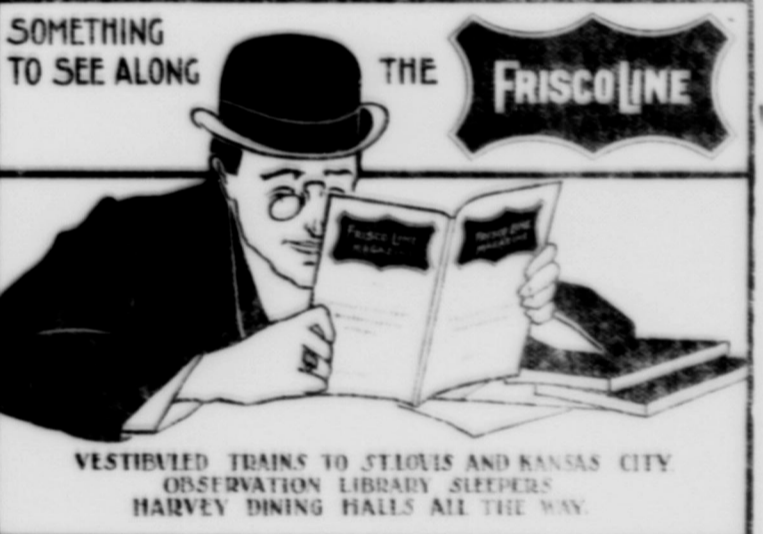
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SPECIAL NOTICE TEXAS METHODISTS.

All who have made subscriptions at the sessions of the different conferences for Galveston, and those who have made money on the Thanksgiving money, will please send the money to Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., Galveston, Texas.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the silver wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Lee of St. Louis, Mo. The event will come off on the 20th instant at their home in that city.

Mrs. Florence E. Howell, as our good women already know, is back in her place and in charge of the Woman's Department of the Advocate. She has had quite a long vacation over in the old North State, but if during her absence this department was at times a little impoverished, it was the fault of our good women.

At the late session of the Northwest Texas Conference Fifth Street Church, Waco, was decided. A private letter from Rev. B. R. Bolton, presiding elder, says: "The new double-headed at Fifth Street is moving off gracefully under a full head of steam."

THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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were to speak to me now, I would know her voice this moment. So it is with the Spirit of God. There is a tone in his voice that every child of God recognizes the moment he speaks.

The memorial service was conducted at 3 p. m., the Bishop presiding. Rev. H. V. Philpott, D. D., was the only member who had died during the year.

Conference met at 9 Monday morning to finish up the business of the session. A few reports were read and adopted. The Statistical Secretary reported a loss of a little over a thousand in the membership of the Church within the bounds of the conference during the year.

The conference was a very harmonious one, and the spirit of it deeply religious. The men who compose its membership are made of the material which enters into the make-up of heroes.

NOTES.

Rev. H. M. Whaling was transferred to the New Mexico Conference and stationed at El Paso.

Rev. C. J. Oxley comes from St. James to Calvert. In fact all the brethren who went through the late great storm were brought up into the interior.

Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., takes charge of our Central Church work in Galveston. He is no stranger to the Island City, having served St. James Church during a four-year pastorate some time back.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, who worked four years faithfully as presiding elder on the Houston District, is now comfortably ensconced at Bastrop. He made a successful presiding elder, and goes back into the pastorate.

Rev. J. C. Mickle, after a long term of useful labor, goes out of the presiding eldership into a superannuated relation. His health is feeble, but it is hoped that a few years of rest will place him on the effective list again.

Rev. C. A. Hooper goes from Navasota Station into the presiding eldership of the Huntsville District. This is a deserved promotion for a meritorious young man.

Rev. E. S. Smith, D. D., one of the veterans of the conference, goes back into the presiding eldership and takes charge of the Austin District. He is a student, a preacher and an executive, and age has fixed no dead-line for him.

Rev. R. J. Briggs, who had been recommended by the Austin District Conference for readmission into the traveling connection, was present and filed his application with the Committee on Recommendations. This committee took his case under consideration, but before their report was made to the conference Dr. Briggs withdrew his application.

tee to the open conference, and for this reason there was no official mention made of the matter by the committee. He is still a local preacher in the Church.

Mrs. Belle Blandin of Houston, attended the conference. It was a pleasure to meet her again, for this writer was her pastor four years at Sharn. She is a great worker in the Church, and a real help to the pastor.

Rev. Sam Hay goes to Shearn Church, Houston. This is one of the best charges in Texas, and Bro. Hay is one of our best preachers. The two will make a fine fit, and success will be the result.

Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., and Judge E. P. Hamblin will represent the Texas Conference at the London Ecumenical next September. They will make capital members of that great Methodist gathering.

J. W. Robbins, State Treasurer, ran up to Rockdale and spent a day or so with the conference. He enjoys the fellowship of the preachers. He was also at Pittsburg at the session of his old conference, and we roomed together a part of the time.

A large number of leading laymen from different parts of the conference attended the session, and their presence was indicative of their interest in the work of the Church.

Rev. J. B. Sears goes from Calvert to Rockdale, where the conference was held. He is a strong preacher, and well informed on all Church enterprises. He is also a member of the Joint Board of Publication.

MINUTES

Of the Sixty-First Session of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Rockdale, Texas, beginning December 5, 1900, and ending December 10, 1900. Bishop W. A. Candler, President; Seth Ward, Secretary.

