



# OUR WORK IN GALVESTON

Our Methodist people in Texas are pretty well advised, in a general way, of the condition of our Church work in Galveston. The interest so generally and so generously manifested in our stricken Churches warrants the conclusion that some further information of a definite sort will be gladly received by them. Nearly five months have passed since the great storm of September 8. In this time much improvement has been made. Streets have been cleared. Many homes have been repaired. Some have been rebuilt. Many, very many, are still in ruins, while of many others not a vestige has ever been recovered. A number of bodies, victims of the storm, have been found within the limits of the city since I came here a little more than a month ago. Without undertaking to discuss the future of the city, we may accept some things as certain. The commerce of this port will be maintained. We have at least twenty-five or thirty thousand people here now, and this population will remain. Their homes and their interests are all here. Strangers are here from all parts of the country, attracted by the great demand for work. Some of these strangers will become permanent citizens. The city will grow—how much, I will not undertake to say. Where these people live Methodism must do her work and fulfill her mission. Our Church never has, and please God she never will, forsake a field because it is beset with difficulties. Let timid souls take due notice that if Galveston ever blows away a Methodist Church and some Methodist preachers will go with it. We are here to stay and do our work. But we are not expecting to be blown away. We expect to see the city grow and to see Methodism keep pace with the progress about her.

Thanks to the liberal response of our great Church in the hour of our need, we have been able to rebuild or repair quite a number of the churches on the mainland destroyed by the storm. I think about fourteen churches have been provided for in this way, besides aid given to several parsonages. In this way between six and seven thousand dollars have been expended, and our people in the charges thus aided are going hopefully forward in their work. The work that remains to be done is the raising of our Central Church in Galveston. Our Church Extension Board has undertaken to raise a fund that will enable us to erect a

building that will meet our needs in this city. Dr. Whisner, Bishop Candler and our own Bro. Bradfield have been actively engaged in the effort to carry out this plan. Up to this time less than one-third of the amount absolutely necessary to build the church has been received. We must build. We must build a house that will meet our needs and that will give promise of withstanding wind and water. To do this requires money. Our people here will do what they can—they are willing and loyal—but after their terrible losses of life and property they are simply unable to raise a fund sufficient to build their own church. The situation here is fully understood by Bishop Candler and Dr. Whisner, and it is proposed to continue the effort to raise money for the rebuilding of our church. A request has just been made that Dr. Rankin and I undertake to raise additional funds in Texas for this purpose, while other agencies are employed in other parts of the Church. Every hour of my time is needed in the work here, and I am sure the Advocate office makes constant demands upon the time and strength of the editor. But this work must be done. Our people are able, and I believe they are willing, to help us in this time of great need. We are going to try and raise at least \$2500 additional in Texas within the next thirty or sixty days. There are a hundred charges in Texas that can send us \$25 each. Let five persons give \$5 each, or twenty-five give \$1 each. Let other charges send smaller amounts. Let individuals send any amount from \$1 up. Send the money and save us the time and expense of coming after it. I know you have many demands upon your time and money, but our condition is unparalleled and this call is extraordinary. Think what you have escaped and what we endure. This whole matter can be raised in one week and nobody be hurt, while we will be helped more than we can express. Other Churches are making liberal contributions to the needs of their people here. This is notably true of the Catholics, who are sending large sums for the restoration of their church property. Shall Methodism be less prompt and liberal in her response? I think not. All amounts sent in response to this appeal, either to Dr. Rankin or directly to me, will be acknowledged in the columns of the Advocate.

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### HAMMERED GOLD.

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#### THE BAPTISM.

The baptism of blood is the determining factor in the agencies that lead to conquest. The far-sighted and invincible General, both in the Pagan and Christian ages, knew the art and utility of this tremendous force. Men become able to tolerate when admiration finds its genesis in heroism and piety. It may be a Pagan piety—that's true—but he alone is invulnerable who puts the interest of his God above his own. Heroism is reached when the last drop of blood becomes a warrant of one's allegiance to a given principle. The Son of God dealt with this potent truth in his reply to the mother of Zebedee's children. The question of this affectionate woman was the outgrowth of a false conception touching the law of exaltation. Christ totally reversed the order of her thought. The whole philosophy of spiritual exaltation (and, for that matter, the law of success in any field) was concentrated in Christ's pungent reply: "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" The sons, under the divine illumination, said: "We are able." Humiliation is the be-

ginning of exaltation. There is a divine alchemy that washes our robes and makes them white in the blood of the lamb. Far and above all other things, we must answer the question: "Are ye able to suffer with me?" At this point only do we come in contact with the dawn of our coming glorification. God give us strength for the hour!

