





COMMUNICATIONS.

NOTES IN BRIEF.

One of the pathetic incidents in the wandering life of John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home," is that in early days in Georgia he was put in the guard-house for sympathizing with the Cherokee Indians, and, so soon as the lieutenant learned he was author of that immortal song, he was turned out, and soon thereafter John Tyler appointed him Minister to Tunis, where he ended his wanderings in death.

The last echo of the "late unpleasantness" is heard in that out in Missouri a little Union Lieutenant refuses to attend a social function because Fitzhugh Lee, Commander of the department, with his wife and daughter, were the specially invited guests, and down South somewhere a Confederate camp of veterans meet and pass resolutions of condemnation because Mr. McKinley is to be invited to attend the coming Confederate reunion at Memphis. Both of the objecting parties should have been soundly thrashed during the war.

The old Methodist parsonage in Seguin has been torn down and a neat two-story house is being built on the spot for our young preacher and his faithful wife. Thus the surroundings of our church will comport somewhat with the fine improvements going on in all parts of the city.

We were all pleased with the thorough and systematic business methods of the new presiding elder of the San Marcos District. While we may have heard a few greater preachers during the past sixty years, yet everybody fell in love with him. In one passage of his sermon, when he was speaking to the young people, I quit listening and commenced thinking of his great old grandfather, Oronith Fisher, the best expounder of Scripture I ever heard. If this young man ever gets to where that grand old man stood, he will have to dig deep and climb high.

I wish I had some money for the San Antonio Resene Home. It will not do for that Home to be lost. But the people of San Antonio have done a great deal for it, and yet it looks as if they must continue doing it if the Home is saved. Seguin has given liberally, and yet will not cease contributing until the last cent of the indebtedness is wiped out. That is the spirit of the pastor and people. And yet we are building at home—but the San Antonio Resene Home must be saved and continue its noble work. H. G. H.

SCRIPTURE AND HYMN READING FROM THE PULPIT.

No. 2.

We next call attention to emphasis, which is a stress of voice on some word or words of a sentence that represents the idea intended to be conveyed.

Every correct sentence in composition is a thought-picture which has certain word or words that are a transcript of the mind of the writer. These words are to be emphasized, while the particles or connecting words are to be uttered in a lower tone of voice.

In every picture on canvas or paper there are lights and shades and side-objects and background so related to the main figure of the picture as to give proper prominence to the object of the artist. Now, if any of these should be so arranged as to attract attention from the main figure or to partially conceal it, the object of the artist would be defeated and the picture would be a failure. The same is true of word-pictures. If connecting words or particles are emphasized the thought is marred and the object of the author thwarted. Emphasis can only be acquired by diligent and patient practice, but when acquired and correctly used it not only expresses the sentiment of the author, but adorns it and makes it attractive and gives it power to touch the heart and awaken the conscience and stir the inmost nature.

In reading, the correct use of emphasis enables the reader to put an earnestness and feeling into the composition that can be attained in no other way.

To emphasize correctly, the reader must have a clear and definite comprehension of the thought or idea the author intended to convey. This involves repeated reading and careful study of the composition.

The reader must not only have a mental knowledge of the composition, but he must enter into the spirit of the author. He must read as divinely directed in reference to singing—"with the spirit and the understanding also." The spirit is the dominant factor in all correct reading. We should never read

the Scripture carelessly. In Wesley's day many Christians read their Bible, kneeling, that they might feel humble while God was speaking to them of eternal things. This idea should be ever present while reading the Bible. It is God speaking, and to feel this in all its force we must enter into the spirit of the authors, who, inspired as they were, must have intensely felt the burden of their message to a condemned world. Especially was this true of the writers of the New Testament, whose souls were all alive to the wonderful salvation provided for lost but penitent sinners. They had felt the joyful thrill of pardon and peace through Christ Jesus. They had ecstatic glimpses of the heavenly inheritance bought with the blood and suffering of the Son of God.

If we would read Scripture forcibly, we must manifest the same spirit.

The next factor in correct and elegant reading we notice is tone. The human voice is the most perfect sound vehicle in the world. All the instruments invented by man combined can not produce an equal number nor as great a variety of sounds as the human voice. Every passion, every impulse of soul, every feeling of anger, hatred, remorse, jealousy, joy, sorrow, love, and every aspiration of soul for immortality, every longing for something better, every thought that wells up from conscious nature, and a thousand unnamed exercises of mind and heart, can find expression in the human voice. And yet, with all the variety the Scripture affords, not one-tenth of these find utterance in Scripture-reading from the pulpit. Tone in reading or declamation does not refer to the strength or loudness or lowness of sound, but to the expression. "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God." This sentence requires the tone of entreaty. "But now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." This requires a tone of voice that expresses command—a very different tone of voice from the first example. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters and drink." In this example we have a call, and as it is a call to those who are suffering with thirst, it should be a loud and clearly-expressed call. "The great day of his wrath has come, and who shall be able to stand?" Here we have the declaration of a fearful fact that deeply concerns our race. The tone of voice should express the tremendous issues. "And he beheld the city and wept over it, and said, Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them sent unto you, how oft would I have gathered thee as a hen gathereth her brood under her wing, and ye would not." Can any one claim this passage of Scripture to be correctly and forcibly read if uttered in a listless and unfeeling tone of voice? If we would read it so as to make it express all that our Savior intended, our hearts must be filled with intense sympathy and sorrow for a great city doomed to destruction. "And ye would not" is the pivotal idea which doubles our sorrow. It might have been averted.

Does any one suppose that Christ uttered that wail of sorrow over the doomed city without intense feeling? I could make enough of these selections to fill a volume, and then the Bible would not be half exhausted. Correct reading, as proper rendering of music, has its dynamics, which refers not to the quality of tone, but to the strength or softness of tone. I remember, when a student at college, to have spent an evening in the parlor of the President, with a number of young friends. The Rev. John Newland Maffitt, the celebrated evangelist, was present, who was professor of elocution in the college. A young lady was at the piano, singing a popular song of the day, titled, "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton." There was in the poem a couplet.

"My Mary's asleep by thy silvery stream; Flow gently, I charge thee, disturb not her dream."

Just as the young lady commenced to utter "Flow gently," she gave her voice its most powerful utterance. Mr. Maffitt sprang to her side and said: "Stop, stop, Miss; don't sing so loud, or you will wake Mary from her slumber." The incident created quite an excitement, and was a forcible lesson in dynamics of elocution, reading and music. The young lady never forgot pianissimo when the sentiment demanded it.

Above all technical rules in elocution and reading, there is one general rule of practical application. It is, the voice should always be modulated to harmonize with the sentiment of the composition. A little attention will enable the reader to apply this rule with a discrimination that will give both elegance and force to his reading. J. F. RIGGS.

THE MISSIONARY CENTURY.

In characterizing the century just closed men will naturally be influenced by their peculiar standpoints of vision. The man of an inventive turn of mind will speak of it as the century of invention, and will point you to the splendid achievements that have done so much to minimize the elements of time, distance and labor in carrying on the business of the world.

The scientist will name it the century of science and will call up the mighty men who have laid bare the secrets of nature and many times multiplied our knowledge of things both great and small.

The business man will think of it as the century of commercial expansion and will direct attention to the great highways along which the products of all lands pass to and fro unhindered and which enable the kings of trade to lay their hands upon the wealth of the world.

It stands to reason that in a great battle each combatant will magnify his part. Here is one who feels that all depends upon the capture of the strong position he is storming. Another is equally certain that victory hinges upon the success of the flank movement in which he is engaged, but after the smoke and dust shall have cleared away and all the facts are known it will possibly appear that the pivot upon which the battle turned was the casting of a shoe by which the horse of an orderly bearing an important message was disabled, or the fatal lodgment of a stray bullet by which a great leader lost his life.

The lesson of history is that men love to cherish the memory of those who wrought unselfishly, but often in obscure conditions for great moral reforms, while the names of those who have been moved by inordinate greed or consuming ambition to amass great fortunes or found empires soon cease to be household terms. We date our years and our epochs, not so much from the rise and fall of kingdoms as from the great spiritual movements which have changed not only the external conditions of men, but men themselves. The world's emperors and conquerors whose glory for a time fired the minds and filled the mouths of the multitudes no longer have a part in forming the motives or opinions of men, while Jesus of Nazareth, Paul the Apostle; Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Bunyan and John Wesley, though dead, yet live and have to-day become the truly great world powers, inspiring thousands where they influenced individuals while they were yet walking with men in the flesh. Moreover, when we look closely into the philosophy of history we observe that periods of national expansion, commercial activity, revivals in art, literature and science ever follow quickly the upheaval of those spiritual forces which alone seem to be able to arouse men from the lethargy, corruption and general deadness which usually follow seasons of prosperity and protracted peace.

Reasoning thus, the conviction becomes more and more a certainty that when the counts are all in and history is ready to name the nineteenth century it will by almost universal consent be called the Missionary Century. The propriety of this title still further appears when we consider that well nigh the entire movement is embraced within the sweep of this last 100 years.

Giving all due credit to the heroic, but for the most part sporadic and independent efforts of the earlier missionaries, it still remains true that what is known as the modern missionary movement had its beginning in the organization of the Baptist Missionary Society at Kettering, England, in the month of October, 1792. Their first missionaries (Cary and Thomas) were sent to India in June of the following year.

The London Missionary Society was organized in 1795, and its first missionaries landed in the Island of Tahiti in 1797. The Scottish Society was organized in 1796, the Netherland Society in 1797, and the Church Missionary Society in 1799. These five organizations were effected before the ushering in of the century, but they were still in the most initial stages of development. Their meager incomes were obtained with much difficulty in the face of bitter prejudice and opposition within the Churches and the open scoffs of those without. Wm. Carey, the originator of the movement, still bore the name of "consecrated cobbler," contemptuously given him by Sydney Smith, and his high enterprise of converting the heathen world was still regarded as the "dreams of a dreamer who dreams that he has been dreaming."

The British and Foreign Bible Society was not founded until 1804, the American Bible Society not until 1816, and the first American Society—the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions—was not organized until 1810, and obtained its charter with no little difficulty, many of the Massachusetts Legislature opposing it on the ground that America had no religion to spare.

What a wonderful contrast! At the century's beginning, five feeble, imperfectly organized societies, barely allowed to exist as doubtful experiments; at its close, 419 strongly organized societies, having an annual income of more than \$20,000,000.

These societies are to-day extending their conquests with a splendid army of 77,388 native workers, officered by 15,469 foreign missionaries, and have on their rolls the names of 1,317,684 full communicants, and, if we add the probationers, catechumens and others occupying initial relations, we find that they are able to rejoice in a total constituency of 4,414,236! With the prophet of old, we are ready to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

Much has been accomplished, but more still remains to be done, and we only pause for a moment to catch the inspiration of the noble deeds of those gone before, and then give ourselves for further service.

The pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night still moves on, and the command comes out from the pillar, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

C. F. REID.

Winchester, Ky.

FAITH.

A little child and her father were once walking at night, when a gentleman overtook them and said to the child: "Are you not afraid you will fall in the dark?" "Oh, no," she answered, "father holds my hand, and he will not let me fall."

If we would only have the same faith in our Heavenly Father, trust to his promises, instead of relying on our own strength, he would lead us through dark places and over stony ground, and he would not let us fall.

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM.

NATH'S ODDITIES.

You never find a fat buzzard or a cheerful critic.

A donkey makes music, just like bitter makes sweet.

Whenever a preacher exports more than he imports he will become windy.

Some preachers depend on the Lord too much and some don't depend on him enough.

Watch the fellow who watches you, And to be right, pray for him, too.

HARD LINES

To Make a Nian Toe the Mark.

To take both tobacco and coffee away from a man seems pretty tough, but the doctor ordered me to quit both as my health was very poor, and I had got where I could do but little work.

About a month after quitting I commenced on tobacco again because I could hardly stand it. I got along without the coffee for the reason that I had taken up Postum Food Coffee, which I found very relishing to the appetite, and wonderfully beneficial.

I have gained twenty-five pounds by its use, and to-day I am a well man. I discovered in this way that it was the old-fashioned coffee that hurt me and not the tobacco. When I first tried Postum I did not relish it, but found that it was not made right, that is, they did not boil it long enough. Next time it came on the table it was fine and I have been using it ever since.

Mr. Fletcher, an old soldier of this place, was troubled with dyspepsia. I told him of my experience and my cure, and told him to quit coffee and use Postum Food Coffee. This was some time ago. I saw him yesterday and he told me he had not felt better in twenty years, and nothing would induce him to go back from Postum to the use of common coffee. He had the same trouble in getting it made right to start with.

John Ashford, of Dillon, was also troubled with dyspepsia. I told him of my cure by the use of Postum Food Coffee, and warned him to be careful in having the Postum cooked long enough when he did try it. To-day he is perfectly well and his appetite never better.