- 1. Who are admitted on trial? William J. Morphis, E. S. Hursey, Jacob M. Gaul.
2. Who remain on trial? William W. Edgar, Edward L. Ingram, Mark L. Dickey, Calvin H. Adams (in class of first year), George W. Davis (in class of first year).
3. Who are discontinued? None.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Lemuel M. Noel, David Knox Porter, Robert C. George.
5. Who are readmitted? None.
6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? S. R. Hay an elder from the Northwest Texas Conference, and Chas. M. Morton, a preacher on trial in the class of the first year, from the Northwest Texas Conference.
7. Who are the deacons of one year? Nathan Powell (local elder in class of fourth year), John C. Cameron, John W. Bercin, John R. Warlick, Willis E. Washburn.
8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Lemuel M. Noel, David Knox Porter.
9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Lemuel M. Noel, David Knox Porter.
10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Edward L. Ingram, William J. Morphis, George W. Davis, George W. Trotter.
11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? George W. Trotter, Edward L. Ingram, William J. Morphis, George W. Davis.
12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? George R. Ray.
13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? George R. Ray.
14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.
15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
16. Who are located this year? None.
17. Who are superannuated? J. M. Crutchfield.
18. Who are superannuated? F. A. McShan, D. H. Linbaugh, T. W. Blake, Wesley Smith, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelms, Gideon Powledge, A. E. Goodwyn, H. M. Haynie, J. C. Mickle, G. S. Sandel, G. C. Stovall.
19. What preachers have died during the past year? Horatio V. Philpott, D. D.
20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Elbie C. Keith was permitted to surrender his credentials to the conference; M. E. Diehl withdrew. (For answers to questions 21 to 43, inclusive, see statistical table.)
21. What are the educational statistics? Chappell Hill Female College—Teachers, 6; pupils, 75; value, \$12,000. Southwestern University—Teachers, 22; pupils, 459; value, \$200,000. Collected for education, \$790.50; collected for Paine and Lane Institutes, \$106.43.
22. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Huntsville, Texas.
23. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See appointments.)

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

- G. A. LeClere, P. E.
Houston, Shearn—S. R. Hay.
Washington Street—J. M. Bryce.
McKee Street—John E. Green.
Tabernacle—H. C. Willis.
McAshan and City Mission—John R. Warlick.
Galveston, Central Church—Seth Ward.
West End—R. C. George.
Richmond—S. W. Thomas.
Columbia and Brazoria—W. F. Brinson.
Wharton and Hungerford—W. D. Gaskins.
Cedar Bayou—T. R. Cain.
Houston—C. M. Morton.
Dickinson—J. L. Russell.
Alvin—D. K. Porter.
Angleton—J. W. Kelly.
Matagorda—J. C. Stewart.
El Campo—F. L. Ingram.
Secretary of Education—Seth Ward.
Student at Southwestern University—B. L. Glazier.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

- E. S. Smith, P. E.
Austin, Tenth Street—W. D. Bradford.
Hotchkiss Memorial—C. R. Garrett.
First Street—W. T. McDonald.
South Austin—W. R. Campbell.
Merrilltown and Walnut—J. W. Harmon.
Bastrop—O. T. Hotchkiss.
Webberville—A. J. Anderson.
West Point—J. J. Callaway.
McLude—E. A. Potts.
Lufkin—J. W. McMahon.
Manor—T. B. Graves.
Elgin—C. H. Brooks.
Wetmar and Osage—Nathan Powell.
Flonita—Weems Wootton.
Engle Lake—R. E. Sunn.
Manchester—W. W. Horner.
Smithville—R. W. Adams.
Columbus—F. O. Favre.
Cedar Creek—W. E. Washburn.
Cedar Point—To be supplied by J. H. Gillette.
Student at Southwestern University—G. W. Davis.

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

- J. B. Cochran, P. E.
Brenham—J. L. Massey.
Bellville—J. M. Gaul.
Caldwell—J. W. Horn.
Lyons—H. G. Williams; J. M. Crutchfield, superannuated.
Cameron—James Kilgore.
Cameron Circuit—To be supplied by George Cravy.
Mayfield—H. E. Kimbler.
Pleasant Hill—To be supplied by D. W. Perkins.
Pulbhar and Brookshire—M. L. Lindsey.
Chappell Hill—J. R. Murray.
Giddings—R. W. Allen.
Sealy—M. F. Daniel.
Miller—B. H. Hotchkiss.
Cameron—James Kilgore.
Rockdale—J. B. Sears.
Ben Arnold—J. W. Thompson.
Davilla—H. T. Hart.
Conference Missionary Secretary—J. B. Sears.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

- H. M. Sears, P. E.
Calvert—C. J. Oxley.
Lorraine and Wheelock—C. L. Farrington.
Loft—J. A. McVey.
Durango—W. C. Bracewell.
Franklin—W. W. Edgar.
Pottaway—L. M. Neel.
Kosse—W. H. Brooks.
Frestone—E. S. Hursey.
Centerville—T. S. Whitford.
Leon—D. W. Gardner.
Bremond and Reagan—G. H. Collins.
Cold Springs—W. T. Melugin.
Rosebud Station—J. W. Bercin.
Travis Circuit—Calvin H. Adams.
Franklin—S. F. Chambers.
Mt. Vernon—W. J. Morphis.
Jewett—C. M. Thompson.
Fairfield—J. W. Holt.
Rogers Prairie—J. W. Cullen.
Student in Southwestern University—M. L. Dickey.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

- C. A. Hooper, P. E.
Huntsville—E. P. Newsom.
Navasota—J. M. Adams.
Waller—C. E. Simpson.
Lodge—J. C. Cameron.
Prairie Plains—To be supplied by J. A. Grimes.
Hempstead—G. H. Phair.
Bryan—E. L. Shetler.
Cold Springs—W. T. Melugin.
Anderson—J. C. Moore.
Courtney and Plantersville—E. M. Myers.
Centrose—E. G. Hovutt.
Madisonville—C. U. McLarty.
Zim—G. R. Ray.
Miller—J. P. Skinner.
Wells—F. L. Allen.
Montgomery—To be supplied by W. O. Hightower.
Chaplain State Penitentiary at Huntsville—S. H. Morgan.

Transferred—To the South Carolina Conference, R. J. Gieser; to the Indian Mission Conference, A. L. Boyd; to the Baltimore Conference, P. E. Hammond; to the Northwest Texas Conference, E. W. Solomon and S. P. Brown; to the Florida Conference, J. L. Yeater; to the New Mexico Conference, H. M. Whaling.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Table with financial data: To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference; Brethren—the amount of money coming into our hands for conference claimants; Balance on hand at last conference; Received from Houston District; Received from Austin District; Received from Brenham District; Received from Calvert District; Received from Huntsville District; Received from Preachers' Aid Board; Received from Colvin fund; Total; We disbursed these amounts as follows; Paid conference claimants at this session; Contingent fund in hands of Treasurer; Total.

The following changes have occurred in the list of claimants: Mrs. A. L. P. Green and Rev. H. V. Philpott have died during the year, and Miss Sallielon Keith, being self-sustaining, her name was dropped from the list by the board. There have been added to the list the names of Rev. H. M. Haynie, Miss Mamie Green, daughter of Mrs. A. L. P. Green, and Misses Lillie and Beasle

PHILPOTT, DAUGHTERS OF REV. H. V. PHILPOTT.