#### GROWTH—NOT BIRTH.

Religion is a divine displacement of all that is wrong. Some one called regeneration the expulsive power of a new affection. Paul's conception of the new birth did not preclude the idea that there was to be a further work wrought in the soul. His advice to the Hebrew brethren contained more than a mere intimation of this fact. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." It is his declaration to a people noted for the constancy of their faith, patience and godliness. The trouble with us now is that we expect more in the doctrine of the new birth than it contains. We must be like the sculptor who labors toward certain ends. In his hands are a chisel and mallet—visible and tangible; in his brain, an ideal—invisible and intangible. The ideal must yield to a dis-

tinctive process before ever it becomes real in the stone. Regeneration, as it were, places us in a divine studio. It affords the furnishings of the sculptor. Ourselves, the granite rock; the means of grace, the mallet and the chisel; and the Son of God, the divine ideal. There is a time and place—it may be at some distant day or now at hand—when the stone shall take on the similitude of the ideal. Children are born. The possibilities of the man in the child are absolutely contingent not on the law of birth, but of growth. He who gets no farther than the doctrine of regeneration can never be more than hideous and repulsive. The infant, removed in years from its natal day, is not only dwarfed, but it is less than an infant. It is the object of the purest pity and care. Better by far is the state of the unborn. It is a question of the uses of the means of grace, not of a work of grace in the modern sense. We are unalterably and involuntarily related to a law in the very circumstances of our birth. That which will not yield to the forces of development must necessarily die. It is the merest fancy to pray for a work of grace (in the latter-day conception of that work), or to expect the interposition of a power that will arrest decay in the face of the ignored processes of growth. A new-born babe in the kingdom of grace is an incarnation of possibilities, and the seat of both hope and expectancy. But the man, yet in infancy, is repulsive, horrid, impotent. God save us from the thought so profoundly true! A mind that entertains no conscious thought, an eye—wild and vacant—that sees no grandeur or beauty, a tongue that laps no language, an ear that hears no sound, a heart that throbs responsive to no thrill of joy—a thing born. A living demonstration of what the end shall be of him who violates no law, but simply ignores the processes of development. Such is our curse and blight in this day of all days.

#### MAN'S SOVEREIGNTY.

There is an unseen line, in the spiritual universe, drawn between hope and despair, between things possible and things irrevocable. Here is the ultimate end of sin, the unapproachable citadel of Satan. The astounding feature is that every sinner steadily moves toward this line. It is the outpost of extended mercy; it may be the frontier of sin's domain. Across that limit hope is hopeless, mercy transforms itself into vengeance. The divine decree, "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone," ought to paralyze us with fear. God's last act is to recognize the absolute sovereignty of the human will. God's last desperate act is not the banishment of the sinner, but rather his turning sadly from the heart's door where he finds no welcome. The star of hope sinks forever when, in the majesty of our will, God's only recourse is to withdraw—and we are left alone. Stranded and wrecked, we rest in a desert-waste, beneath a starless sky. In the unutterable depth of that loneliness, there is but one growing fact in the conscience—the thought that he who brought life and immortality to light will never pass that way again. The latch-string to the door of every heart hangs on the inside. The Divine Wanderer may never knock again.

#### FASHION FOR THE LOST.

But few of us ever become cognizant of an absolute passion for souls, Christ, at this point, is the ideal criterion. There is an infinite thought, both under the awful weight of being disowned and the unutterable conviction of voluntary moral destruction, when the Son of God sat without the gate weeping as he sighed: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." But his great heart, crushed beneath an inexpressible agony, could alone deliver that fearful upbraiding of the cities of the plains. Wild in grief, he cried: "Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you. And thou Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works which have been done in thee had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee." It were a reflection on divine mercy and undying devotion to see this act in the light of human frenzy or wrath. It could be no less than the sudden outburst of a real agony. It was the shock of a tremendous conviction born at the very verge of despair. The lamp of life suddenly went out. Christ was gazing over a

city whose seething masses had willingly consigned themselves to irretrievable ruin. To say that it was a mere concern for souls is sacrilegious. His attitude was that of desperation, not of anger. He was in the throes of a conscious agony. Can you stand on this plane, thereby washing the blood of any man from off your hands? Until then, we have not approximated the high type of a divine passion.