I could give you the names of a number of others who have been benefited by using Postum Food Coffee. I believe you are a true friend of suffering humanity.—Thomas Spring, Deavertown, Ohio.

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Notes From the Field.

WHITESBORO.

W. H. Brown, Jan. 21: I am just home from Aubrey, where I have been with Rev. R. N. Brown in a ten days' meeting. We had several professions and some good old times, but sickness in the town kept most of the folks from attending. I met Rev. A. F. Hendrix on my way home. He is having a tussle with a gripe. I stopped off at Collinsville, and found that Rev. A. W. Gibson is in fine favor with his people. God bless all the brethren.

JACKSONVILLE.

J. M. Mills, Jan. 22: I have just passed my sixtieth mile-board. After years of suffering, I have undergone a painful but skillful operation at the hands of Dr. Lane and Dr. Pullin. Kind hands are doing all they can for me. The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him. I hope to be on my feet soon. In the meantime, the Churches and brethren will have to exercise patience with me.

PONTOTOC CIRCUIT.

J. M. Shuford, Jan. 22: Our first Quarterly Conference for the Pontotoc Circuit was held last Saturday. The presiding elder was present, but not well. He preached two good sermons and held the conference. The stewards made a good report. I have been kindly received, also pious. The Christmas tree will be long remembered by the children. My daughters were loaded with presents. The Lord bless the Pontotoc Circuit.

SALADO.

J. D. Crockett, Jan. 17: Being returned to Belton Circuit for the second year, I have made two rounds, lacking one Sunday. We have had many warm handshakes and "Glad to have you back." Sister Annie, of Wilson Valley, gave us a Christmas turkey, and we were not forgotten at the Christmas tree at Midway. Thanks to all who have remembered us so kindly, not only in material things, but we also appreciate all words of welcome. May the Lord give us a gracious revival this year.

LEXINGTON.

I. B. Gordon, Jan. 22: We were returned to Lexington for another year. Things are moving along nicely. Will preach two Sundays at this place this year. Have good congregations and good interest. These good people seemed glad we were returned, and showed their appreciation by giving us a pious. They brought many useful things, which were appreciated by this preacher and his family. They also gave me a nice suit of clothes and hat before conference. We are striving to make this the best year of our lives. We are now painting the parsonage inside. We pray God's richest blessings upon this people, and are praying for a revival, which is so much needed in this town.

BURKE.

J. D. Burke, Jan. 22: We were returned by Bishop Candler to Homer, or, as it is now, Burke Circuit, and are now entering hopefully upon our second year with this good people. We have been kindly received, and many tokens of appreciation have found their way to the new parsonage. We have had many expressions from the people of their appreciation of our return to serve them another year. Our first Quarterly Conference met at Center last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. A. J. Weeks was on hand in due time, and carefully looked after the interests of the Church. We are in better condition for work this year than we were last, and hope, by the grace of God, to do much more than we did last year on all lines of Church work.

SABINE PASS.

G. W. Langley, Jan. 21: We arrived here soon after conference and received a warm welcome. The good people have opened doors, hearts and pocket-books to us, for which we thank God and team. On Wednesday night after our arrival we went to prayer-meeting. After meeting was over, the congregation followed us into the parsonage, each man, woman and child carrying a bundle of something good to eat. Sacks of flour, sugar, coffee, ham, bacon and canned goods too numerous to mention. We have been remembered very kindly in many ways. Almost every day we have some expression of their kindness, and for Christ's sake we will try to give them a good year's work, and pray that the Lord will give us sheaves from this field so white unto harvest. Our first Quarterly Conference was held here by Bro. J. W. Johnson, who presides over this district. We are glad to have such a man for our presiding elder. His sermons were good and full of love to God and man.

TRAVIS CIRCUIT.

C. H. Adams: When Bishop Candler read us out for the above-named place, we did not know which way to start, but as soon as we gained our equilibrium and found ourselves still in the Calvert District, and Rev. H. M. Sears still our presiding elder, we sought him at once and learned that we would have to cross the river (Brazos) from our former charge. We are here, trying to spread ourselves to cover the territory. This is a very fine country. The roads are like paved streets that is, when it is dry, but they tell me to look out when it rains, for it sticketh closer than a brother. We hated very much to part with our former people, but the conference and Lord knew best, whereof we are highly pleased. We are safely domiciled at the Scott Hotel. We are talking of building a parsonage later on. We had a pious last Thursday night by the good people of Travis. It was like those you read about. After the storm settled we told them that we did not have words to express our feelings, as it was something new to this young preacher. They said they were not up to the business, but both sides acquitted themselves admirably. We then sang "Never Alone" and had a prayer, and then the crowd dispersed, wending their way to their respective homes, they feeling that it was more blessed to give than to receive, this preacher and his wife feeling a greater desire to live for God and his Church, and so live that we may prove ourselves

Dr. J. S. HILL - Medical Director Narcotism Hospital Co. Greenville, Tex.



Indeed, you can find them at almost every turn. I am glad to state that I have a cure that has borne the test in the very worst cases in the United States for over six years. I can positively guarantee to cure any case of Whiskey habit inside of ten days that can be found. I have been improving my treatment from time to time, and now have it so perfected that I can cure with no inconvenience to the patient. The patient can eat three square meals a day and sleep like a baby at night while taking my treatment. See my guarantee elsewhere. All patients for this habit are required to be treated at the Hospital.

THE MORPHINE HABIT.

I am aware that this is a very delicate subject, that there are thousands of the best men and women in the land who have unconsciously formed the habit of using morphine. I am sorry to say that in most cases, physicians are to blame. But no matter how formed—once in the habit the next thing is to cure it. There are thousands of so-called cures; many of them propose "No cure, no pay." Yet my observation has taught me that almost all of them really require the patient to pay in advance after sending him into their power. I do not do this—do not have to, as I know I am positively going to cure him. I not only do not want your pay until you are cured, but I do not even require it to be deposited in my name, but the patient deposits it in his own name until he is satisfied of a cure—and I give him three months to know it, if he wants it. But all morphine patients must come to the Hospital for treatment.

THE TOBACCO HABIT.

My treatment for chewing, smoking and snuff-dipping can be sent by mail or express. This is a "cure cure," which you can use with directions I send, without coming to the Hospital. Price, \$1.00 a box; six boxes (a guaranteed cure) \$5.00.

I want to say to every broken-hearted wife, mother, sister or daughter, that "ANTINARCOTINE" will cure any person on earth of the Whiskey or the Morphine habit. I can give you many hundreds of names of those who have written me letters of gratitude for curing them or their loved ones. I get them by almost every mail. The one below is a sample:

ALBA, TEXAS, January 17, 1901.—Texas Christian Advocate: To Whom It May Concern—I was a victim of the whiskey habit over 30 years. No man was ever in a more ruined condition than I was. I went to Dr. J. S. Hill, of Greenville, Texas, in November, 1899, and was quickly and permanently cured. I never suffered any pain during, nor after, the treatment. I never have had any craving or desire to drink since.

D. C. SCARBOROUGH, M. D.

I will be glad to furnish you other names on application.

IT HAS NEVER FAILED

To cure a single one of the two or three thousand cases where it has been tested.

My References: Greenville National Bank or any banker, doctor, merchant, lawyer, preacher, man or woman in Greenville.

All correspondence strictly confidential.

THIS KNOCKS THE FAKERS OUT.

TAKE ANY CASE OF Morphine, Opium, Cocaine, or Whiskey Habit, cure them, bear all expenses, and do not require one cent till they have been cured from one to three months. There is no other firm under the sun but ours that can do this. They all want the money before the patient has time to know he, or she, has been cured. We do not need the money till the patient is satisfied.

I am the first man who ever discovered a quick, positive, permanent cure for Whiskey or Drug habits. Since I have discovered and used my treatment others have professed to have it, and even advertise it. They are spurious. My treatment is endorsed by leading physicians, and by pastors of all denominations who know of the cures I have made. IT NEVER FAILS.

My Hospital is in Greenville, in beautifully situated grounds, the building is new, modern, up-to-date. Patients find a comfortable home, with park and beautiful lake for recreation until cured. Those who desire may come and go unknown to any one else.

THE WHISKEY HABIT.

There are many treatments for the whiskey habit.

You get cured first—You pay afterward.

J. S. HILL, M. D., Greenville, Tex.

workmen that needeth not to be ashamed. May the Lord bless every one that contributed toward bringing joy to this preacher's home.

KILLEEN AND NOLANVILLE.

C. Bruce Meador, Jan. 22: Our first Quarterly Conference convened on January 21. Every one was hopeful and in fine spirits. Preacher's salary was raised \$100 above last year, and this quarter was paid in full. Bro. Putman was in fine trim, and did some of the best preaching I ever heard—but he always does. There are none better in the pulpit and chair than he. He carefully looks after every interest of the charge and preacher. He is requesting his preachers to report at next quarterly conference the number of Methodist homes in the charge, and how many have been visited. This will help us preachers to do some visiting during the quarter. I consider it a lucky hit for we preachers break down more at this point than any other. Our presiding elder reported that every charge in the district says one had made advances in the preacher's salary, and every preacher was delighted with his charge and every charge with their preacher. This ought to mean a fine report at next Annual Conference. May our collections be full and running over, and a revival sweep every charge. Since our move to this charge we have sold the old parsonage, located nearly a mile from the church, and built a new and modern one on the church lot. We begin a revival meeting next Sunday. The pastor, with his efficient local preachers and other workers, will wage the warfare. We are hopeful of a good year.

FULSHEAR.

M. L. Lindsey, Jan. 21: Our presiding elder, Bro. J. R. Cochran, has just been with us and held our first Quarterly Conference. He preached three good sermons, which were and will be attended with good results. Having his own private conveyance, he was enabled not only to visit in the community of Fulshear, where the quarterly meeting was held, but he saw what was being done at Brookshire and Patterson, our other points. This gives the presiding elder a decided advantage over going entirely on the train, especially on circuits. The people see more of him, and of course, when they have such a "beloved" as we have, the more they see of him the better they like him and the more good he can accomplish. We have on this charge a noble Board of Stewards—in fact, a noble people—who, notwithstanding our great loss by previous crop failures and the great storm, which swept away all of our church buildings and other property, did not lower the salary of the preacher or the presiding elder. We have our churches at Fulshear and Brookshire completed, and they look as well as they did before they blew down. We will, in the near future, have our church at Patterson rebuilt. So much for the connec-

tionism of Methodism. My people have received us back cordially, and have promised their co-operation and support, and they have already begun to verify this promise by a well-located, substantial and liberal "pounding," which came in very opportune time.

PRINCETON.

G. W. Day, Jan. 22: We arrived at Princeton Friday after the last session of the Annual Conference. We found a comfortable parsonage, but unimproved; so we at once set to work to raise money to buy furniture and a cookstove. The people have responded liberally, and have given us more money than we asked for. We have been received kindly all over the work. The good people of Princeton gave us a nice pious soon after our arrival, for which we are very grateful. Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of importance, but not soon to be forgotten. Our presiding elder, Bro. Rosser, and wife were on hand. Bro. Rosser was a little weak in the flesh, but not weak in the spirit or preaching ability. He preached two sermons that will compare favorably with anything this scribble has ever had the privilege of listening to. The congregation got up to shouting point. A part of our work was not represented at the conference, but those who were present had a fine report, some giving about half of their assessments for the year to the first quarter. Elythe's Chapel being in the lead. Paid for all purposes about \$250. We also paid our pro rata on the district parsonage furniture. The assessments against this work are nearly twice as much as they were last year, but we expect to bring them up in full. We intend, by the help of God, to do the best work of our lives.

NEW BOSTON.

G. R. Hughes, Jan. 21: Amidst great trouble we received our appointment, not because of the appointment, but just two days before Minnie's death. We were out at conference—the first roll-call we ever missed, receiving twenty appointments. Well, we are here in the prettiest town on this railroad, among the best people on earth. During our affliction they were so kind we don't know where to begin to thank them. The dark days of Christmas were made as light as possible by their kind tokens to us. One grand and good man gave the turkey; one of God's elect ladies had it cooked, and many other nice things that kept us out of the kitchen for a week. We are beginning our third year's work, and all have given us such a happy welcome. We have bought one of the prettiest homes in New Boston, on the joining lot to the church. We are now so nicely fixed. On Friday, the 18th, the same Uncle Henry, the drayman, says: "Ha, ha, Miss; come out and praise the good Lord and dem da good folks down town." And sure enough, there was a good load of such as flour, coffee, sugar, rice—everything—too many to

name them all. But that was the beginning. At night our young Timothy, with a band of of our well-schooled young people, began to warm the hinges. I and young Timothy—Earl Fuller. Tim is the noblest faith in him that dwelt in his grandmother and dwells in his mother. His grandfather and father are not as Timothy's father, for they are Methodists in whom there is no guile. Earl says, "Here we come." They brought many more, and still they come. Well, oh, my! at the good things they did leave, and they left for what? For money? Our young people are hard to tempt, especially if led by such a boy as Earl. Our first Quarterly Conference, over, by Adams on hand, looking after the interests of the Church. The stewards made a liberal assessment. We have a good Home Mission Society. Sorry the report of their work was not in the minutes.