We have paid the conference claimants the following amounts:

Table with names and amounts: Mrs. Thos. F. Windsor; Mrs. Thos. Woodbridge; Mrs. A. G. Stacy; Mrs. Thos. Whitworth; Mrs. Orenth Fisher; Mrs. A. B. F. Kett; Mrs. B. F. Danhill; Mrs. E. Alexander; Mrs. S. J. Graves; Mrs. J. H. Davidson; Mrs. A. Hinkle; Rev. W. C. Smith; Rev. F. A. McShan; Mrs. J. W. Whipple; Rev. W. G. Nelms; Robert Durham; Rev. W. K. Turner; Mrs. J. E. Stovall; Mrs. L. J. Lemons; Mrs. J. W. B. Allen; Mrs. J. M. Guber; Mrs. C. M. Keith; Miss Mattie Keith; Rev. Gideon Powledge; Rev. H. V. Philpott (personal expense); Rev. J. C. Stovall; Mrs. I. G. John; Rev. H. M. Haynie; Miss Mamie Green; Miss Lillie Philpott; Miss Beasle Philpott.

The amount assessed against the conference for Bishops' fund was apportioned to the districts and paid as follows:

Table with district names and amounts: Houston District; Austin District; Brenham District; Calvert District; Huntsville District.

The amount assessed against the conference for the ensuing year, for Bishops' fund, is the sum of \$234.

The assessment against the conference for the ensuing year, for the Texas Methodist Orphanage, is \$98.

We apportion these assessments to the districts as follows:

Table with district names and amounts for Bishops' Orphanage fund.

The assessment for education and for Paine and Lane Institutes we apportion to the Districts as follows:

Table with district names and amounts for Education and Paine and Lane.

Our conference has been assessed for expenses of delegates to the General Conference \$25. We apportion this amount to the districts as follows:

Table with district names and amounts for delegate expenses.

We assess the various boards, for the publication of minutes, as follows:

Table with board names and amounts: Board of Education; Board of Missions; Board of Church Extension; Sunday-school Board.

We recommend that the assessment on the conference for the ensuing year for conference claimants be an amount equal to 3 per cent of the assessed salaries of the preachers, and in connection with this report we submit the following resolution: Resolved, That the preachers of the Texas Annual Conference be held responsible for an amount equal to 3 per cent of the salaries paid them, which sum shall be applied to the fund for conference claimants. Resolved, That the thanks of this conference be tendered to the First National Bank of Rockdale, for its courtesy and liberality in handling the funds of this board and providing drafts and exchange, free of charge.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. CAMPBELL, Chairman. C. A. HOOPER, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Table with financial data: Receipts; Assessed; Paid; Houston District; Austin District; Brenham District; Calvert District; Huntsville District; Total; Reserved from anniversary, 1899; Total; Disbursements; Fifty per cent to Parent Board; To Conference Board; Cash on hand, Conference Board; Brenham District; Wallis, Austin County; Patterson, Waller County; Sealy, Austin County; Calvert District; Travis, Falls County; Franklin, Robertson County; To printing minutes; Expense of Executive Board; Total disbursements; GEO. H. PHAIR, Treasurer.

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference: We beg to submit for the information of the conference, and in order that the same may be made a record of the conference, the following: Some years ago, Dr. J. B. Moore, of

Washington County, d in his will that a tra Green County (now Co exccutors and the proce benefit of the conferen Texas Annual Confer certain provisions as to who should not partie. The principal derivat should be kept intact, interest used.

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Washington County, died, and directed in his will that a tract of land in Tom Green County (now Coke) be sold by his executors and the proceeds devoted to the benefit of the conference claimants of the Texas Annual Conference...

One-half of the land was sold for taxes. The executor, Rev. J. L. Spencer, of Navasota, Texas, sent this Board \$49 to be so invested, and it has been in the hands of the board for about two or three years. After the conference which met in Marlin, Mr. Spencer requested Mr. J. D. Campbell to take charge of the land and effect a sale of same. This was done, and the one-half of the land remaining in Mr. Spencer's hands was sold, and as the net proceeds of said sale, Mr. Spencer, as executor, turned over to Mr. J. D. Campbell, chairman of this board, a vendors lien note, dated May 1, 1899, for \$225, due in five years after date, with interest at 8 per cent per annum, payable annually on November 1 of each year, and also \$174.22 in cash.

A compromise was effected with the purchaser of the one-half of said land which was sold for taxes, and Mr. Spencer also turned over to Mr. J. D. Campbell a vendors lien note, the proceeds of said compromise, for the sum of \$265, dated August 11, 1899, payable five years after date, with 8 per cent interest, payable annually on November 1 of each year.

Mr. Campbell collected on November 1 \$1.19 interest on this note and \$21 on the larger note. He also collected \$2.29 interest on the original \$99 sent us by Mr. Spencer.

The heirs of the original grantee of the land have made arrangements to file suit for the recovery of the land, and in case it should be recovered, we will be called upon to surrender the money and securities received. Hence we thought best not to distribute any of the interest above mentioned until after the determination of the prospective litigation over the land. Pending such litigation, we have thought best to leave the money and notes above mentioned in the hands of Mr. J. D. Campbell, and we respectfully submit this statement and report, and ask that our action in the matter be approved.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. CAMPBELL, Chairman, CHAS. A. HOOPER, Sec'y, For the Joint Board of Finance.

TEXAS PERSONALS. Rev. J. N. Hunter, of Renner charge, starts off well in his new field. He made the Advocate a pleasant visit this week.

In a private note from Rev. C. B. Findler, of the Sulphur Springs District, we learn that he is starting off well with his work for another year.

Rev. G. S. Sandel, of the Texas Conference, came to the city from Rockdale to visit his daughter, and he made the Advocate a pleasant call.

Rev. Jerome Duncan ran down from Vernon last Tuesday and made us a pleasant visit. We asked him about "division," and he replied, "It has gone to sleep."

The Advocate regrets to note the transfer of Rev. J. L. Yeats to the Florida Conference. He brought up the banner report on the Advocate at the Texas Conference.