#### PRICE OF LIBERTY.

Many who now enjoy the great boon of civil liberty have a very contracted idea as to the conditions of religious liberty. No man attains to civil liberty until he makes an absolute surrender of himself to the will of the people as expressed in statutory law. No man can be free, before the courts of the country, until he undergoes the processes of an unconditional surrender. The excuse made, that it were unjust that God should make the same requirement in order to liberty, is a supreme and unmitigated farce. God requires no more in order to liberty than do the courts of the land. A man has paid the price for liberty and performs the ultimate act within his power the moment he absolutely yields to the will of another. The old comet blazes out the only route to freedom, whether it be civil or divine:

"A love to lose my will in His,  
And by that loss be free."

DALLAS, TEXAS.

#### MORE ABOUT THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee having in charge the preliminaries of the New Orleans Missionary Conference, besides doing all it can along the special line for which it was created, such as securing the best place, the largest attendance, the cheapest rates of travel and entertainment, the most inviting program possible, is also trying by every available means to awaken in the whole Church both a just appreciation of the meeting as an epoch-making occasion and a profound realization of the personal responsibility of every member to bear some part in the work. Among other things looking in this direction, it has sent out a large number of neatly-printed prayer-cards, with the request that those receiving them organize among their friends prayer circles pledged to a daily remembrance at the Throne of Grace the following interests: 1. The conference; that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit be manifest in all its plans and deliberations, and that each delegate realize a personal sense of obligation to Christ to carry out his last command. 2. Our missionaries, foreign and native; that wisdom, faith and love be granted in a large measure for the work of the ministry. 3. Our native Christians; that in purity of life and singleness of purpose they may be faithful witnesses. 4. The world-field; that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth laborers into the field so providentially prepared. 5. The home Church; that there may be a missionary pastor in every pulpit and a missionary conscience in every pew. Three things appear upon the very face of these little missives: (a) The incalculable worth of prayer. (b) The transcendent importance of these themes. (c) The multiplied power that concert gives our prayers. We desire to extend the good work of the committee to a wider field, and hope to reach by means of this communication many to whom those cards may not go and who may not enter the prayer circles contemplated by them.

It needs to be kept before the minds of all concerned that the cause, in the interest of which this conference is called, and for which prayer is so earnestly solicited, is the one true vocation of the Church—the only hope of the world. Until Christian men and women come to recognize this fact and are profoundly impressed with it, responses to any call made in its interest will be sadly incommensurate with both the duty of the Church and the needs of humanity. That any Christian can live for a day without such recognition and impression is the abiding wonder of angels, devils and mad men. That this cause,

"For which all nature stands,  
And stars their courses move;"

for which God, the Son, gave himself to make it a verity; for which the Holy Spirit is ceaselessly engaged in men's hearts and lives; for which the numberless forces of God's universe, good or bad, are put under contribution—should be put second in value to anything else by one of its beneficiaries, is inconceivable except by the beneficiary himself.

The cause of missions—Christ's plan for disseminating his gospel and thus revolutionizing the world to God—asks, demands, four things of every Christian. To refuse them is to forfeit the name and surrender the claim of a Christian: (a) To pray for it. (b) To believe for it. (c) To live for it. (d) To give for it.

To pray for it, because on its success depends the world's rescue from sin and sin's present and eternal consequences. To pray for it, because its

past history, including your part in it, and mine, is but the record of answers to prayers. Christ himself came because he was the desire of all nations. Pentecost came because those who held in their hearts the hope of the world were "all with one accord in prayer and supplication." The Church has advanced only upon her knees: "Ye have not because ye ask not" has been the explanation of her every season of poverty and humiliation in the presence of her foes. "The gospel has winged its ever-widening way around the world only on the pinions of prayer." To pray for it with "all the prayer and supplication of the spirit," because it "wrestles not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," and its victory is to come, "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Your Master says: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain and that whatsoever ye should ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

To believe it, because it is only the prayer of faith that avails. "All things are possible" only "to him that believeth." "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?" Only those who doubt not, in their hearts, but believe that they have the things for which they pray shall have them. To believe it, because God enjoins it, the worthiness of the cause challenges it, the Church waits for it, the world anticipates its conqueror. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

To live for it, because only life can measure the effectualness of prayer, the prevalence of faith. "Why call ye me Lord, and do not the things I say?" To live for it, because "he that saveth his life (for himself) shall lose it," while he that loseth (invests it for Jesus' sake) shall find it. What a man puts of his life into this cause is absolutely all that he saves. To live for it, because the tide of life that flows through you to the heathen world will hardly rise above the level of its medium. What you would have the gospel reproduce in them, be sure that it produces in you.