COPERAS COVE.

W. P. Edwards, Jan. 21: This is my first year on this work. At the conference at Georgetown the Bishop read me out for the Coperas Cove Circuit, and without delay I proceeded to move my little all this way. So I am here, hard at work. My first quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Our beloved, Bro. Putman, came in due time, and preached us a most excellent sermon from the text, "Go Forward," and I trust his message will burn upon our hearts until it creates in us a greater zeal for God and his cause than we have ever had before. The Board of Stewards made a very fair assessment for the preacher and his family, and have given many demonstrations of their love for us since we came. We have had no regular pious, but tokens of kindness have reached our home. As for the preacher, I have entered upon my work with more faith and hope than ever before. I am taking my medicine now, and I hope to get everything that is asked of us this year. Surely these good people of Coperas Cove will not fall behind in giving to the Lord.

KINISTON CHARGE.

H. M. Parke: Our first quarterly Conference is near in the past. Paid \$100 for presiding elder and preacher, and \$22.50 this quarter paid on church re-arranging. Rev. Stephenson, from Colorado.

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Secular News Items.

Gov. Allen has signed the bill providing for trial by jury in Porto Rico, and the Legislature has voted \$10,000 for a display of native products at the Buffalo Exhibition.

Prince Chun, a brother of the Emperor of China, has been appointed special envoy to make the apologies of his country to Germany for the murder of the German Ambassador, Baron von Ketteler.

The people of Oregon will have an opportunity to vote on amendments to the State Constitution providing for the initiative and the referendum, as soon as the Legislature fixes the date.

The naval bill, now up in Congress, carries the enormous sum of \$7,065,575, which is \$1,963,718 more than last year, and the largest ever reported to the House. It costs something to be one of "the great powers."

The question of the ownership of the San Jose Medical College in Luzon has been referred to the local courts, but with the express stipulation that an appeal may be made to the United States Supreme Court.

The 45-anniversary of the kingdom of Prussia was celebrated last week with much military pomp and impressive ceremonies. The kingdom was a long time reaching the leadership of the German peoples, but Bismarck finally succeeded.

Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the greater part of Cape Colony; Kitchener's transportation routes are threatened, and the Boer families, with their stock, are being systematically brought into convenient centers, very much after the manner of Weyler's plan in Cuba.

The "Snake Indians" in the Territories are in an ugly mood, and are threatening an uprising. The local authorities have the matter in hand, and the National Government has troops near by. A Deputy Marshal and a few others went out to a hostile camp last Sunday, stormed it and captured a number of the leaders, among them "Crazy Snake," the chief disturber. This is having a quieting effect.

During the year just ended the total amount of public bequests in this country was \$62,963,641, against \$75,719,865 in 1899. The aggregate bequests for these two years is a splendid one, and probably can not be duplicated in any other country in the world. The amount given to educational institutions in 1899 was \$13,522,641, to charities \$12,621,722, to churches \$8,899,665, to museums and art galleries \$2,145,253, and to libraries \$2,581,660.

The population of the city of New York, as estimated by the registrar for 1899, is 2,451,675. A few months ago the United States census made it 2,472,292. As compared with the previous year, an increase of deaths was shown. In 1899 the deaths were 65,341; for 1898, 70,716. Of these deaths, in 1899, 22,871 were under 5 years of age. In 1898 there was a very slight increase. The increase in births was about the same as that in deaths, and in 1899 there were about 2989 more marriages than there were in 1898.

They now say that a Swedish officer has invented an "air torpedo" which he propels through the overhead region by a queer gun, also invented by him. Those wicked men, presently will be making their embarrassing torpedoes so small and invisible that we shall not see them at all, but shall confidently swallow them and never suspect it until we are blown into little bits. Even then the explosive may get ahead of the suspicion, and we shall never know anything about our own personal experience with these terrible new torpedoes.

A practical demonstration of the value of temperance among soldiers is furnished by the crime returns of the British Army in India, which show that at the close of 1899 there were 20,823 total abstainers, as against 8,855 non-abstainers. Out of 1721 convictions by court-martial in 1897 are credited to the total abstainers and 1627 to others; of 2912 summary punishments for insubordination, 551 are set down to abstainers and 3258 to non-abstainers. And yet there are Christian people who do not hesitate to say that they regard the prohibition of the sale of intoxicants in the United States Army canteen as a grave mistake.

It is believed that the body of Queen Victoria will be removed from Osborne at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and will be conveyed on board the Alberta, escorted by eight torpedo boats and followed by all the royal yachts and probably the Hohenzollern. The body will remain on the Alberta for the night, and will be taken to London Saturday morning. It is understood that the Queen left the most detailed instructions regarding the disposal of her body and the attendant ceremonies. She is said to have expressed a wish that Chopin's and Mendelssohn's funeral marches should be performed in preference to the "Dead March in Saul."

The celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the assumption of the title of King by Frederick of Brandenburg was ceremoniously conducted by the Emperor of Germany Friday of last week. The event was an important one, not only to the Hohenzollern family and its Prussian subjects, but to the German nation and the world. The change of title was accompanied by a degree of independence that enabled the Hohenzollerns to establish a new kind of kingdom that has grown and spread. Business-like methods and intelligence were introduced into the mechanism of the State. Frederick William lived long enough to reconstruct the Government and to expel the Swedish enemy. The arrangement of Poland was suppressed. The logical result of the Emperor's work was the bestowal of the title by the Holy Roman Emperor to Frederick's son. The century was characterized by a succession of good rulers. King Frederick William I, the veteran drill-sergeant of the Prussian Army, was

distinguished for his excellence in statesmanship, and his successor, Frederick the Great, was one of the greatest soldiers in the world. His life-long fight against Silesia is one of the never-to-be-forgotten periods of Prussian history. It was his influence that so encouraged and inspired the Prussian Army during the epoch of disorganization and Napoleonic arrogance. The rulers of the nineteenth century have been intelligent and conscientious.

The Earl of Hopetoun, who has just been inaugurated as the first Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth, has in his possession, so a London paper says, an old brass-bound, leather-covered ledger which is prized very highly as an heirloom. It is the book with which John Hope, the founder of the family, began business in High Street, Edinburgh, more than two hundred years ago; and that which makes the book so highly prized is the first entry, which is the following prayer: "O Lord, keep me and this book honest." This is a capital motto for business men; and as the application of the prayer lies in its enforcement, there is no reason why the petition should not always be answered.

Central and South America is the land of almost perpetual revolution. Latin Republics sometimes have differences that lead to war, but their greatest dangers are internal. One revolution leads to another. If one factory gains ascendancy, the other nurses its wrath and awaits its opportunity. Senor Andrade, who was President of Venezuela, was driven from power by the adherents of Senor Crespo. While Andrade was at the head of the Government he was liberal in granting concessions to foreigners engaged in enterprises that related to develop the resources of the country, and incidentally to benefit themselves financially. President Crespo's policy is in the opposite direction. Concessions of asphalt beds which overlap had been given to rival American companies, and the Crespo Government has tried to solve the difficulties by seizing the fields in dispute. The attitude of the American Government is that the Supreme Court should decide the question.

The Senate Finance Committee is so altering the war revenue reduction bill that the House will not know it. The bill has been so changed as to make a reduction of \$20,000,000 a year in war taxes \$10,000,000 more than the original bill. Among the changes proposed are the reduction of the tax on tobacco from 12 to 5 cents per pound, "for the relief of the tobacco trust," it is stated, and the wiping out of the stamps tax on express receipts and telegrams "for the relief of the express and telegraph trusts," we suppose. On the other hand, the Senate Committee restores the stamp tax on bank checks, which yielded a revenue of more than \$7,000,000 last year. It will be hard to justify the retention of this annoying tax upon all the business interests of the country, while removing a tax of some ten million dollars a year from beer, and nearly as much more from tobacco. The relief ought to be upon the necessities, rather than upon the superfluities.

With the enthusiastic reception accorded him at Cowes and the Queen's action in bestowing upon him an earldom, Lord Roberts' active public career may be considered closed. From the point of view of the soldier it has been an extraordinary career, and no one will begrudge the veteran his honors, even though England's work in South Africa has not been completed. Before attaining his majority he was in active service, and the record of his achievements includes arduous fighting both in the Indian Mutiny and in the Afghan War, when he made his unprecedented march from Kabul to Kandahar. On the whole, his operations in South Africa, where he took hold just at a time when the foremost British Generals had been making disastrous blunders, have been of a kind to sustain his reputation. It will hardly be doubted that with such forces as he had, under the conditions which he had to meet, the man who battled up Cronje did the utmost possible for the British cause.

Queen Victoria's private wealth yielded an income of about \$200,000 yearly. This is exclusive of £25,000 annually from Parliament. Her private income, as gathered from easily available sources, was from the duchy of Lancaster, upwards of £50,000, from 3,372 acres in the Queen's other estates, £25,000, from London realty supposedly £10,000, in consols and other securities £13,000,000 and £1,000,000. She inherited nearly all the Prince Consort's estate of £20,000,000, and £500,000 in 1852 from John Camden Nefel, the son of a rich jeweler. The Queen was a clear-headed business woman, and of course had the best financial advice. In 1881, by the advice of Lord Cross, Lord Sidney and Sir Arnold White, she bought property for £75,000, the market value of which is now reckoned to be £175,000. She had estates in several German principalities and inherited a beautiful villa at Baden from Princess Hohenzollern. The Queen's jewels are worth an enormous sum. These and her private jewels, gold plate, pictures, etc., are estimated to value more than £1,000,000.

The H. & T. C. Railroad, added by friends, has erected, equipped and opened a handsome Young Men's Christian Association building at Ennis for the special benefit of the employees of that road. It was formally opened last week, and Mr. S. F. B. Morse, one of the officials of that system, made a fine address. We quote a sentence or two of it to show its admirable spirit: "It was Jesus Christ who first taught the equality of men and the broad principles of humanity 1900 years ago, and the seed of his teachings germinated in Judea and spread broadcast until the entire world felt the wonderful influence of that Man of Divine Love, and above one-third of its peoples have accepted the doctrine built upon the cross of Calvary. That one-third is to-day the dominant spirit on earth. This equality, or the principles of a universal equality, did not fall upon fruitful soil even among the followers of religion, for the history of the world is but a record of human antagonism, engendered by hate, selfishness and envy; by a strident greed, which sought to overcome by strength and indi-

vidual might the rights and liberties of others. To-day, however, the name of Jesus Christ has metamorphosed the nations of the earth; it has destroyed the evils and ills of an uncounted period, and by teaching brotherly love and the spirit of divine forgiveness, has so wrought upon the hearts of mankind that might is no longer synonymous with right and a partial equality of men is recognized as being a part of both society and religion. The fundamental basis of religion is humanity, and in the teachings of Christ nothing is more exemplified than brotherly love and the spirit of kindness."

A summary of the mineral and metal production of the United States for last year, together with a complete statement of the world's gold production for the same year, shows the total value of the metals produced in the United States to be \$209,899,992, as compared with \$906,067,329 for the preceding year. The value of the output of non-metallic substances was \$755,880,991, as compared with \$615,754,235 for the year before. The value of various metals mined was as follows: Gold, \$78,458,735; silver, \$57,085,218; copper, \$22,008,629; zinc, \$19,796,230; and pig iron, \$28,078,717. Of coal the United States produced 274,557,779 tons, the greatest quantity ever produced in one year by this or any other country. The world's total production of gold for last year amounted to \$256,022,428, while that of the year before was \$312,635,534, the reason for the decrease being the suspension of gold production in the Transvaal. The United States mined more gold than any other country, leading with \$78,458,735. Australia came next with \$57,282,215. Canada, through the output of the Klondike, came third with \$28,000,000; and Russia fourth, with \$23,000,000. The 219 companies allied with the mineral industries of the United States paid out in dividends last year \$139,501,000.