"Uncle Dick" Thompson returned from the East Texas Conference and went to bed with la grippe. He has had rather a severe time with it, but hopes to be all right at an early day, and he will then be heard from about his work for the Orphanage.

The Lufkin Tribune is delighted with the return of Bro. Wagner to that town as preacher for another year, and the editor says some very nice and merited things about that good pastor. Bro. Wagner and his people are building a handsome house of worship.

Bro. John P. Cox, of Fort Worth, writes us that the newly elected Sheriff and Attorney for that county are strictly enforcing the laws of the State, and for the first time in years Sunday saloons are closed and all of the statutes against crime are observed. So much for good and true men.

Rev. F. M. Winburne, of Corvett City, Texas, writes us that Bro. Melvin Leonard and his sister, Miss Sarah, are members of his Church. They went to school to us in Murray County, Ga., thirty years ago. We remember them, and it makes us glad to hear of them in Texas, doing well.

Rev. C. W. Daniel was moved from Morrow Street, Waco, at the recent session of the Northwest Texas Conference and stationed at Comanche. His old charge at Waco were averse to parting from him, for he was deservedly popular among them. He had done a good work. But he goes to a good place, and another good man goes to Morrow Street. May both be eminently successful.

Rev. J. L. Pierce arrived last week and took charge of First Church. He gave his people two very edifying sermons last Sunday, and we have heard nothing but the most gratifying reports of the beginning of his work. He met with his Board of Stewards last Tuesday night, and they made liberal arrangements for his support. There is nothing small in this Church. Brother Pierce called to see us, and a more brotherly man we have never met. We predict for him and his people a profitable year.

We are pained to announce the death of the good wife of Rev. S. L. Burke, of the East Texas Conference. Sister Burke was the daughter of Rev. G. R. Hughes, and this sad event will touch the hearts of their brethren throughout the conference. May the good Lord comfort the living.

Rev. Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, has been obliged, in obedience to the urgent demand of her physician, to resign her position as Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions; therefore, be it Resolved, That in view of the exigencies of Mrs. Hargrove's health, and of her duty to those nearest her, we accept her resignation, to take effect Dec. 1, and that we do so with a grateful sense of God's goodness to us and to the work we are trying to do for him, in that it has so long been blessed with her wisdom and consecration. We thank him for the blessing which has attended her abundant labors, as well as for the inspiration of her example, and for the devotion which has known fatigue and discouragement only to conquer them. We feel that we should ill have learned the lesson her faith has taught if we allowed our fears to overcome us in this time of sorrow; so that, irremediable as the loss seems to our work, we do trust that He who has been so gracious to us in the yesterdays that are past will raise up an efficient worker to take her place in the coming to-morrows, and that the work to which she has given her whole strength and time for so many years will not be allowed to suffer when her tired hands lay it down.

We rejoice to know that while she retires from the office she does not give up the work, and that her prayers are ours now as always; and we earnestly pray that the blessing of God may rest upon her; that the Lord himself will give her peace at all times and in all ways; that in his own time her health may be restored so that she may resume the active work for which she is so well qualified, and that this time of waiting may issue, both for this life and for the fuller life beyond, in a broader and nobler service of the God she loves.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, President. MRS. J. D. HAMMOND, First Vice-President. MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, Treasurer. MRS. JAMES ATKINS, Cor. Sec. Tenn. Conf.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions met in pursuance to a call of the President Dec. 1 with the First Vice-President in the chair. The committee appointed to correspond with reference to supplying the vacancy in office of General Secretary presented its report, nominating Mrs. R. W. MacDonell of Mason Ga.

The following persons cast their votes for Mrs. MacDonell: Miss B. H. Bennett, President; Mrs. J. D. Hammond, First Vice-President; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, General Treasurer; Miss Emily Allen, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. P. Smith, Corresponding Secretary North Texas Conference; Miss Mary Helm, alternate, Louisville Conference; Mrs. James Atkins, Corresponding Secretary Tennessee Conference. Mrs. MacDonell was then declared duly elected.

We give below Mrs. MacDonell's letter of acceptance: To the Woman's Board of Home Missions: Your notice of my election to the office of General Secretary has been received. It is but natural that I should be grateful for the confidence which you thus manifest in calling me to a trust of such great importance. In accepting the office I receive it as a work to be done not unto man, but unto our Father, and shall seek to prosecute it with energy and faithfulness. I feel my own insufficiency for this great work, but our Father has promised that his strength shall be made perfect in our weakness, so I come to you with the consciousness that it is "not by might, nor by power," but by the Spirit of God that I shall serve.

Looking to you for heart co-operation and support in prayer, I am yours sincerely, MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM BRO. "ABE." As the conferences of our great State go by, as reported in the Advocate, it sets my soul on fire to read of the grand victory all along the line from our itinerancy. I want to make my report as a local preacher. I've conducted twenty-six revivals this year—ten in Northwest Texas Conference, eight in North Texas, one in Texas, one in East Texas, three in Louisiana Conference, two in Indian Mission Conference, one in New Mexico.

Traveled about 9500 miles to meet my engagements. I have stopped off in several places during the interval between meetings in interest of our Orphanage building. Have had 1783 conversions, collected \$6121.81 for Orphanage, also \$25,595 in subscriptions and cash for sundries, such as building new churches, paying church debts, seating and painting unfinished churches and winding up conference collections.

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the Twentieth Century Fund and speak in behalf of the Advocate, which is a warm paper, and don't you forget it. I am well—mind, soul and body. This winds up my sixteenth year as an "itinerant local preacher."

Brother, pray for me and my work. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year. ABE MULKEY, L. D. Corsicana, Texas.

A LOST OVERCOAT. That is to say, somebody else's overcoat. In leaving the train at Bremond on my return from the conference at Rockdale, I picked up and carried home with me a brownish-gray overcoat with a dark-brown velvet collar. My own—a companion to it—I found in my valise. I think it belongs to some one of the preachers. If the owner will write to me at Centreville I will send him his property. T. S. WILLIFORD

AN APPEAL FOR BIBLES AND OTHER BOOKS. During the coming holidays, let our many friends remember the unfortunate prisoners and send us some Bibles, Testaments and other good books to put into their cells.

We need at least 500 Bibles. Are there not 500 good people who will remember us, and each send us a contribution? By fire and floods the State has lost much during the past two years. For that reason, I appeal to the public to aid us in our reform work.