To give to it, because only giving can testify your appreciation of God's best gift to you. To give to it, because, with Paul, you are a debtor for Christ's sake, to every unsaved man in the world, and you can only approximate a liquidation as you labor to give him what Christ has so freely given you. To give for it, because it is the safest and richest investment possible to you. "Ye shall receive an hundredfold in this life, and in the end, life eternal." To give for it, give yourself, your time, your influence, your business, your money, because, like the blessing of the Lord, "it maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it."

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#### THE SOUTH—ITS LITERARY WRITERS.

Mrs. Augusta J. Wilson.

#### PART I.

Literature opens to the mind a broad and diversified field for thought, instruction and pleasure. In it are stored up the wisdom, virtue, learning, feelings and experience of past ages. Here, poetry leads us into its Elysian gardens to regale with music of verse and blossoms of thought as exquisite as the warbling of birds and the flowers of spring. Here, the historian in glowing narrative tells of the mighty events of the past, the revolutions of kingdoms, the shock and carnage of battles, and the overthrow of valiant leaders stained with no inglorious dust. Here, also, fiction upon its fascinating pages portrays in ideal creations men, things and events with vivid touch, as if they were living entities in the shifting drama of human life.

There is no form of literature more popular and enticing to the literary world than that of fiction. Still its place in the field of letters is doubtful. There are some who hold that the reading of novels and romance is detrimental to the strength and vigor of the mind and afford no solid information. It is also maintained that it corrupts and destroys all taste for useful and substantial reading. It is still further asserted that the young minds, who are the numerous readers of the works of fiction, obtain false views of life from the pictures given of virtue and vice being too highly colored, and the characters of men and women presented being no more real than the fabled fairies by belated peasants seen in moonlight revel upon the summer green. It is, likewise, predicated that the promiscuous reading of novels depraves the morals of society. That such is the effect is largely demonstrated in the popularity that Triby and other novels of like character have obtained with the general American reading public.

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There are those who hold the opinion that the writing of a novel or romance is an easy task, and that it requires no high degree or brilliancy of intellect. They assign the fiction-writer a rank in literature inferior to that of the poet and the historian. This may be the case with many of the works now produced and daily thrust upon the reading public, but not all of them. The frame-work of the novel, say they, has been about the same through all centuries. It is the same old story of "love not running smooth" dramatized, and having the same de- nouement or ending.

There are those who deem that it requires the highest order of mind to write a meritorious novel. Grand and sublime was the genius that produced "Ivanhoe," "Rob Roy," "Waverley," and other works of Sir Walter Scott. His creations were so marvelous and life-like, and came forth with such rapidity of production, that he was called the "Magician of the North." It required deep, accurate and comprehen- sive knowledge of human nature and of life to produce "The Newcomes" of Thackeray. What a vast and varied view and acquaintance with many- colored life did Dickens possess to create the plots and characters in all his works, from "Pickwick Papers" to "Dombey & Son." The writer of "Ben Hur" had a fecundity of mind and of literary resources that comes within the intellectual compass of but few individuals.

As a writer of fiction the author, Mrs. Augusta J. Wilson, whose name appears at the head of this article, has had and still retains a notable popu- larity in the South. She has given to the public a number of works since the first, "Hednah" came from her pen. A cursory review of the literary merits of her productions will require several articles. J. M. GREENE.

THE MORALLY COLOR-BLIND.

Natural color-blindness is far more common than is generally supposed. All persons engaged in certain occu- pations, such as railroading and ma- rine life, are required to pass an ex- amination as to their accuracy in de- tecting colors. Otherwise signals might be misread.

A literary friend, very near me, is color-blind as to blue and green. Does it disqualify him for the ordinary pur- suits of life? No. Does it militate materially against his happiness? No. How does he manage with the two colors? By association. He under- stands that the sky is blue, and that grass, owing to the presence of chloro- phyll, without which the world could not exist, is green. By an obvious as- sociation he is enabled to dispose of the two colors wherever in life he has to meet them. This implies an effort—you may call it "a life-long strug- gle." Be it so. He conquers, just the same.