The French Chamber of Deputies is engaged in the discussion of the bill introduced by the Government to deal with the religious associations that of late have been busy with political agitation. The preliminary skirmish resulted in favor of the Government, and its success would indicate that the ministerial policy has strong support in the Chamber. A Deputy, M. Sembat, interpellated the Government on the Pope's letter to Cardinal Richard censuring the Government's course in dealing with the religious associations. He denounced papal interference in the internal affairs of France in strong terms. He had the opposition of the Rightists and Nationalists, but he had the support of the Liberals, the pronounced Republicans and Socialists. M. Ribot, a former Premier, defended the Pope, and argued that according to the concordat he had the right to intervene when moral and religious questions were involved. In this instance the rights of the Church were threatened. M. Waldeck-Rousseau replied that the right of the Pope to intervene in religious questions was not disputed, but maintained that the Republic had to be defended against the efforts of the associations to threaten its stability. The vote showed that a large majority of the deputies were ready to support the Government's contention.

THE BEST AGE FOR MEN TO MARRY.

Edward Bok, writing in the May Ladies' Home Journal, on "A Boy for a Husband," contends that "no young man under twenty-five years of age is in any sense competent to take unto himself a wife. Before that age he is simply a boy who has absolutely nothing which he can offer to a girl as a safe foundation for life-happiness. He is unformed in character, unsettled in his ideas, absolutely ignorant of the first essentials of what consideration or love for a woman means. He doesn't know himself, let alone knowing a woman. He is full of fancies, and it is his boyish nature to flit from one fancy to another. He is incapable of the affection upon which love is based, because he has not lived long enough to know what the feeling or even the word means. He is full of theories, each one of which, when he comes to put it into practice, will fail. He is a boy, pure and simple, passing through that trying period through which every boy must pass before he becomes a man. But that period is not the marrying time. For as his opinions of life are to change, so are his fancies of the girl he esteems as the only girl in the world to make him happy. The man of thirty rarely weds the girl whom he fancied when he was twenty."

TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

"How's this?" said the farmer, who was reading a letter from his son at college. "Come here, Betsy. Harold Howard Augustus writes home that he wants money to pay his fencing bill. What on airth does the boy mean?" "I s'pose it's the college pastor or somethin'." Matthew. There's so many pernickety things the poor boys at college have to do." "Ho! he! It's lessons in fencing he wants to pay for. Wa'd now, that do beat all. I've been fencing for forty year and I never had to go to college to learn how." "But times air changed, Matthew. Fences ain't made as they was when we climed 'em in Root Hollow." "I expect that's so," said the old man, thoughtfully. He don't say whether it's a rail fence or a wire one, but I reckon he'll learn both ways. But I never thought a boy of mine would have to go to college to learn fencing. Times are changed."

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preached us a good sermon Saturday at 11, then Bro. O. S. Thomas, our presiding elder, preached us three able sermons. He can preach. Our small League gave us a nice little pounding since we came here. A fine coat and calf belong to the parsonage, a calf twelve days old. We now have three Sunday-schools on the circuit. We have filled all the appointments on the charge the past quarter. Hope to have good revivals at all the appointments on the work this year. We pray the Lord to help us this year to do a great work for the charge.

LULING.

F. H. C. Elliott: Our people have been unremitting in their kindness to us since our return to this charge this year. Many tokens of their love and esteem have come to the parsonage. The congregations have been better and the spiritual outlook more encouraging. There has been much sickness all over the charge, which has somewhat hindered us financially. The Orphanage assessment has been secured in cash and good subscriptions, and the Rescue Home will soon be paid. The Advocate is very highly appreciated.

ANSON.

J. H. Trimble, Jan. 26: Our first Quarterly Conference passed. Paid \$32 for support of the ministry. Stewards made a liberal assessment. The poundings were all right, and the presiding elder tried to have the poundings paid, and we told him to help himself. While he said he pro rated. Say, all you people start out and give every presiding elder a pounding in the Northwest Texas Conference. Don't look upon these men as a fifth wheel. You are able to pound them. Don't just talk about it, but go at it. Do you hear? I think our presiding elder, Bro. E. A. Smith, will please the people. He made a good start at Anson. This charge has paid the full assessment for domestic missions and Orphanage. We are ready to build a church, but can't get lumber. We begin our protracted meeting at Anson the second Sunday in February.

BOSQUEVILLE.

W. A. Gilliland, Jan. 25: The first Quarterly Conference of Bosqueville Circuit was held last Saturday and Sunday at Wesley's Chapel. It was a very profitable occasion. Our presiding elder, Bro. E. R. Bolton, was present in the spirit of Christ. His preaching was of a very high order, and he looked well into all the interests of the Church. The conference was excellent. The financial report was fine. Nearly \$200 was reported for the support of the ministry, while the pastor reported a large part of the general collections secured in cash and subscriptions. Then on Sunday Bro. Bolton took a collection for these same causes which amounted to over \$50. Since Quarterly Conference Bro. Fritz Tenney, one of our stewards at Mount Zion Church, brought this preacher a load of corn—not as quarterage, but as a gift—from some of the members of Mount Zion Church. So we have been pounded with corn. Bosqueville Circuit is all right, and we expect good times religiously further on.

ENNIS.

T. J. Duncan, Jan. 26: When we had no thought of such a thing, the saints—big, little, old and young—came pouring into the quiet old parsonage, and the way they "poured" was a "born sight." The poundings were of the old-fashioned sort, and a little more so. The "things to eat" were of the most approved sort. How we did folks did enjoy it. The affair came off last Thursday night, and a week from the time they pounded me I will, D. V., be pounding them in a gospel way. I have had nothing but kindness since I have been here. The work is improving in many ways. I commend an early start to all who seek a good year's work. In the two short months thirty-five have been added to the Church. The Sunday-school grows, and the young people are rallying to the League and other services of the Church. The one thing needed now, more than anything else, is a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of many souls.

CRCKETT.

Ellis Smith, Jan. 27: Crockett is all right. She received the preacher and family with good grace and plenty of grits. Ladies in the parlor, the supper on the table, and a great abundance of everything in the pantry when we arrived. We charge everything up to the ladies, because it was doubtless due to their noble efforts that it was done. We have been into the homes of the folks all except five, and they come to see us and even bring the turkeys and chickens with them. We are glad to see the

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folks come, and even their chickens are welcome. The people are hopeful, and we all expect a happy and prosperous year. We have the best parsonage in the East Texas Conference and the poorest church building. But the men are going to build a new brick church, and the ladies are going to furnish it. We have a fine Board of Stewards. They paid for the support of ministry \$50 in about a month after conference. Our congregations are increasing at every service. We have received five into the Church. We raised to-day amount more than sufficient to pay our home and foreign mission assessments. The "siding elder" came, saw and went on his way rejoicing. "Ferd" is all right.

EDNA.

J. W. Long, Jan. 27: In due time, after the adjournment of conference, we arrived here and have been hard at work ever since. We are trying to make this the best year's work of our life. Many good things have come to the parsonage. We have been pounded, and still the estates continue to come. A more noble and better people we never served than our last charge. Here we find equally as good people. The stewards have met and made provision for their preacher. For three years this charge has suffered greatly on account of rain and boll-woevil. There has been a great many to leave. Here is where Dr. Evans did his last work as an itinerant preacher. He gave them two years' work, with a trained mind and ripe experience. So it is not so hard to enter into the labors of such a man of God. The Doctor has not stopped work for he will work until the wheels of time with him shall stand still for him to ascend on high.

COUNTY LINE MISSION.

C. R. Gray: Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Fossil Saturday, January 26. Owing to sickness in his home, Bro. Pladger, our presiding elder, could not be present. Of course we were disappointed, but Bro. J. E. Bouch of Commerce, preached an excellent sermon at 11 o'clock, and presided at the conference like an old hand at the business. His sermon was thoughtful, spiritual and timely. "Just what we needed," I heard several say. What a week's coverage. We thank God and make coverage. Bro. Moreland, of Commerce Mission, with the stewards reported \$86 for support of the ministry—over one-fourth of the entire assessment. These people never do things by halves. Sunday was the day appointed to dedicate our new church. Eleven o'clock came, but brought neither the elder nor a substitute. After preaching about thirty minutes to a disappointed congregation, the pastor told them that if they would raise \$20, the amount of indebtedness, he would dedicate the church. They responded with \$60, and we proceeded with the dedication services. All County Line Mission felt relieved when this, the last debt on any of the churches, was raised. We now have five new churches, and not one cent of indebtedness. We have raised on this mission during the last two years about \$2000. I thank God and make coverage. Mind my prediction: In a few years this will be one of the best circuits in the North Texas Conference.

SULPHUR BLUFF.

E. H. Webster, Jan. 26: I was returned to this work for the second year, so you see it would be very unkind for me to say much about the failures of the preacher last year. We are very much encouraged with the outlook and stimulated by the kindness shown us by the people. Since our return they have furnished elegant furniture for the parsonage, also matting for one room; and if you had been here about Christmas I am sure you would have thought everybody had killed hogs and raised turkeys, or at least we thought so. Say, Mr. E., do you love turkey and sausage? We did before Christmas, but a change is out here now. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 19th and 20th. Both presiding elder and dinner on the ground, and a good crowd, the best we have had at Quarterly Conference for years. Our beloved preacher just as he only can preach with power. All our hearts were strangely warmed. The Board of Stewards advanced salary for preacher in charge \$50 over last year. Reported \$177.50 for the first quarter. Took collection for Orphanage just after communion service, and got just 25 per cent over our assessment, then had five accessions to the Church. I had started out for the best year of my life. It is with sadness that we realize that this is Bro. Pladger's last year in this part, for we all have become very much attached to him. Success to our dear old Texas Advocate. It grows better every week—ought to be in every home.

LINDEN CIRCUIT.

G. W. Riley, Jan. 26: This is our first year on this circuit. We reached the parsonage in Douglasville the 5th day after conference—family, household effects and all—and we were heartily received by the good people of the place, as also by Bro. Tower and wife, who were out of the parsonage, but not yet gone to Atlanta. A splendid oyster supper was set for us at the home of Bro. J. H. Sulpher, our next-door neighbor and Recording Steward. Many items for table use have come in at different times all along, prominent among them a fine turkey for Christmas. An early start made it possible to reach all six of the appointments in the month of December, so that we have nearly completed the second round. Our first quarterly Conference was on the 19th inst., and pastoral visits had been made in all homes of the people of this charge, and they scattered over a large part of Cass County. Nine stewards had kindly given a day or more each to the work of introducing the new pastor to his people in their homes, and especially to the roads that lead to these forest settlements. Thus some homes had been found where no preacher had ever been, and quite a number who said, "No preacher has been here since Lively left us," and the records show that he left in November, 1887. We have yet a large number of homes to reach before we shall have been to all, but we take them as they come, and by the help of God, we shall visit every one. The stewards placed our salary assessment at \$620, and have paid a little over one-quarter of that in cash. Our presiding elder, John Adams, D. D., was on

hand in preaching trim and looking carefully after his work for the Churches. A bronchial cold has hounded us in for nearly a week now. It seems to be quite an epidemic here.

BROCKHAVEN.

O. C. Swainey, Jan. 25: We are here among a good people. Our first quarterly Conference was held on the 19th inst. Sabars almost one-fourth paid. The good people of Sugar Land came to our rescue by giving us a nice pounding. We are hoping and praying for a good year.

REINHART.

J. D. Whitehead, Jan. 21: We have not entirely gone to sleep on the Reinhardt Circuit. Since our last, my people have nearly completed a nice little barn, with buggy-shed, and Bro. and Sister Ray visited us from Pleasant Mount and left things good for the harder. Many thanks to the donors. We are expecting a first-class Quarterly Conference on the 19th of February.

More's the pity.—A good story is told of Lord Morris, the distinguished judge, who has never lost the rich brogue he picked up in the West of Ireland. He was once engaged in hearing a horse-poisoning case, and there was a question as to the number of grains of a drug which could be safely administered to the animal. "Tell me this," said his Lordship to a doctor, "wouldn't the 12 grains kill the devil himself if he swallowed them?" The doctor was amazed and pompously replied, "I don't know, my Lord; I never had him for a patient." From the Bench came the answer—"Ah, no, doctor, ye never had—more's the pity!" The old brogue's still alive.

Some Things That Fire and Water Cannot Destroy.

Fire can burn a building and water can flood its contents, but Pluck and Energy can neither be burned or drowned out. The London Observatory is running as usual at 5 o'clock the next morning after the fire. Not a lesson was lost. Mr. London had planned out into his residence, and lessons were given during the few days that carpenters, joiners, painters and others were rebuilding and putting the Observatory in order. Every teacher in the Conservatory is not only a skilled musician, but also a thoroughly trained teacher, but is also a born instructor, having the gift of imparting knowledge to an extraordinary degree. This is evident from the fact that another studio has had to be added to meet the fast-growing demands upon the Conservatory.

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Blessed are they who are thrown to the lions, for Daniel is there and so is his God.—Ran's Horn.



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### The Home Circle

"GOOD—LIKE YOU."

When I reproved my little girl,  
Her clear gray eyes were grieved and  
wet;  
She owned her fault, for pardon pled,  
And spoke some words I can't for-  
get:  
"If you were little, just like me,  
Would you ever be naughty, too?  
If I were only all grown up,  
I could be always good—like you!"