One Bible is not much to give, but it may do a vast amount of good. We have been often appealed to by the men for a Bible, but were not able to supply the demand. Send us large-print Bibles and Testaments. The lights are not sufficient to read well small print. Send all contributions to me, for which we will be very grateful. S. H. MORGAN, Chaplain Huntsville Prison.

Colorado has been added to the territory for the sale of Holiday Reduced Railroad Tickets. "The Denver Road" will sell at one and one-fifth fare for the round trip to Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs, good from Dec. 23rd and 25th to January 23rd, 1901.

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Church Bell for Sale. SHEARN CHURCH, HOUSTON, has a large Church Bell of standard tone for sale at reasonable price. It having been blown from the tower by the storm of September 24th and will not be replaced as the Trustees have decided to hang their bell in the pulpit. Apply to BOARD TRUSTEES SHEARN CHURCH, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

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AT A PRAYER-MEETING.

There were only two of three of us Who came to the place of prayer...

We knew His look on our leader's face, So rapt and glad and free;

We heard His "Come to me," Nobody's saw Him lift the latch,

Each of us felt the load of sin From the weary shoulders fall;

It was only a handful gathered in To the little place of prayer,

Outside were struggle and pain and sin, But the Lord Himself was there;

He came to redeem the pledge He gave— Wherever His loved ones be,

To stand Himself in the midst of them, Though they count but two or three,

And forth we fared in the bitter rain, And our hearts had grown so warm,

And not the crash of a storm; 'Twas a time of the dearest privilege,

Of the Lord's right hand," we said As we thought how Jesus Himself had come

AUNT HETTY'S VOCATION.

"Do you like the new minister, Aunt Hetty?"

"To be sure I like him. Why shouldn't I? He's one of the Lord's own servants..."

"Oh, Aunt Hetty, don't say that. You're a perfect saint compared with the rest of us..."

"I want to know! Well, now, I didn't notice that you were so good up with the words he read, didn't you?"

"Did you like his style of reading the hymns?"

"Why, I guess so. They was all on 'em very upliffin'. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord..."

"Did you think he was eloquent in prayer, Aunt Hetty?"

"To be sure. He took us all right up to the throne of grace, with all our sins..."

"How about the sermon, auntie?"

"Well, as I said afore, I can't recollect nigh all on it, but I'm a-join' to try an' live up to what I can."

"We thought you'd feel badly, like the rest of us, over our minister's being removed so unexpectedly..."

"Oh, no, dearie, it wasn't. Yes, I was sort of took back when I first knew of it, but it 'pears to be the Lord's doin'..."

The little group of talkers reached the end of the village street, and turned into their respective homes.

the others to talk and think over her words.

The new pastor had not been at his best that morning. He was very weary with conference week...

Neither was he fully at ease in his mind. His own expectation had been upset. He knew that he had not been "called" to this particular charge...

The Church was well filled on that first morning, but in looking over the audience his eyes rested on no face which seemed to hold such a sympathetic feeling and cordial welcome as did the white, wrinkled face of an old, old body who sat in the front pew.

She was not able to come to the evening service, but several others, remembering her words, put aside their disappointment and critical spirit...

Aunt Hetty sometimes says she wonders why she lingers so long on earth when she is past her usefulness.

Once in a battle the soldiers were ordered to lie down on the ground. Old Abe instantly flew down from his perch and flattened himself on the ground, too.

In the battle of Corinth the cord which held him was cut by a ball. The bird soared far above the smoke of powder, but he discovered his flag and his regiment, and flew down upon his perch again.

At the close of the war every one wanted to see Old Abe, just as they did Gen. Grant and other heroes. He made tours through the country, drawing crowds wherever he went.

Some of his feathers sold for ten dollars apiece when made into pens, and were used for signing important documents.

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The prosperous nations of Europe have long since realized that industrial education must be made a part of national curriculum, and as a result of internal interest and the establishment of manual training schools...

Another result of the system has been the constantly increasing manufacturing and individual wealth of these countries. The United States must accomplish this by stages and thus Texas and Louisiana, both possessing every advantage necessary, must educate its growing population in the direction indicated...

"OLD ABE," THE WAR EAGLE.

Old Abe was an eagle who went with a regiment of soldiers for three years. When he was a downy little eaglet, he and his brothers were stolen from their nest by a Chippewa Indian.

Old Abe was a bald-headed eagle the kind that has a snowy-white head and neck, and from a distance looks as if it had no feathers on its head.

was made of long sticks and branches bound together with strong vines. It was lined with soft hair and moss. Each year an eagle's nest is made stronger and larger.

We are not surprised that it was the red man of the forest who found this lonely nest, cut down the tree and secured Old Abe. A soldier bought the eagle for a bushel of corn, and gave him to the Wisconsin regiment in 1861.

When Old Abe was mustered in it was understood that at the close of the war he should be presented to Abraham Lincoln. The soldiers called the bird the "new recruit from Chippewa."

Some of the stories we read about the almost human actions of Old Abe in battle are very interesting. He was in twenty-two battles and thirty skirmishes. When there was an order to form for battle, he and the colors were first upon the line.

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"I THEE ENDOW."

Mrs. Lila Calvert Obenchain, of Kentucky, thinks the phrase in the marriage service, "With by worldly goods I thee endow," is as meaningless as a Fiji incantation, and ought to be omitted, unless the following explanation and supplementary passage is added to it.

"With my worldly goods I thee endow." This means that I will, as soon as we return from our bridal tour, bestow on thee a certain sum monthly; that I will not ask thee what becomes of it, nor grumble at the expense of supporting a wife every time I give thee a little extra money at Christmas-time to buy presents for thy relations, and also in the fall and spring to buy thy bonnets and gowns and gloves. It means that when I have done all this, and as much more as in me lieth, I will consider that it is no more than I ought to do, and that I could not do less and be a gentleman. I have taken thee from thy father and mother, and it is no longer their duty to provide for thee. In assuming the duties of housekeeper for my home and the duties of a mother

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for my prospective children, that will be incapacitated for wage-earning, and it will be no more than simple justice that I give thee money for thy present needs."

NEW APPENDICITIS THEORY.