That there are multitudes who are morally color-blind, I think, is not questioned. It is possible that all are in some form, shade or degree, sub- jects of this defect. It may be congen- ital, or it may be acquired. Do you dispute this? I will not argue it. Is there any one so bold as to say that all men are born equally endowed with moral instinct and capabilities? It is sufficient, perhaps, to cite the parable of the talents. Were they merely intellectual talents? Is no moral quality implied? The question is its own answer. If all men are not equally endowed as to moral instincts and capabilities, then the question is one of degree. Some seem utterly blind as to certain moral qualities. Others show blindness in varying de- grees. As some have marvelous endowments as to natural colors, so some show wonderful endowments morally and unusual moral qualifica- tions.

The morally color-blind occupy vari- ous positions in State, the Church and in society. It is therefore a mat- ter of most serious moment, and one that challenges our devout and most careful consideration. It is to my mind very clear that there are few problems of graver import in all the range of human thought.

The question which at once sug- gests itself to the mind in the consid- eration of this subject is: "How far can grace cure moral color-blindness, if it can be cured?" If there be no cure, what of individual responsibility here, and what of the future destiny of one born morally color-blind? We deem it best to reserve our views on

this question for a subsequent paper, leaving you, for the present, to your own reflections.

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WHY WILL THEY DO IT?

A short time ago I had the pleasure, not unmixed, of partial attendance on the session of the Austin Annual Con- ference of the M. E. Church in the city of San Antonio. Just escaped from the hospital, where I had undergone a painful operation for a distressing affec- tion of the head and nose, and where I had been confined for two weeks, I was glad of the opportunity to go and listen to the deliberations of this conference of our big sister, Bishop Joyce occupied the chair, and I felt it a great privilege to look into his face and listen to his words of wisdom and note his manner of pre- siding. Sorry that I missed hearing his sermon on Sunday, which was said to have been a great sermon.

The members of the conference, though few in number, seemed to be full to overflowing with zeal and reli- gious fervor. To hear them sing and pray and talk was inspiring, and I was about to conclude, "These are the true sons of Wesley, possessing the spirit of holiness, the fire of love and the singleness of heart of that great apostle in a pre-eminent degree." My heart was aglow, and I'm not sure but I began to ask myself, "Would not a place among these devout and earnest souls be about as near heaven as one could get in this world?" till—

well I was awakened from this pleas- ing dream or fancy by something like a shock. Rev. Mr. Dunham was there in the interest of "the Freedman's Aid Society." The preachers had reported heavy deficiencies in the collections for this cause. Mr. Dunham called attention to this fact and naturally rounded the brethren up a little on the subject. At this point I "got it in the neck," as the slang phrase goes, in a way to slightly shake the scales from my eyes. The brethren excused their failure on the ground that it was "very unpopular in the South to do anything for the 'nigger," and then proceeded to charge this fact up to the teachings and practice of the Church, South. I shall not attempt to reproduce what was said either by the members of the conference or by Mr. Dunham. Suffice it to say that their representations were so far from being true and just that I could not but ask mentally, "Can a man be at heart a Christian and at the same time a traducer of his brother's char- acter? Or is it possible that these men can be ignorant of the fact that they are grossly misrepresenting the Southern Methodist Church?"

Doubtless there are people in the South, as there are people in the North, who are opposed to doing any- thing for the "nigger," but to lay this fact to the charge of the Methodist Church, South, is a grievous injustice, as all who are acquainted with our history assuredly know. There was no apparent bitterness in the speech of these dear brethren. On the contrary, they professed great respect and kindly feeling for their erring sister, lamenting the fact (?) that our opposition to the operations of the M. E. Church in the South was mainly on account of their efforts to educate and save the negro. No, no, dear brethren; while many of our people believe you have no real call to fields that are fully occupied by us, there is no oppo- sition on the ground of your efforts in behalf of the negro's mental and spiritual uplifting. To be perfectly frank with you, the greatest objection our people have to you and their chief complaint against you is that you persistently misrepresent us and seek to injure us. One old brother of the conference assured us of the Church, South, that organic union could never come till one or the other Church changed her attitude towards the negro. "Either we are right and they are wrong, or they are right and we are wrong," he said with emphasis. Well, I believe the Church, South, has never prayed for organic union, though she has ardently desired genuine frat- ernity; but if she desired the former ever so much, she could not afford to change her attitude towards the negro in order to secure it, any more than she could afford to change her attitude towards the red man or the China- man. She deems them all as fallen sons of Adam, entitled to the gospel of Christ and to all the blessings of Christian civilization. From this position she cannot recede.