She meant it! Her sweet innocence,  
Which sent so sharp and sure a dart,  
Knows nothing of the wicked words  
That sometimes sway her mother's  
heart.  
Wrath, envy, folly, discontent,  
The selfish impulse—not with-od—  
These things accuse me, yet my child  
Believes that I am always good.

On Sabbath days the man of God  
Reproves me often, unaware;  
Ashamed, I hear his earnest voice  
My own unworthy deeds declare,  
And nobler lives rebuke my own;  
But none had ever shaft so true  
As she whose loving faith declared,  
"I could be always good—like you."

#### AN ANGEL OF MERCY.

BY E. V. DEANWELL, N. D.

116 N. Alabama Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

It was a cold, drizzly Christmas day  
in the city of Indianapolis, just such  
a day as town folks like to see on  
holidays; it adds to the seclusion and  
quietude of home enjoyments.

On the down town streets but few  
could be seen and the street cars con-  
tained, with few exceptions, the  
motorman and conductor.

In spite of the inclement weather  
Beatrice Sheridan drove from place to  
place in the poverty-stricken district  
of the city, distributing presents to  
the poor. She gave clothes to the  
ragged, food to the hungry, candies  
and toys to those not able to buy, and  
to each she gave a small Testament.  
She had spent the entire forenoon in  
this way, not once thinking of her-  
self or the hilarious friends who had  
gathered at her magnificent home for  
Christmas dinner.

As the horses turned the corner of  
Senate Street onto Washington, Beat-  
rice saw through the window of her  
carriage a man stagger out of the  
rear door of a saloon and fall in the  
alley. She called to the driver to  
stop, and springing from her carriage  
ran down the alley to where the un-  
conscious debauchee lay. His face  
was upturned and the misty rain fell  
upon it as gently as on a flower.

"Ah! the poor unfortunate man,  
perhaps he has no home or no one to  
care for him. Oh! my God! it is Mar-  
ion Butler, once the most auspicious  
young man of this city," she said as  
she gazed at his face, which was cov-  
ered with short, neglected beard. She  
covered his face with her handker-  
chief and returned to the carriage.

"Where have you been, Beatrice?  
Why did you stay so long? Did you  
know we have been waiting for you  
an hour?" were some of the queries  
that rang in her ears as the carriage  
stopped in front of the elegant Sheri-  
dan mansion.

"I have been over on the South Side  
to visit a sick friend," Beatrice said  
as she stepped from the carriage, pull-  
ing down her veil to hide the tears  
that were scalding her cheeks.

"I shall not go to dinner now, moth-  
er, but will go to my room. I do not  
feel well and wish to be alone." With  
these words the noble-hearted girl  
rapidly ascended the stairs. Locking  
the door behind her she fell across  
the bed and one would think the great  
burden of her heart would have float-  
ed away on her tears, but her sobs  
faded into a fervent prayer for the  
unfortunate ones of the earth.

The next morning, when Marion  
Butler woke, he realized that he had  
spent the night at his "emergency  
home," as he called it—the police  
station.

"You can go now, Marion," said the  
policeman—"but wait a minute, I have  
your handkerchief."

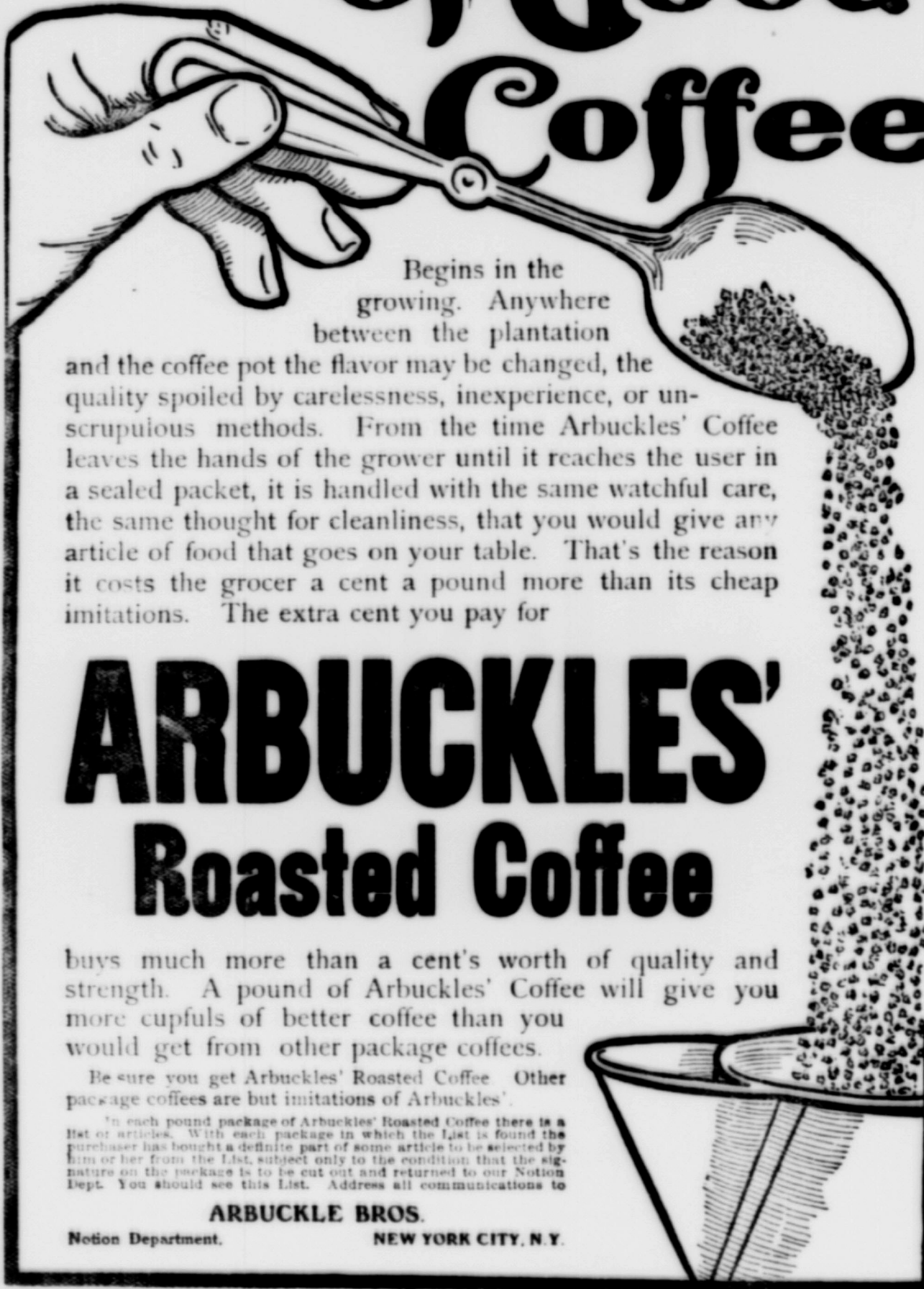
"Not mine."  
"Yes it is. I took it from your face  
when I found you in the alley."

"On my face? this handkerchief?  
Oh! no! We'll let me see; linen, with  
a name in the corner—Beatrice! Ah!  
some lady placed it there while I was  
unconscious. I wonder who it was.  
Let me see. Say, policeman, who did  
it?"

"I don't know. I saw a lady rush up  
to you when you fell and place a ker-  
chief over your face and move hurried-  
ly away."

"It has sobered me up and I will  
never drink another drop of liquor

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till I find out who is the owner of this "Angel of Mercy," said Marion as he walked away from the station.

"I hope you will make that promise stick old fellow, but you have broken a thousand promises and a dozen hearts," said the gray-headed policeman, who knew the folly of a wayward life.

Marion Butler spent several days seeking for the owner of the handkerchief. He would call at every house where a young lady lived who bore the name of Beatrice, and on one occasion he heard of a young lady by this name at the extreme east end of the city four miles away. He took an early start and walked out there.

"Is there a young lady living here by the name of Beatrice?" said Marion as a tall blonde opened the door in response to his ring.

"Yes, sir, that is my name."  
"I have a handkerchief that belongs to some lady by that name," continued Marion as he held up the mystery between thumb and finger.

"I suspect it is mine. I lost one just like that," she replied, smiling and reaching for it.

"No, not yours. This handkerchief was not lost," Marion said, and raised his hat as a token of good-bye.

New Year's morning came and the mystery was still unsolved.

"I am sure it was not Beatrice Sheridan. However I will see, as I can find no other by that name."

As these words fell from his lips he ascended the large stone steps that led

up to the Sheridan mansion. He gave the door bell a push, and a gruff, masculine voice responded.

"What do you want?"

"Is Miss Sheridan at home?"

"Yes, but what do you want with her?" replied Mr. Sheridan, the millionaire broker.

"I wish to see her just a moment."

"You see my daughter! You villain! You vagabond! You destroyer of fortunes and breaker of hearts and blighter of lives! You rascal, you sent your father to a bankrupt grave, and your mother's happiness and life you bartered for drink! No! A thousand times no! Get off my premises, you filthy parasite of homes and lives."

Beatrice heard all that was said and rushed down stairs to her father, and throwing her arms around his neck, said pleadingly: "Father, do let him come in. I wish to speak to him."  
"No you shall not see him!" Mr. Sheridan replied, as he slammed the door.

"But, father, you say an hour ago you would grant any request, and this is the only desire of my heart."

"I am a man of my word, but I would rather grant you a million," Mr. Sheridan said as he walked back through the hall.

"Come back, Marion, I want to see you," she said as she opened the door for his return.

"Is this yours?" Marion said, as he held the kerchief before her.

"I believe it was mine," she replied,

as she pushed open the door to the sitting room.

"I wish to speak to you on the most important question concerning life. Ten years ago, Marion, you were the pride of your father's heart and the most precious flower in your mother's garden of life. All the world looked to you as the brightest star in the firmament of moral and intellectual manhood. You graduated from Yale and was valedictorian, I believe. You were at the climax of aspiring manhood, but you took one step downward when you began to spend your leisure hours at the club-room. I believe the American Club-room is the largest gateway to hell on earth to-day. With this you moved rapidly down the incline, taking position, reputation and character along with you, and in the crash of the final fall broke the heart-strings of your father and mother and ushered them into premature graves. These are all gone never to return; but you have talent and education left, which can serve as a pivot on which your life may turn."

"But what can I do, wretched man that I am?" was Marion's interrogation as the penitent tears fell in rapid succession down his cheeks.

"Begin life anew. Start life right this time. Repent of your sins and become a Christian. Christianity is the only foundation upon which manhood can stand. Without Christ life is a failure, and future years hold but the dew drops of what might have been. At the cross is where life bub-

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bles up and flows down the mountain side to water the desert below. Lay down the false ideas of life that are cursing American society to-day and is whirling its countless millions into a vortex of misery, woe and despair. There is but one thing for you to do, Marion Butler, and that is to take hold of the cross of Christ and swing yourself within the boundaries of God's grace."

As Beatrice finished the last sentence she sank into a chair and covered her face with a pillow and wept aloud.

Marion arose to go. "Wait a minute," Beatrice said, as she took hold of his hand. "Wait till I go up stairs." She had not gone but a moment. When she returned she held a check in her hand. "Here is my check for \$200; but before you take it I wish you to promise me that you will never drink liquor or gamble again, and that you will lead a manly life and give your heart to God."

"I have given my heart to God already and will try to follow his teachings," Marion muttered as he sobbed aloud.

"You must now, God bless you and save you from temptation. Good-bye, Marion," muttered Beatrice between sobs as she went up stairs to her room.

Fifteen years have revolved on the wheels of time. Marion is one of the most able ministers of America to-day, with Beatrice as his wife. If I would call their real names you would know them. Thousands are brought to Christ annually by their consecrated lives and combined efforts.

LESSON FOR A BOY.

I had overheard a conversation between Karl and his mother. She had work for him to do, which interfered with some of his plans for enjoyment, and, though Karl obeyed her, it was not without a good deal of grumbling. He had much to say about never being allowed to do as he pleased; that it would be time enough for him to settle down to work when he was older. While the sense of injury was strong upon him, I came out on the piazza beside him, and said: "Karl, why do you try to break that colt of yours?"

The boy looked up in surprise. "Why, I want him to be good for something."

"But he likes his own way," I objected. "Why shouldn't he have it?"

By this time Karl was staring at me in perplexity. "I'd like to know the good of a horse that always has his own way!" he said, as if rather indignant at my lack of common sense.

"And as for working," I went on, "I should think there was time enough for that when he gets to be an old horse."

"Why, don't you see if he doesn't learn when he's a colt," Karl began. Then he stopped, blushed, and looked at me rather apologetically. I heard no more complaints from him that day.—Church Record.