In these days when appendicitis is so common an ailment the doctors are putting forth every effort to arrive at a clearer understanding of it. The time has long gone by since the grape-seep and toothbrush bristle were held accountable, and we may now eat our grapes and brush our teeth quite without the menace of a month in the hospital.

One of the latest and most ingenious theories to account for the malady is that put forth by a medical man who believes that it is caused by the habit of sitting with the legs crossed. Nine men out of ten—leaving tailors out of the reckoning—spend many of their sedentary hours with the right leg crossed over the left. As the vermiform appendix is on the right side, it requires no great stretch of the imagination to believe that such a posture may cramp and constrict the little sack to an extent sufficient to cause trouble.

To prevent linen from spotting: A table-spoonful of black paper will prevent gray or buff linen from spotting, if stirred into the water in which they are to be washed. It will also prevent colors from running in washing cold or hot water.

The Value of Charcoal.

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Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables. Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

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

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Advertisement for 'SEND NO MONEY' watches, featuring a pocket watch and the text 'SEND NO MONEY' and 'WARRANTED 20 Y. ABS'.

Advertisement for 'No Money in Advance' watches, featuring a pocket watch and the text 'No Money in Advance' and '12 1/2'.

Advertisement for 'HUSBAND AND WIFE' medicine, featuring a bottle and the text 'HUSBAND AND WIFE' and 'The Limitation of Offspring'.

Advertisement for 'VEST POCKET COMMENTARY' on International B. B. Lessons for 1901.

Advertisement for 'BELLS' by the American Bell Foundry.

Advertisement for 'CHURCH BELLS' by the American Bell Foundry.

Advertisement for 'PLYMVER CHURCH' by the American Bell Foundry.

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SWALLOWED BY

It has been stated that it is a pity for a whale to swallow some facts which matter in an interesting

English papers report, say, 1881, the whaler launched two whale equipment of men, a whale that was observed. The huge creature pounced and wounded. While it was wrothly onies one of the whale by its tail and shattered sailors who were in it to the water. All but shortly afterwards by the body of one was the other, a man nearly could not be found, ater was dead it was the ship and the work began. When the storm was opened, what was the whaleman to find comrades, James Hunt, but alive. They had no living him. For seven collisions. Not until a elapsed did he recover, become able to narrate. "I remember moment the whale the air. Then I was myself included in channel whose current continually downward an instant. Then I r been swallowed by a was in his stomach breathe, though with I had a feeling of the and it seemed as if alive. The horrible doomed to perish in tormented me, and my sified by the calm still

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

(Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society.) Address all communications to MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL, 123 Master Street, Dallas, Texas.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Women's Home Mission Society of the West Texas Conference convened its 11th annual session at Lubbock, Tex., October 27-30, 1900. Though so many, their first and only year, still in the future, Lubbock Auxiliary, proved more than equal to the occasion. Her with Bro. F. H. C. Elliott and his charming wife as hosts, a pleasant and profitable session was secured. The opening service of invocation and praise produced us for the hours of work and pleasure to follow. While the attendance of delegates and conference officers was below the average, nothing was lacking in interest and the work of the annual meeting was transacted with promptness and thorough attention to detail. Miss Alice Stecker, as President presided over the meeting with the dignity and ease of a lifetime experience. Doubtless the fact that her inauguration was coincident with the recent session.

Reports evidenced decided advance since some time; however, only sufficient to cause renewed efforts in every branch of our great Home Mission work. Resumes work and the 1st-ests of the Resene Home in San Antonio were given much time thought and prayer with the result that some of the delegates showed their auxiliaries for a monthly contribution to the Home, and all resolved to work for the cause as they have never done before. With concentrated and concentrated effort no limit can be placed to the good which will accrue to the Resene Home therefrom.

Our Sabbath day was replete with Gospel truths. Rev. R. C. Beach filled the morning hour and gave us our annual sermon. "There must be those, and the beautiful journey indicated by this thoughtful man of God will ever linger with those fortunate enough to have heard him. Our annual address was delivered by Rev. F. H. C. Elliott at the evening service. He has ever been a staunch friend of the Home Mission Society and the fact and reason he had at his command regarding the good we have accomplished and the manifold things we are trying to do, prove him an observant gentleman at all times to assist in extending the work of the Home Mission Society.

Both Session and Resene Home were mosted donations. These little but little the fruits of our labors are manifest. In this season of our annual meeting the good fortune cannot be counted. An almost unanimous vote was taken the Adjourn and closure at the home of Mrs. Nixon, giving further proof of our success. The fact and reason he had at his command regarding the good we have accomplished and the manifold things we are trying to do, prove him an observant gentleman at all times to assist in extending the work of the Home Mission Society.

MRS. J. L. CUNNINGHAM, Corresponding Secretary, San Antonio, Texas.

To the Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of North Texas Conference.

Asks from your Corresponding Secretary, our Conference Society is allowed these officers delegates to attend the General Missionary Conference, to be held April 21-23, in the city of New Orleans. Mrs. J. H. Lowman, Mrs. G. W. Gove and Mrs. F. E. Howell have been appointed to this pleasant duty. It is hoped that with this representation our added zeal and enlarged vision may be the reflex blessings to our Conference Society.

MRS. L. H. POTTS, Corresponding Secretary, Gainesville, Texas.

To the First Vice-Presidents of Woman's Missionary Society of North Texas Conference.

At the last annual meeting of our Conference Society held in Denton, the Committee on Literature presented this resolution: "That we pledge ourselves to study the Word of God." It was unanimously adopted by the Conference Society, not hastily or carelessly, but after due deliberation. Many testified that the growth and power of our work is from this source.

Miss Bennett, President of Woman's Board of Home Missions, said she gave one hour daily to the study of the Bible, and it was the greatest influence in her Christian life and work. As we stand to advance this resolution, our President, in a few tender words, asked our heavenly Father's blessing and help in keeping the promise. I now ask that every First Vice-President present this resolution to her auxiliary at the earliest convenient time.

It is not necessary that we give the three minutes study at one time. We can divide the time, so as to be best. The manner of study is left with the

auxiliary or individual. Though perhaps, the best and most convenient plan would be to study thoroughly the Sunday school lessons, with all parallel readings. In this way we have the necessary help, and we are more likely to take an interest in the preparation of this lesson with our children.

A renewed interest in the study of God's Word means an increased interest in the salvation of souls, and a quickening of the spiritual powers.