S. G. SHAW

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

After many thanks to you for the excellent paper you are giving us and joining in the universal plaudits of the fine conference reports you gave us, suffer me to note particularly the second page of your last paper, January 17, 1901. There are two names there on who as men were as wide apart as the poles, and yet as boys were in close juxtaposition as pupils at Wilbraham Academy, Mass., in years long

gone—that is to say, somewhere in the decade from 1830. How they came to meet (their names, rather) on the same page of your paper you alone know.

One of these is a Bishop deservedly known as Senior in the Southern M. E. Church, the other an humble itinerant only known within the boundaries of his own conference. These two men are octogenarians—how far beyond it is not necessary to mention. In this workaday world it is not best to name exactly one's age, lest people think you too old to work, or to marry (if that be absolutely needed). Both are retired workmen, only using work as a pastime until the machine wears out, to be renewed by the Author and Maker thereof.

As aforesaid, these men were once boys at Wilbraham, possibly the only two surviving pupils in our entire Southland. By the way, the Senior Bishop of the Northern Church was likewise a pupil at Wilbraham. Now, if all that these boys said, thought and did in all these years could be put on paper (of course, the ill-blotted one) it would be nice reading, for there must be in it some residuum of good.

Of the boyish escapades at Wilbraham, it is already on record concerning one of them, that he climbed the light- ning-rod of the four-story boarding-house, and on the tip end of the light- ning-rod placed a memorial roll. Evidently the boy was father of the man, for he has been climbing ever since and is now deservedly on the top. He can get no higher until he reaches the upper sanctuary which may the good Lord delay for a long time yet. The other whilom boy has been climbing, too, but unfortunately it has been climbing down, and he is now safely at the bottom, as very many of the sub-bishops in Texas will be if they only live long enough. There is only one real difficulty in this—all can not be retired on half pay, there not being funds enough to go round. But some- how or somehow else, it may be safely said they manage to live, and will until they die. After that, nobody wants pay of any sort save in coin that's current in the palace of the King.

The one published a book (Post Oak). Some thought he seemed rather ashamed of his handling. No reason therefor in all the world, for if it is not a classic on Methodist finance the best judges are sadly mistaken.

The other published a book likewise. Alas! my masters; the thing was still-born—half the edition is in the Pub- lishing House cellars, and there likely to remain until the crack of doom. Sic gloria, his only comfort. It wouldn't do for all to be successful book- makers—there would be so little mat- ter for resignation in a world where it is so much needed.

By a good providence the writer's locus in quo is near where the good Bishop located the Garden of Eden. More belike from the relics of the deluge that what John Milton tells:

"Of goodlier trees, laden with fairest fruit Blossoms and fruits at once, of golden hue— Those balmy spoils Sabean odors from the spicy shore— Of Araby the blest."

But enough. Come down, Mr. Editor, to our great West India Institute next December and see for yourself.

My eye has caught a notice of a new book by Bishop Keeser, "The Garden of Eden and the Flood." Dear, dear! can I ever spare up the money to get a copy? I bought many copies of "Post Oak," but could never keep a copy in my library. Its popularity was so man- ifest people would borrow it and then would remember to forget to return it. This is a sad world for good-natured people who lend out books and papers. Can't you get up a fund to aid them—the borrowers, I mean? Such a fund would aid good morals, for they are a class that say: "We returned the cracked kettle borrowed. It had no crack in it when we returned it—the fact is, we never had the kettle."

But we had nearly forgotten the ob- ject of this present writing, which had not higher motive than to ask how it came about that two pupils of old Wilbraham came together on the second page of your excellent paper. We had often met the Bishop in Cabinet coun- cil, but never knew until after that we had (though not together) been at Wilbraham. Dear, dear; we had been often scared at him, but if we had known as above we would have heard- of the lion in his den. Alas! what a motive that had been for the good man to have let us had our way in fixing appointments—a matter in which all good presiding elders are hungrily concerned, and alas! which the iron will of a prejudiced Episcopos will not al- ways allow us. But we are down and he is up still. Nevertheless, it is a comfort to know we are next to head, even as the little fellow boasted when the whole class numbered only him- self and another boy.

NOTES FROM ARDMORE DISTRICT.

We are near the close of the first round. This has been a good quarter for Church work. We have met all the Quarterly Conferences. The preach- ers are hard at work.