THE BOY WEBSTER.

Daniel Webster as a lad is thus described by John Bach McMaster, the historian, in the first of his illustrated papers on the statesman, published in the Century:

"As the boy grew in years and stature his life was powerfully affected by the fact that he was the youngest son and ninth child in a family of ten; that his health was far from good; that he showed tastes and mental traits that stood out in marked contrast with those of his brothers and sisters; and that he was, from infancy, the pet of the family. Such daily work as a farmer's lad was then made to do was not for him. Yet he was expected to do something, and might have been seen barefooted in frock and trousers, astride of the horse that dragged the plow between the rows of corn, or raking hay, or binding the wheat the reapers cut, or following the cows to pasture in the morning and home again at night, or tending logs in his father's sawmill. When such work was to be done it was his custom to take a book along, set the log, hoist the gates, and while the saw passed slowly through the three-trunk operation which, in those days consumed some twenty minutes, he would settle himself comfortably and read.

"As time passed, this wide reading stood him in good stead, and for a year he paid his board by aiding in editing a weekly newspaper for which he made selections from books and contemporary publications, now and then writing a few paragraphs himself. Nor were his physical characteristics less striking. College mates never forgot his deep-set eyes, the solemn tones of his voice, the dignity of his carriage, and, above all, his eloquence. The old

shyness that tormented him so at the academy was gone. At last the greatest of his natural gifts was developing rapidly, and was used freely. At first his audience was the Society of the United Fraternity; but his fame spread, and when the people of Hanover were casting about for an orator to speak to them on the Fourth of July, 1800, they turned with one accord to young Webster. Judged by the side of his later efforts the oration delivered on that day was indeed a weak and schoolboy production. Yet it is not beneath the vast mass of patriotic speeches to which our forefathers gladly listened, on fast-days and Thanksgiving days, on the 22nd of every February, and the 4th of every July, and it richly deserved the honor of publication. . . . On that day for the first time in his life, Webster spoke to a popular audience, and to the political doctrine then announced he ever remained faithful. Love of country, devotion to the Union, the grandeur of the Constitution and the blessing of a free government administered by the people, made his theme."

LEARNED AND LIVED.

Religion may be learned on Sunday, but it is lived in the week-day's work. The torch of religion may be lit in the church, but it does its burning in the shop and on the street. Religion seeks its life in prayer, but it lives its life in deeds. It is planted in the closet, but it does its growing out in the world. It plumes itself for flight in songs of praise, but its actual flights are in works of love. It resolves and meditates on faithfulness and it reads its Christian lesson in the Book of Truth; but "faithful is that faithful does." It puts its armor on in all the aids and helps of the sanctuary as its dressing room, but it combats for the right, the noble and the good in all the activities of practical existence and its battleground is the whole broad field of life.—John Dougherty

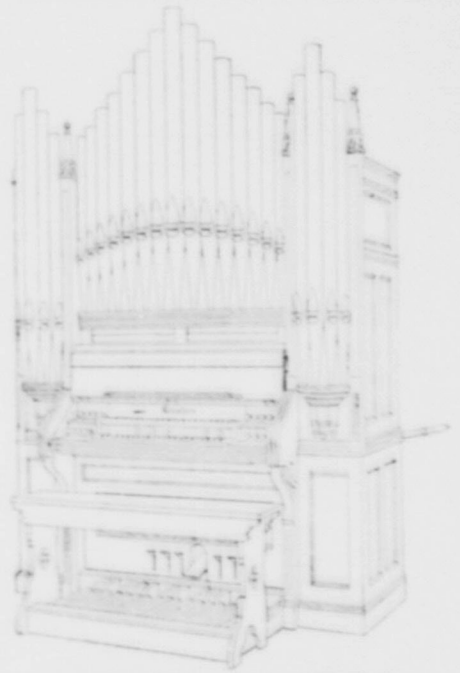
YOU would like the lamp-chimneys that do not amuse themselves by popping at inconvenient times, wouldn't you?

A chimney ought not to break any more than a tumbler. A tumbler breaks when it tumbles.

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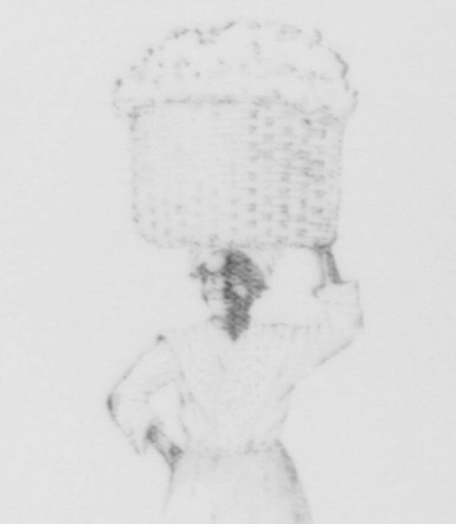
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HELP OUR GALVESTON CHURCH ENTERPRISE.

The time is now upon us when Texas Methodism must rally to the rebuilding of our church office in the city of Galveston. This far we have done nobly in restoring our property on the mainland, but the fund for the building of our house of worship to take the place of the two that were destroyed on the island is yet small. It amounts to about \$2000 from all sources. It will take at least \$20,000 to place a house worthy of Methodism in Galveston, where the remnant of our people can be gathered and the work of the Church carried on.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

- A wordy sermon is not edifying.
The gospel in the life makes good Christians.
Devotion to your Church organization is not always religion.
A prayer service vitalized by the Holy Ghost is never a dull meeting.
Consecration mixed with good common sense is essential to religious life and character.
People often say things about themselves that would give mortal offense if spoken by others.
No man does anything out of the ordinary until he becomes desperately in earnest about it.
We often wait till some great misfortune darkens the life with its shadow before we put God's promises to the test.
Only the heart that hungers and thirsts after righteousness feels the importance of seeking spiritual nourishment at stated hours.
The gospel can amount to nothing to us unless we read it, meditate upon it and personally appropriate it to our salvation and comfort.

A MOTHER IN ISRAEL GONE.

Mrs. Augusta A. Pierce, widow of the late Rev. J. L. Pierce, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anne M. Powers, at Oak Lawn, last Saturday night at about 9 o'clock. She was the mother of one daughter and five sons, three of whom are members of the North Texas Conference. At the time of her death she was in her seventieth year. The funeral services were conducted last Sunday morning at the Oak Lawn Church, and from thence her remains were taken to McKinney for interment. Her children were all present and witnessed her triumphant departure, and paid the last sad service to her precious memory. Rev. W. H. Hughes conducted the obsequies, and spoke tenderly of her noble life and beautiful character. A great many friends were present to mingle their tears and sympathize with those who mourned their temporary loss. Sister Pierce lived to a splendid purpose, and there are those with whom her influence will continue to abide as sweet perfumes from the altar of devotion and sacrifice. Her six children are a monument to her motherhood and Christian fidelity. Three of them—Thos. R. Jas. L. and J. F.—are among the most prominent and able ministers in the North Texas Conference, while Sister Powers, H. E. and W. F., are staunch members of the Church in which she lived and died. These are her contributions, along with her own consecrated life, to the kingdom of Christ. The end of such a woman could be nothing else but that of peace. She lived out her allotted time, and was gathered into the Church triumphant. In giving her up there is a feeling of sadness, but the sure hope of meeting her again takes away the pang of grief and regret. Earth is impoverished and heaven enriched by the death of such a woman.

JOHN HENLEY MORGAN.

John Henley Morgan, who died in Dallas County last week at the age of 75 years, was an extraordinary man. He came to this country from England about fifty years ago and settled in this county. At that time he was a Wesleyan Methodist preacher, and became a member of our Church. For several years he was a local preacher, but on account of a slight doctrinal difference with our standards he was never ordained to the ministry, but he worked with the Church in his community till the day of his death. That he was an eminently good man no one ever doubted. He lived all men, and devoted his long life to deeds of mercy and brotherly kindness. He was the friend of humanity. In appearance he had the mien of a patriarch, and he bore himself with the dignity of a clean and upright Christian gentleman. Many of his posterity will continue to rise up and call him blessed. In the community where he spent his life he had the esteem and the confidence of his neighbors and acquaintances. His death was mourned by them all, and his funeral services were attended by a large concourse of people. We knew him personally, and we never met without the sweetest communion. He was a grand and noble old man, and we revere his salutary memory.

Rev. N. M. McLaughlin, of DeLeon, writes: "I am trying to put the Advocate in the homes of all of my people. No one can read that paper and fail to be helped." We are not surprised that the next sentence reads: "We have just painted our church, and it is a beauty. Everything moves well."

Enclosed find \$2 for Texas Advocate one year to ——. He is the man whose name I wrote you a few days ago to take off the list. To be deprived of one copy made him renew. Isn't this strong evidence that he enjoys its weekly visits?
JAS. O. DAVIS
Sherman, Texas.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. Ben Bounds, of the Sherman Circuit, made us a delightful visit last Wednesday. He had been called to Nevada, and was on his way home.
Bro. W. D. Jenkins, of Roysse, was in to see us last week. He was in the city to see a sick brother, who died last Saturday night.
Rev. Luther Hamilton, of Crandall, looked in upon us the other day. He is settling down to hard work in his new field, and he is looking after the weal of the Advocate also.
In another column will be seen a notice from Rev. Horace Bishop of the coming Missionary Institute in the Waxahachie District. Bro. Bishop is one of our liveliest missionary workers.
Sometimes we have to go away from home to hear the news, as the following clipping from the Midland Methodist will demonstrate: "Rev. James O. Davis, recently of Holston, but now at Willow Street, Sherman, Texas, has bought a lot since conference and built a thousand-

dollar parsonage. Recently a team of runaway mules ran into a buggy containing Bro. Davis, wife and little boy. All three of them escaped without serious injury. A note from this grateful preacher remembers his friends back in Holston."

Rev. F. A. Rosser, presiding elder of the McKinney District, was in the city the past week, and made the Advocate an interesting visit. He is encouraged by the outlook in his territory.

We are pleased to have had a visit the other day from Bro. and Sister Wauhup, of Whitewright, Red River County. Bro. Wauhup is not in good health, and he was down consulting a physician.

Rev. C. B. Fladger, of the Sulphur Springs District, was in the city the past week, and made the Advocate people a pleasant visit. He is in fine case and moving things vigorously on his district.

Rev. J. P. Lowry, his good wife and little boy, of Forney, were in the city the first of this week, and brightened the Advocate force with a cheerful visit. They are pleased with their new charge.

While in Commerce recently we met Rev. R. B. Morland, who is supplying the Commerce Mission. He is a young man capable of much usefulness. He was licensed to preach by the last District Conference.

We hear good reports from the Bowie District as to the work of the new presiding elder, Rev. J. M. Peterson. He is already laying himself out up there in his earnest endeavor to be useful to the preachers on their several charges.

While in Pilot Point last week we had the pleasure of abiding over night at the parsonage with Rev. A. F. Hendrix and family. They are living in one of the best parsonages in the conference, and we had a delightful visit with them.

We also saw Rev. J. W. Chalk in Pilot Point, and had quite a pleasant talk with him. His health is very good, and he is bright and cheerful in spirit. He entered the traveling connection in Texas in 1882, and was a missionary at that time in what is now known as Ellis and Tarrant Counties. He has done hard and useful work in Texas, but at the present he can only preach occasionally.

Rev. J. W. Clifton, of Rock Hill, tells us in a card that he has been sick of late, grippe off and on ever since conference, but hopes to be out soon. Our preachers generally have been suffering from this malady the past few weeks.

The First Church people had a fine prayer-meeting last Wednesday night. There were at least one hundred people in attendance, and the service was very profitable. Bro. Pierce is getting hold of his people in good shape, and they are responding to his efforts.

Rev. F. O. Miller, of the Terrell District, passed through the city on his way to Rockwall last Saturday, and came in to see us. He makes a good report of his work thus far. He told us that Rev. George Sexton had been in bed several days with a gripe.

Rev. J. M. Sweeten and his good people at Clarksville are working on a new church subscription now, with every reason to hope for success. This is a good move, and we are confident that it will go through, and then Methodism in that town will more than command the situation.

Rev. James Campbell, presiding elder of the Fort Worth District, made us a helpful visit recently. Bro. Campbell is living in this city the present year, at 132 Noble Street. As soon as his people provide a district parsonage he will move to Fort Worth, but for the present he will serve his work from this point.

We are pained to announce the death of Edward Simmons, son of Rev. Thos. Simmons, of Sherman. It occurred last week in this city, and his remains were taken to Pilot Point for interment. This writer went up there and attended the funeral services. The father of the young man is one of our useful local preachers.