It is necessary, for the year's work, for me to be in correspondence with each First Vice-President. I therefore ask you to write me the action of your auxiliary on this resolution, that I may keep in touch with your work, and that I may learn your address.

MRS. J. T. WEBSTER, First Vice-President Conference Society, Paris, Texas, 425 N. Travis St.

Treasurer's report of Woman's Home Mission Society, East Texas Conference, for the quarter ending December 1, 1900:

Table with financial entries: Connectional dues \$128.24, Baby roll 1.49, Connectional enterprises (Dallas Home) 70.51, etc.

Received from Mrs. W. H. Johnson Twentieth Century for Dallas Home 118.75

Total receipts \$520.92, To General Treasurer 510.92, To Conference Corresponding Secretary 30.26

Total expended \$511.18, Amount brought forward 97.66, Receipts during quarter 520.92

Grand total \$518.58, Disbursements 541.18, Balance on hand in General Treasury to 50 per cent. dues 191.79

Amount in bank and General Treasury \$198.81

LOCAL WORK.

Amount expended on Station personnel \$181.85, Amount expended on Circuit personnel 125.87

Total amount expended for local church work 182.26, Amount expended on mission work 28.90

Amount expended for resene work 2.60, Value of supplies given locally 62.87

Amount raised for relief of needy 125.50, Total \$721.21

ELIZABETH L. HULL, Treasurer Conference Society.

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San Augustine District-First Round: Garrison cir. at Garrison Dec. 25, 30; Center cir. at Ashbury Jan. 5, 6; Tenaha cir. at Joquin Jan. 12, 13; Burke cir. at Center Jan. 19, 20; Tippson sta. at Simpson's Camp Ground Jan. 26, 27

McKinney District-First Round: Farmersville sta. Dec. 15, 16; Mc-Kinney sta. Dec. 22, 23; Bethel cir. Dec. 29, 30; Nevada cir. Jan. 5, 6; Union and Roseland Jan. 12, 13; Princeton Jan. 19, 20; Blue Ridge Jan. 26, 27; Allen Feb. 2, 3; Plano sta. Feb. 9, 10; Elmore Feb. 16, 17; Wylie Feb. 23, 24; Weston March 2, 3

Paris District-First Round: West Paris Dec. 15, 16; Lamar Avenue Dec. 22, 23; Clarksville cir. at Liberty Dec. 29, 30; Parkville sta. Dec. 36, 37; Powderly at Hinkley Dec. 29, 30; Emberson, at Mt. Taber Dec. 29, 30; Depot at Depot Jan. 5, 6; Blossom and Reno, at Blossom Jan. 12, 13; Harvin at Harvin Jan. 19, 20; Hartsfield at Hartsfield Jan. 26, 27; Whittier Jan. 26, 27; Annona, at Coleman Springs Jan. 26, 27; Moxey at Cross Roads Feb. 2, 3; Roxton at Roxton Feb. 9, 10; Detroit at Detroit Feb. 16, 17; Woodland at Woodwell Feb. 23, 24

Waco District-First Round: Morgan Dec. 15, 16; Abbott Dec. 22, 23; West Dec. 29, 30; Troy at Onaville Dec. 29, 30; Moody Dec. 36, 37; Mount Calm at M. G. Jan. 6, 7; Paola at Bethel Jan. 13, 14; Roseville at Wesley Chapel Jan. 19, 20; Lorena at Lorena Jan. 26, 27; Bruceville at Bruceville Jan. 26, 27; Aquilla at Aquilla Feb. 2, 3

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KAVANAUGH STATION.—GREENVILLE.

J. J. Clark, Dec. 11: Wife and I desire to express our grateful appreciation for the generous pounding and cordial welcome given us by our old and new friends of Kavanaugh Church. We have every prospect for a successful year's work. For this we have already begun to pray and we believe it is coming. We also desire to remember gratefully the many substantial expressions of love given us by our dear friends of Lamar Avenue just before

we left them. We will never cease to love them, and for these brethren and sisters, who were so much pleasure and help to us for the past three years, as also for the members of Kavanaugh Church, who have already made us begin to love them, too, we pray that the new year may be full of blessings, both temporal and spiritual.

KEMP.

D. F. Fuller: By their kindness the people of Chisholm made it hard on us to say good-bye. They paid the preacher in full and otherwise remembered him and his. Arriving at Kemp a little after sundown we found the parsonage occupied by the good people and a splendid supper ready for the preacher and family. Have had a most hearty reception. The madam appreciates the fine new cookstove put in the parsonage kitchen, and the orphanage will appreciate the fine collection sent from Becker. Now for the bad luck. I lost my overcoat, or ulster, a large blue-black kersey garment. Lost it between Terrell and Kemp.

LADONIA.

J. C. Weaver, Dec. 6: Our reception at Ladonia was the most generous that this preacher has ever received in all of his ministerial life of thirty years. That dinner, the good things that were on the table when the better part of the family arrived, would make the hungry rejoice. Then, in connection with it, that magnificent pounding, which will be with us for many days to come. Then the purse containing \$116 cash! Think of it! All that cash, and first Quarterly Conference yet to come. Let us return our sincere thanks to the good people of Ladonia for their kindness shown, and can we not truly say that the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places! Our desire is to do them the best year's work of our life.

COOPER.

E. L. Spurlock, Dec. 6: We arrived here this noon, having visited my father on our way out here. The good people of Cooper have received us kindly, and express great hope for a very prosperous year. We had not gotten straight in the parsonage before "the storm" struck us; and the peculiar feature of it to me is, it came about half-past 3 p. m., and continued until night. My! what a pounding! Flour, sugar, coffee, ham, sausage, potatoes—yes, sir, "yams"—canned goods until our larder was groaning with good things; others too numerous to mention. We hope to be able, under God, to acceptably serve this good people during the coming year. May God's blessing rest upon them, is my heart's feeling and prayer.

COMMERCE.