Bro. Moon, at Overbrook, has made needed improvements on the parson- age, and is now taking steps for a new church at that place. We think this will be built.

Bro. J. L. Sullivan has made a splen- did beginning at Marietta. This is one of our best charges, and Sullivan is the man for the place.

Mannville, under the pastoral care of E. M. Garrett, will make a good showing this year.

J. L. Gore, of Cumberland, has his work well in hand, his made favor- able impressions, and will, he thinks, build a new church at Woodville on the new line of railroad running to Denton, Texas.

J. W. Morris, of Carter Avenue, Ardmore, has an important work, and thinks he will be able to develop a strong Church at that point.

Lebanon has just associated a new- room parsonage. This is one of the best parsonages in the conference. It has cost them \$900. W. D. Sauls is the pastor.

At Lebanon is located the Christiana Orphan Home. Bro. W. S. Jernick, one of the oldest members of this con- ference, is in charge. He and his wife are doing a great work for the Church and the Indian children.

J. M. Gross, of Broadway, Ardmore, is one of the strongest men of the Methodist, and is doing a great work in Ardmore. God has given him the ear and the presence of the profession- al and business men of the city.

J. D. Rogers, of Leon, has his col- lections well in hand, and expects a good year.

Washita, our fall-wood work, reports collections in full at the first Quarterly Conference. L. V. Collier is the pastor.

The Engineer

Leaning from the cab window does more with his eyes than his ears. The "rum- ble and grumble and roar" of his engine are to him articulate speech, and a false note in that jumble of sounds



would catch his ear as quickly as a discord would strike the ear of the leader of an orchestra.

He thinks more of his engine than himself. That is why he neglects to notice symptoms which are full of warning, the foul tongue, the bitter taste, the sour ridings, and the undue fullness after eating are but symptoms of dyspepsia or some form of disease involving the stomach and organs of digestion and nutri- tion. To treat the heart, liver, lungs, and other organs are involved and the cure is made by all.

The new American Medical Discovery purifies the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. It purifies the blood and builds up the body with blood-building food.

Dr. Price's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.

Always please us when we don't always please ourselves!

Always look on smiles as well as stern looks.

"Yea, yea, of gloomish" comes out of your own heart.

Chick, cock, crowds all the first thread is broken.

Success was strong in parts, but he lacked moral muscle.

Children's tears like dewdrops, are soon dried by the day.

The universal great are pitted; the novel great are praised.

Some will wait to spend the whole of their days in holidays.

She looked at the bell and the ring railroad, and never to return.

A man who weeps away his head or feet on the trains in tears.

Delia's smile was a demon's grin at Miss Barbara's memory.

No love crops raised in eternity; it is not the harvest hour of time.

The flames of shame withers itself and never flows beneath its shade.

Never an opportunity knock at your door. Meet him on the threshold.

There is very little difference between some men and their shadows.

I heard of a preacher who joked so much they called him a holy joke.

Conscience, like a portrait, is always looking at you, but you paint the portrait.

God is always, but he has no time to deal with the fellow who is not in earnest.

Some find the long before they are buried, some never die, though they are buried.

Disadvantages, like oysters, come with the shell on. That is why some folks never see theirs.

FOOD IN MEXICO.

American Food, Grape-Nuts, Replaces Native Food.

A gentleman from the City of Mex- ico, Paul T. Gordon, writes that him- self and some other members of his family could not live comfortably on the ordinary food in Mexico, and after using the native food for some months, finally got into a run down and ex- hausted condition.

He says, "An American feels most unwell the food in mind and body of some of the indigenous food he has been raised on in the States. Several months ago when I was particularly feeling the need of some change in food, I noticed Grape-Nuts in the win- dow of one of the large grocery stores here, and remembering how, in the States, some little nieces and nephews had grown fat and healthy on it, al- most exclusively, I bought two pack- ages, to see if it succeeded as well with grown up people.

"From that day to this it has never been absent from our table. With us, the exhaustion and emaciation caused by this climate and the miserable diet, has entirely disappeared, and we are all in most excellent health, vigor, and spirits."

NATH'S NOTIONS.

Youth longs for age, age mourns for youth.

Many a fellow loses when he thinks he wins.

Be asleep at midnight. Be strong at midday.

We worry for to-morrow, then worry of to-morrow.

Some folks' prayers are so old they are out of date.

Childhood faces the sun, shadows fall out of sight.

We waste our own oil at night and God's in the morning.