Mr. Allan K. Ragsdale, the efficient local ticket agent of the Cotton Belt at Tyler, was in the city recently, and naturally came to the Advocate office. He was associated pleasantly with us for a great many years, and we look upon him still as one of the family. He is having success in his new position, and no one deserves it more than himself.

We have received the following note from a worthy brother in the United Brethren organization at Annona:

"Brethren, I am a member of the United Brethren in Christ, and all the members there is in this county, so far as I know, and I worship with the Methodist brethren. Bro. C. W. Glanville is our pastor, and he is a good pastor and well-beloved by all Christians in his charge. I help him in his meetings some. We expect a good year of the Lord if any United Brother reads this, please correspond with me and pray for me. I was raised in Germany, and joined the Church over there thirty-eight years ago. I have been trying to tell the story of Jesus twenty-seven years. I am not tired of telling it yet. Yours in Christ.

"REV. JACOB B. BROUHNE, Annona, Texas."

METHODIST NEWS.

The Alumni Hall, situated on the western part of Wofford College campus and used as a Fitting School, was destroyed by fire between the hours of 2 and 4 on the morning of January 18. The loss is \$19,000, of which the insurance covers \$5000. The society library was burnt and

a large part of Prof. A. Mason DuPre's private library was ruined by water and fire.

Dr. S. H. Mitchell, of the Alabama Conference, is now 93 years of age, and though unable to be much in public, he writes occasionally and takes great interest in the affairs of Church and State. He is happy, and fully believes that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

STORM FUND.

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes entries for Rev. John Moore, St. Jo. (2 00), Corulla Sunday-school, per J. M. (2 25), W. F. Hines, Farmersville, per T. (7 60), H. Morris (1 25), Previously reported (192 44), Total (\$113 69).

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Farmersville, Texas. T. H. MORRIS.

ATROCITIES COMMITTED IN CHINA BY THE FOREIGN TROOPS.

To the north, along the Gulf of Pechili, the French and Russians have been committing the most unpardonable atrocities. At Shan-hai-Kuan the market for produce was established three miles from the town, as the vendors cannot be induced to come nearer the French and Russian camps. Even at Taku, Russian soldiers were detected robbing coolies of the fifteen cents a day which they receive for working at the United States quarantine depot. Their common enemy having disappeared, the allies are blockading among themselves. Every day that large bodies of troops remain in China adds to the roll of murders and lengthens the list of burned villages. Their conduct is a provocation which may even wear through the miraculous patience of the Chinese and create a new war out of the ashes of the old. The present is a hiatus of irresponsibility. Seized with a vertigo of indiscriminate vengeance, the powers are trifling with the peace of the world. Events such as the months of September, October and November brought to China have carried war back to the Dark Ages, and will leave a taint in the moral atmosphere of the world for a generation to come. "Punishment and Revenge in China," by Thomas F. Millard, in the February Scribner's.

Christus Victor: A Student's Reverie. By Henry Nehemiah Dodge. The theme of this poem is the final triumph of supreme love; the victory of justice over oppression, of harmony over discord; in short, of good over evil. Dr. Dodge has considered his subject in many aspects, scientifically as well as emotionally. He has been remarkably successful in presenting scientific suggestions without dropping out of poetry into mere rhymed prose. For each aspect of his theme Dr. Dodge has chosen a form of versification suited to the expression of his thought; thus the majesty of the blank verse, which forms the ground work of the poem, is relieved with the brilliancy and melody of lyrics, and with the dramatic movement of certain rapid passages.

If ever there were a time when we needed to think of what we can have without money, it is now. We think so much about money. We talk so much about money. We say we can do nothing without money. That is not so. We can be saints without money; we can have peace of conscience, peace with God, joy in God, we can have heaven, without money. Margaret Bottoms, in the February Ladies' Home Journal.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT—ITS CONTINUATION.

By J. D. Hammond, Secretary Education.

The latest reports show that up to December 31 our total Century Thank-offering amounted to \$1,363,761.45. No reports have as yet reached us from the watch-night services. The last report sent in was a single subscription of \$2000 from the Montana Conference. The Conference Secretary, in closing his report, expressed the hope that the movement would be continued. There have been many similar expressions. The eighteen Annual Conferences attended by myself were a unit in their purpose to continue for at least another year. The same is true, so far as I have been able to learn, of the remaining conferences. Of course the movement will be continued. It is not necessary for the General Board of Education to take action on this question. The General Conference did this both directly and by implication.

1. It directed "that a canvass be begun throughout the connection not later than January 1, 1899, under the direction of the General Board of Education to raise \$1,500,000 for the support of the educational work of the Church;" and "that the effort shall be to raise the amount in cash and notes by January 1, 1901, but the canvass is to be continued until the \$1,500,000 is raised." (See General Conference Journal.)

2. It implied, though it did not explicitly state, that the \$1,500,000 was to be a minimum fund, to be raised

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endow each one of its accredited colleges. We have put our hands to the plow...

During the past two years of agitation we have done well, but we have only made a beginning. When we consider the ease, even the joy, with which we have done what we have done...

OUR RELATION AND DUTY TO OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS.

(A paper read at the "Watch-Night Service," Alpine, Texas, by Miss Lucy Power.)

Hark! Can our ears catch the distant tread of Time as he solemnly advances to snatch from us the nineteenth century and old year 1900...

See! January comes tripping in with boyish tread to the throne upon which aged December has long sat. Ah! "The Happy New Year," and may it be such to you all in the fullest sense...

The Church and the school are very closely related, and as we are interested in our Church so ought we to be in our schools, the primary purpose of them being to impart wisdom...

as the inmates of the schools are, so will be the world. The demand for all-round men and women increases each day...

The man or woman entering upon the duties of teacher should bow down to God in prayer for guidance and wisdom. May the day soon come when every school-room will be barred to ungodly teachers...

This influence is being sought, and as the lack is so perceptible in the home life, the schools are trying to supply the need. Their purpose is two-fold: to impart a knowledge of the sciences and various branches of earthly knowledge...

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The above is the title of a brand new book, just issued by Rev. J. W. Lee, D. D., Rev. Nahali Lucecock, D. D., and James Main Dixon, M. A., from the press of the Methodist Magazine Publishing Company, of St. Louis, Mo. Drs. Lee and Lucecock are the joint editors of the Illustrated Methodist Magazine, and Mr. Dixon is professor of English literature in the Washington University, St. Louis. These are well-known Christian gentlemen of eminent ability in their special departments of work. Quite a number of the chapters of this book have been passing through the numbers of the Methodist Magazine for the past months, and we have been reading them with interest. Now that the matter comes out in book form, it is a valuable contribution to Methodist history in particular, to wider history in general. For it not only treats of the origin and development of the Methodist Church, but gives an insight into the time and conditions which made the Methodist Church a necessity, and of the general events through which the movement has been passing for more than a century. The book is just what its title purports—an illustrated history of Methodism. It is a history of Methodism as a whole, and not of any particular branch of it, and as such its pages are laden with a rich literature of a very valuable character. It begins at the time of Queen Anne and passes on down through the years to the Methodist outlook of to-day. It contains seven hundred and fifty pages, thirty-five chapters and nearly a thousand illustrations. No man who wants to keep himself generally informed in Methodist history can afford to be without this, the latest work extant upon this subject. Of course, it covers a great deal of the same territory already gone over by other historians, but such are the inexhaustible resources of the subject that this book contains much that is new and inspiring. It has a place of its own in our Methodist literature.

**AN OVERWORKED LESSON.**

These hurrying days, these busy times of ours, are wasted when they take our hearts away from patient gentleness and give us fame for love and gold for kisses. Some day, when our hungry souls will seek for bread, our selfish god will give us a stone. Life is not a deep, profound, perplexing problem. It is a simple, easy lesson, such as any child may read. You cannot find its solutions in the ponderous tomes of the old fathers, the philosophers, the theorists. It is not on your book-shelves; but in the warmest corner of the most unlettered heart it glows in letters that the blindest may read—a sweet, plain, simple, easy, loving lesson.—R. J. Burdette.

It is not long days, but good days, that make the life glorious and happy; and our dear Lord is gracious to us, who shorteneth and hath made the way to glory better than it was; so that the crown that Noah did fight for 500 years children may now obtain in fifteen years.—Samuel Rutherford.

**ARCHITECT'S FOOD.**

**Grape-Nuts Turned into Big Buildings.**  
The duties of an architect are so multitudinous, looking after the thousand and one details required in the construction of large buildings, that many of them suffer from the constant mental application and require the best of food to keep up their work. The chief draughtsman in the office of R. T. Newberry, Architect, at 1227 New York Life Bldg., Chicago, by name, Henry C. Hengels, says:  
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**Sunday-School Department.**

**FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 6, FEBRUARY 10.**

**JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES FEET.**

Jno. 13:15.

Golden Text: "By love serve one another."—Gal. 5:13.

We give below Dr. Paul Whitehead's doctrinal exposition of the lesson in the Sunday-school Magazine:

There is no possibility of mistaking the doctrine here taught. The true disciple of Jesus must be not 'above his Master,' but 'as' he was. And if so, he must be "clothed with humility," not thinking of himself above what he ought to think, but in soberness and with deep sense of unworthiness. In that frame he will be ready for every good word and work of kindness to the humblest disciple of his Lord. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples that they may not be above washing one another's feet. The work of a mental is naturally distasteful to us. We wish it to be done to us, and not to do it ourselves for another. But were the place of a mental ours, we should as Christ's disciples be as faithful in the humblest duty belonging to our station as an angel—one of "the first-born sons of light"—in the mission on which he is sent. A bootblack, a groom, a kitchen scullion may dignify "the meanest work" and by faithfulness make it "divine," as "done unto the Lord."

A yet loftier character is imparted to such lowly acts when done to relieve suffering and prevent calamity to persons unable to succor themselves. A sick or helpless person may be waited upon by another of high station, and servile work be performed for his comfort or relief by his benevolent friend not only without disgrace, but with the approval and blessing of God and of all right-minded human beings.

We must beware of "a voluntary humility"—of the notion that there is virtue and religious good in impoverishing ourselves and betaking ourselves unnecessarily to a life of drudgery and menial employment. While an angel might wash the feet of a helpless saint, we can not think of people being made angelic by merely scrubbing dirty floors and washing foul utensils. Religion tends to lift as many as possible above the plane of coarse and dirty work, still more beyond the sphere of menial and grime when these may be avoided honestly and reasonably. Enlightenment and elevation of occupation ought to go together. Our Heavenly Father would have us do habitually in this world the best and most beautiful, the highest and noblest things we are capable of; by the performance of which we can promote the highest welfare of ourselves and those dependent upon us. No man has the right to make of himself a scullion who could make of himself a knight, nor can he say truthfully that God would have him do so. The mistake of those Christian sects who have made a sacramental act of "feet-washing" is the common one of losing the spirit or inner meaning in the form, the spiritual and essential in the temporal and the visible. "Circumcision is of the heart, in the spirit and not in the letter." (Rom. 2:29.) We must not do away with all externalities nor spiritualize everything; nor must we on the other hand multiply them needlessly and "forget the weightier matters" which consist of spiritual dispositions and acts.

**Epworth League Department.**

Topic for February 10: "If Christ Should Come To-Morrow."—I Thess. 5:1, 2, 4-8.

Reference Word: "Judgment."—Heb. 9:27; II Pet. 2:9; Jude 14, 15.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS.**

Sunday—"The Growth of the Kingdom." Mark 4:26-32.  
Monday—"The Triumph of Christianity." Zech. 14:16-21.  
Tuesday—"Universal Peace." Isa. 11:1-9.  
Wednesday—"The Binding of Satan." Rev. 20:1-6.  
Thursday—"A Sudden Coming." Luke 17:20-32.  
Friday—"Watchfulness for His Coming." Mark 13:28-37.  
Saturday—"If Christ Should Come To-Morrow." I Thess. 5:1, 2, 4-8.  
When Jesus ascended, the angels said to the disciples: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heav-

en, shall so come in like manner, as ye have seen him go into heaven."

**SCRIPTURE FACTS CONCERNING HIS COMING.**

He will certainly come, but his coming will be sudden, as a thief in the night. The time is unknown, as a specific date, but it will be at "the last day," at "the end of the world." It will be a personal, visible and glorious advent. It will be preceded by the millennium, that state when Christianity shall prevail among all nations, when there shall be universal peace, when Satan shall be bound, and anti-christ destroyed. The object of his coming is to end the terrestrial economy, to judge the living and the dead, to punish impenitent sinners, and to reward faithful saints.  
The end of the world will, probably, not be until long after our death. Therefore to us his coming means when the world ends with us—death.

**OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS COMING.**

1. We should be watchful. "Let us not sleep, as do others." We are "the children of the light, and the children of the day." Our eyes should be wide open. Jesus delivered more exhortations on "watchfulness" than on any other virtue. If we do not watch, Satan will get the advantage of us, we shall lose opportunities of growth and service, and Christ will come when we are not ready.
2. We should be sober. "Take heed . . . lest . . . your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, . . . and so that day come upon you unawares." (Luke 21:34.) The pleasures of the world lead to the destruction of many.
3. We should not be entangled with "the affairs of this life." The cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches may ensnare us unless we place Christ above all.
4. We should be faithful. "Putting on the breastplate of faith." Believe that he will come, and trust the keeping of soul and body to him when he comes.
5. We should be loving. "The breastplate of love." Our love to him will summon his omnipotence to our rescue; his love to us will be a shield against the thunderbolts of the judgment.
6. We should be hopeful. "For a helmet, the hope of salvation." When John Knox was dying, he was asked: "Hast thou hope?" He pointed upward, and so passed away.
7. We should be courageous. If we are ready for his coming, we should welcome him with a holy boldness. A younger brother whose heart is free from guile does not fear an elder brother when he comes from a journey.

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress; Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

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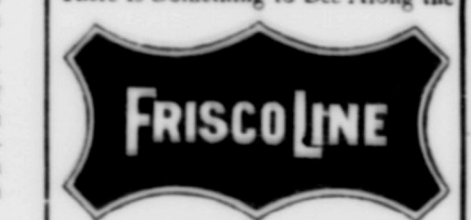
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LOAN FUNDS OF W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The official board has made it my duty to present this work to the auxiliaries of the Conference Society another year. This I did not know until last week, when called upon by Mrs. Smith, the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society for a program for Loan Fund Day. February 6 is the day and month set apart by the Executive Boards for loan funds, and for this month it is especially educational, the time to enroll your aspirants' names on the educational endowment fund. Miss Belle Bonsett is always authority, and it is with her sanction and approval that I present this claim. Patrons can be made by the payment of \$5. All money intended for this fund should accompany the name when sent to the Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Hargrove says the enrollment of names on the educational endowment fund has been a successful, popular method for raising money, and it is hoped it will continue to be until every preacher in Southern Methodism shall be placed on this honor-roll. MRS. VIOLA HUNT, Dept. Loan Funds.

NOTICE.

To the Auxiliaries, W. H. M. Society of the West Texas Conference.

Through ill health I am forced to resign my office as Corresponding Secretary of W. H. M. Society of West Texas Conference. Mrs. E. G. Lowe, 515 Crosby Street, San Antonio, Tex., has been appointed to fill the unexpired term. Let each auxiliary, through prompt reports and attention to correspondence, assist Mrs. Lowe in her labors, thus giving a mutual aid, without which your Corresponding Secretary is powerless to make the work what she would and what it should be. MRS. J. L. CUNNINGHAM, San Antonio, Texas.

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W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Mrs. Bowman, President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, addressed the ladies of this place, arousing new interest and imparting needed information. When she had finished one lady arose immediately and said: "I have never belonged to the W. F. M. Society, but put me on the list; I cannot resist that appeal." Following is the address which, if carefully read and studied, will be a great help to other societies, as it has been to ours. A MEMBER.

Dear Sisters of the W. F. M. Society, and of the Church at McKinney: I am honored and to be with you this afternoon. I have heard much of the zealous, energetic women of this Church. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Col. 1:3.

I suppose you are expecting me to talk to you a while on the all-important subject of foreign missions, for I hope you are not expecting a speech or an address. I was reared too near the period when women were taught "to keep silent in the Church." But in my own imperfect way will tell you something of our work and its meaning. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, of the M. E. Church, South, owns mission stations in China, Brazil, Korea, Mexico, Indian Territory and Cuba. We have one school in Matanzas and one in Havana, Cuba. The "Eliza Bowman Home and School" at Havana was established and began operation in October. Miss Carson has charge, with Miss Martha Marvin and Miss Cossin as assistants. This school has for its aim the gathering in of orphan children, made so by the late cruel Spanish war. Those girls who are homeless and friendless, wandering the streets, as I am told by an eye-witness, without any one to whom they can specially appeal for protection and care. There are at least 50,000 orphan children on the Island of Cuba. Catholicism in Cuba is very much degraded, the priests being grossly immoral in their lives, and the Cubans are turning with disgust from their teachings and are begging for a religion which brings freedom and happiness. They have been oppressed and ground down under the heel of Romanism long enough. They are eager for deliverance.

The United States flow to the assistance of this island in their physical need. Now ought not we, the Christians of this fair land, to be ready to help them in their spiritual darkness and deep despair? Do all means sought by the Christian women of America, see to it that these orphan girls have a Christian home and school? The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has given us this work, and North and East Texas Conference W. F. M. Societies have undertaken to give

their twentieth century collections toward the erection of such a school, and the Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions writes me that the school is now in operation in a rented building, and that the board has bought necessary school furniture. The board is now urging our twentieth century collections to be brought in as early and as full as possible, that we may be able to purchase suitable building and grounds by the first of the year. Have you not some member of your Church here who feels like giving \$10 for a twentieth century offering to this school? We have several members at Plano who have given \$100. This is the closing of the nineteenth century. We will pass this way no more. Do you not want to make footprints in the path of this old century that will show you have "passed this way"? Every dollar you give to the twentieth century fund will be recorded in a book and kept on record for centuries to come showing what you did for the twentieth century fund.

Sisters, pray that God may send you some one who will be anxious to make a donation to this fund, and if your faith is strong enough you will receive what you ask for. Go read the life of God, Muller and do thou likewise. I am told you have a large Home Mission Society here—forty-five or fifty members, with only about one-third that many in your Foreign Mission Society. If you are believers in the Home Mission work, you ought to believe in Foreign Mission, and vice versa, for both are necessary. Both works have been given us by our Church, and each should be as zealously entered into. Foreign mission is the bed-rock of all we enjoy today. It is the cause which has brought every blessing we can call ours. Everything we have in the way of culture, character and happiness has come to us from foreign missions. Every happy home in which Christ influences the lives of its inmates rests upon foreign missions. Every asylum of charity, every orphan's home, every institution for the rescue of the fallen dates back to foreign missions; for had not some one been imbued with the foreign missionary spirit we would now be as the heathens are today.

Some one has truthfully said: "If we are ever blind to the value of foreign missions it will be the worst example of ingratitude in the history of the world, for Christian missionaries have ever been the forerunners of civilization. The work that has been accomplished by them is still being repeated to-day, yet ten-fold greater, for our opportunities and privileges have grown to such magnitude." Dennis, in his "Foreign Missions After a Century," says: "Our Lord has never, at least for centuries, sent out any greater or more faithful servants than the men of the Church in such unmistakable terms of providential entreaty and with such a spirit of firm confidence concerning the privilege of His service. From all of the mission fields the Church has this same inspiring message of privilege; it is as if Christ sat down with his Church to tell her in the freedom of a personal interview what she can, if she will, do for him at once."

This "work of woman for woman" appeals to our womanly hearts. The women of heathenism can only be reached and saved by the women of Christendom. Then if we cannot go, we must send earnest Christian workers to their rescue. The question arises often in the mind of many, "Why send the gospel to the heathen; they are ignorant and may be saved on that plea? Why, then, enlighten them?" Yet it is not for us to sit with idle hands asking this question. The most vital question with us is this: Are we acting in obedience to our Savior's last command, uttered from his own lips: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." What words could our Savior have used to have made more plain his wishes to us? Then if we cannot go, the next best thing to do is to send. Some one may say, "I believe in giving to the Church and charitable things at home, but I do not believe in sending so much money so far away."

Well, let us reason about this. I hear you are preparing to build a beautiful church, and your Home Mission Society has pledged themselves to raise a large sum towards its erection; also your young ladies are bending every energy to add their mite in beautifying this structure; and at the same time your Church here, and others, are sending liberally to the poor storm sufferers comfortable bedding and clothing, etc., not only to the storm sufferers, but to the orphanage. This, my dear sisters, is a noble work, and Christ commends it, and God approves it, and your own conscience says, "Well done." This home work must be done, but not to the neglect of the foreign. Yet when you erect this new church you can look on it with pride and say, "I have a large share in its erection. I have worked diligently for its completion," and you can look on your own handiwork with a feeling of pride and contentment. A pardonable pride. Yet there is not self-interest in this home-giving. If we give alone to home and its interest we grow selfish. When you are erecting your church you expect to sit in its pews and hear the gospel proclaimed from Sabbath to Sabbath; around its sacred altars see your children converted. Do you not see that you have invested time and money in something that is paying you a large percent interest, and that you are constantly drawing on it and enjoying it. When you give to help the unfortunate ones in your own town, community or State you have done well, yet the thankful, upturned faces of those whom you have blessed doubly repays you for the small sacrifice and effort in their behalf. So you see in this home-giving we are reaping already, without waiting, a rich reward. The sad faces made bright, the grateful heart, the words of commendation, all make this home-giving pleasant, and we try to content ourselves with it, valuing assuring our consciences that it is all we must do. Yet the Christian who only gives to work in the home land has not yet conquered self and reached the point of true consecration to God and his service.

Do not understand me, dear friends, to depreciate home-giving. This work must go on, and it is our duty to see that this work is done well. Paul says we would be worse than sinners if we provide not for our own homes. 1 Tim. 5:8. But when you go down into your pockets and of

your means give liberally to send the gospel to foreign lands you then put self out and enthroned Christ. It takes religion pure and undefiled, it takes consecration to God and his cause to send of your means into lands where you have never trod, where you can never in this life see the good you have accomplished, but must simply trust God, going forth sowing seed with an eye of faith in the glory land, waiting for the resurrection morning for your reward, sowing seed for the Master, trusting him for the harvest. Thus, in giving by faith, your capacity is enlarged, as it is by exercise of faith that we grow stronger in faith. Then what is the conclusion in regard to the effect of the true works on the spiritual growth and development of the Christian character? The one of these noble works, if we do, we know we shall receive the praises of this world for it, and the thanks of those whom we have relieved in their poverty. The other, the foreign work, we must wait until the final day of accounts and God welcomes us home and places upon our brows the jeweled crown, and if we have also toiled to send the gospel to the darkened ones of earth we will behold jewels from all those lands, and even lands that we knew not we had ever sown any seed.

Compare the two. Think of it. Do not sincerely love to give of their means to help the poor and those nationality even, worldly people, those who make no pretensions to Christianity, assist in building churches and charitable institutions? Most certainly they do. These things appeal their pride and sympathy. They love to have fine churches in their town, and they like the refining influence for their families, and the distressed ones appeal to their sympathy, and out of the kindness of their hearts they help. Then, in what do we differ from them if you can only give where you can be sure to see that it is used as you like and you can be benefited personally by its fruits? If you would be unselfish, Christ-like Christians; if you would climb higher and higher in the mysteries of God's love, give a large portion of your time, talents and money to the salvation of those in the darkness of heathendom whom you have never seen, whose nationality even, is different from your own, and personally do not appeal to you, yet for Christ's sake, for the love of Christ, my sisters—suffer and die for you and for me, you will work, pray and give to save these benighted ones. God demands it and Christ commands it, and dare you refuse? He waits for you to do this work, for only through you can it ever be done. The world must be saved through the instrumentality of man in the hands of God. Millions are dying daily. Will you heed not their piteous cry? Will you keep God waiting on you to move out and do your part, or will you gladly say, "Here am I; send me?" Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto the Lord.

"The restless millions wait That dawn which maketh all things new. Christ also waits, but men are slow and late. Have we done what we could? Have I? Have you? A cloud of witnesses above encompass us. We have to think of all they see and know. But what of this great multitude in peril Who sadly wait below? Oh, let this thrilling vision daily move us To earnest prayers and deeds before unknown. That souls redeemed from many lands may join us When Christ blings home his own."

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Duncan District—Second Round. Bailey, at Bailey, Feb. 16, 17. Comanche, at Harroburg, Feb. 23, 25. Terra and Ryan, at Ryan, March 3, 5. Anadarko, at Anadarko, 3d Sun, Apr. Fort Hill, at Hill, March 18, 17. Duncan, March 21, 25. Chickasha, March 27, April 1. Maylow, at Rush Springs, April 7, 11. Mines, April 17, 21. L. L. Thurston, P. E.

Arden District—Second Round. Overbrook, at O'Center, Feb. 16, 17. Marietta and Mahala, at Mahala, Feb. 23, 25. Mansville, at Earl, Feb. 23, 24. Cumberland, at Woodville, March 3, 5. Oakland, at Madill, March 10, 11. Broadway, Arden, March 16, 17. Leon and Harroburg, at H. March 23, 24. Carter Avenue, at Lone Grove, March 20, 21. Lebanon, at McMillan, March 20, 21. Cornish, at Grady, April 13, 14. Washita, at Pichonis S. H., April 20, 21. Springer, at Elk, April 27, 28. W. J. Sims, P. E.

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