Jno. E. Roach: We are first in Greenville District to have a quarterly meeting. Our new presiding elder, Rev. O. S. Thomas, does not seem like a novice. He holds a Quarterly Conference to the satisfaction of all, and his preaching is of a high order. He made a fine impression here and it is evident that no mistake was made in making him presiding elder. The work is beginning well here. The congregations have been large, the prayer-meeting is spiritual, the Sunday-school is interesting, the Leagues are doing well and the women are at work in the W. F. M. and W. H. M. Societies. My predecessors have wrought well to have the Church thoroughly organized in all departments. We arrived Friday after conference and the good ladies began to furnish carpets, shades and other comforts and conveniences, and finally on Monday we were genuinely "pounded." Every day since we've been here expressions of kindness and love have come to us from some quarters. A liberal provision has been made for our support. We left behind us hosts of good people whom Bro. Thomason will find this year, and we have found other hosts of good people, who will help us and whom we will love.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

BRECKENRIDGE.

E. V. Cox, Dec. 8: An exceedingly large and well selected "pounding" arrived last night. That's all.

CORYELL CITY.

Finch M. Winburne, Dec. 5: After two successful and pleasant years on the Jonesboro Circuit, a move of about eighteen miles lands us here. "Prospectively" we are all well pleased and well "fixed" in parsonage, church and school. My predecessor, Bro. J. R. B. Hall, and his nice little family left many strong friends and admirers here, and their faithful labors here will abide. So far we have "food and raiment," but so far the financial stream is not flush, and it is not strange, because the first "pulled" were the last, you know, to "bring things up." Let's be patient, dear brethren; it's a fulfillment of the Scripture—"the first shall be last and the last shall be first." So we are always safe when we are scrip-

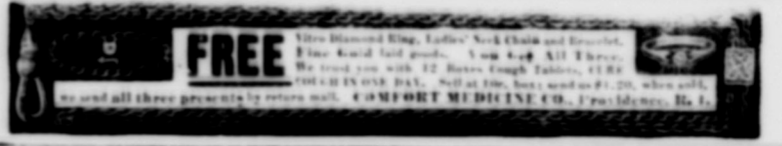
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natural. I went to Mosheim last Sunday and "struck oil" first digging. The people sang, wept, "resolved," and of course "shook hands;" penitents at the altar morning and night, and in fact pleasant trip "every way." I trust my successor, Bro. Hillborn, will find ready access to the good people of Jonesboro Circuit. He is an excellent man and fine preacher, and deserves good treatment. Heaven bless our faithful preachers and their families everywhere, and give us a gracious year in all our borders.

PALO PINTO MISSION.

Geo. W. Lewis, Dec. 10: The third day after the Northwest Texas Conference closed, at Georgetown found us on our road to our new field of labor, and after a day's travel we reached Palo Pinto, which is the county seat of Palo Pinto County. We have preached at all of our appointments except this place. We have a good people and are well pleased with our work. Bro. Morris, our much beloved presiding elder, came over last Saturday and held our first Quarterly Conference, and preached us two very fine gospel sermons. The people were charmed with his preaching.

SEVENTH STREET, TEMPLE.

Jno. A. Wallace, Dec. 8: Our reception was all that an itinerant preacher could wish. The parsonage is nice and well furnished, and the pounding was up-to-date in every particular. My predecessor, Rev. Saml J. Rucker, who went to Granbury, gave me the most complete account of the pastoral charge I ever saw. It was strictly in accordance with the Discipline and evidenced to me that I was following a careful, painstaking pastor. May their tribe increase. The beautiful weather has afforded me an opportunity to visit nearly all of the members since my arrival. We are hopeful of a good year.

ALVARADO.

S. C. Littlepage, Dec. 10: As our custom is when at all practicable, we visited our new charge and preached for our people morning and night the first Sabbath after conference, meeting the League in the evening, and was pleased indeed with the outlook. An intelligent, attentive and orderly congregation is always inspiring. This, in addition to an elegant church and commodious parsonage, is well calculated to encourage, but in addition to the hearty expressions of appreciation there was the emphasis of a generous pounding on the second night after the arrival of the family. Following these highly appreciated favors, too numerous to mention, were a number of ladies who, by their cheery chat and joyous expressions of kindness, threw over our little circle the charm of "home, children and friends," and we felt indeed that we were at "home again." After some beautiful and appropriate recitations and music, the pastor made a little talk, expressing his appreciation of such kindness shown in the Master's name, then we had prayers and thanksgiving, and the charmed circle was broken. We hope to meet again. Surely, if it is more blessed to give than to receive, there was a blessed company left the parsonage that night. I must not omit to mention the efforts of the "blessed vimen," as Father Gavatzka calls them, are making to re-arrange and refurbish the parsonage. I trust such thoughtful consideration will not be lost upon us, and that the admonition of the hymn may be duly appreciated: "And watch thou daily o'er their souls, that they may watch for thee."

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

ROGERS PRAIRIE.

J. C. Beard, Dec. 6: Rev. J. W. Thompson, our pastor, together with

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his family, left last Saturday for Rockdale, he to attend the Texas Conference and his family to visit relatives near by. Bro. Thompson has only been with us one year, and during that time everybody has learned to love him. He has done a good year's work. This circuit has paid just about as much for all purposes this year as it has been doing heretofore, although the last conference took off one of the best churches on the work and placed it on another circuit. So I think we are making some progress, along financial lines at least. Bro. Thompson can not have good health in this part of the State, and the present conference will very likely move him. We regret very much to give him up, although the condition of his health makes a change of climate almost absolutely necessary. The circuit to which he is sent is to be congratulated, for there are no better people than Bro. J. W. Thompson and his most excellent family.

PRAIRIE PLAINS.

Mrs. J. C. Moore, Dec. 5: Our second year's work for Prairie Plains Circuit is closed, and by the time this appears in print we will know where our appointment for another year will be. These people have been kind to us. We are sorry to report a shortage of between \$10 and \$11 on the conference collections. The assessment for pastor was some \$85 short. Two of the appointments—Ray's Chapel and Johnson's Chapel—paid all claims in full. We could not do much for the Twentieth Century Movement. Our members are mostly farmers and have not made much this year on account of the almost continuous rains last spring and summer, then the boll weevil came in time to destroy the late cotton; so our people have made only from one-fourth to half a crop this year. Some of them have done nobly, considering their ability to pay. During our two years' stay among these people they have been as kind to us as we could ask of any people, and even better than perhaps we have deserved. We love them, and whether we are returned to this circuit or moved, we pray that God's richest blessings may abide with them, and that they may constantly be found in discharge of every Christian duty.

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