How shall we expect other folks to

A BETTER WAY.

I like the custom among M. E. preachers of kneeling in silent prayer for a few moments before opening the public service, though it may be a lit- tle embarrassing for a stranger to come upon a platform open to the gaze of the entire audience, and amid all the clutter and gauds and show it re- verses that we had sometimes in our Churches. I have to confess that in a corner of an old-fashioned box pews and away from the public view, off by a partition, but just behind the pulpit, truth I never felt much like praying kneeling down there alone and every- body looking at me. If it is a good thing for the preacher to have a few moments in silent prayer, it is a good thing for the laity as well. The peo- ple need to get in the proper frame of mind to hear as much as the preacher needs preparation to preach. This is not a much better plan for the preacher to call the entire audience to silent prayer for a short while prepar- atory to the public service. There is something real serious and soul-lif- ting about a whole congregation be- ing engaged in silent prayer. That stillness that pervades the audience then is in itself a real preparation for the public service. Call them all here, brother, all they need is just for you to suggest it, and let the people try, get the benefit of a preparation.

C. G. SHUTT, Dawson, Texas.

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Secular News Items.

American insurance companies loan \$50,000,000 to Russia this week.

The Coates Opera House in Kansas City burned Thursday night, causing a loss of \$150,000.

The Tennessee Legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the importation into the State of cigarettes or cigarette papers.

The German Babylonian Expedition has recently unearthed a street procession of Bel Merodach, and the great Merodach temple of Esaghta, containing many interesting antiquities.

The oath of allegiance was administered to about 1900 natives in the northern part of Luzon last week, and more than 50,000 have taken the oath in the Province of Iloilo, Panay.

There are nine widows of ex-Governors of Indiana now living, five of them living in Indianapolis. Four ex-Governors of the State died very suddenly in a few months after their terms expired.

The banns for the marriage of Queen Wilhelmina and Henry, Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, were read in the churches for the first time last Sunday, and the marriage will take place on Thursday of next week.

Wireless telegraphy is in practical operation between Honolulu and other islands of the Hawaiian group, all being included except Kauai. There are three stations—at Honolulu, at Ilio, and on the island of Lanai.

The Governor of Connecticut is advocating the enactment of a law requiring Judges of Probate Courts to examine the inventories of estates of deceased persons and to assess any tax the owners created while living, as is done in Switzerland.

The board of naval officers convened to select a site for a naval station in the Philippines has decided upon Olanegan, situated on Subig Bay, and Secretary Long has sent a recommendation to Congress asking for \$1,000,000 with which to begin work on the new station.

The Royal Commission appointed to investigate the South African hospital question has issued a report to the effect that on the whole there was no general neglect, and that all the witnesses of any experience in other wars declared that the sick and wounded were never before so well cared for.

The Senate has passed a resolution asking the President for all the available information as to the extent, character and value of lands in the Philippines held for ecclesiastical purposes, and whether any others of the Government has entered into any obligation as to the titles of such lands.

A dispatch to the Franciscans from Cairo says news has been received there from Abyssinia of a great battle, in which 7000 men were killed. It is supposed the chiefs rebelled during the absence of King Menelik, who has gone to the Egyptian frontier in connection with the delimitation of the Egypto-Abyssinian frontier.

The American Tea Company has purchased 600 acres of land on one of the sea islands, near Charleston, S. C., and will engage in the planting of tea on a large scale for commercial purposes, according to the Atlanta News-Charleston correspondent. The plans of the American Tea Company contemplate the production of 300,000 pounds of tea annually.

R. G. Dun & Co. show failures in January 1901 in number and \$11,229,811 in amount of liabilities. Of this amount twenty-five were in manufacturing, for \$1,700,884, and 948 in trading, for \$5,311,804, while in brokerage, transporting, real estate, etc., there were forty failures, for \$1,508,027. Besides these strictly commercial disasters, eight financial houses closed their doors, owing \$1,979,857.

The value of property owned in Georgia by negroes, as shown by the books of the tax assessors, is \$14,118,720, an increase of nearly a million dollars as compared with 1899, the year previous. In 1879 they returned for taxation only \$5,185,298 worth of property. Making due allowance for the reduced figure at which property is usually assessed, we think it safe to say their possessions, personal and real, must amount to more than thirty million dollars.

A special to the Globe-Democrat from Oaxaca, Mex., says: The military authorities have been advised of another engagement which took place between the Government troops and a large force of Maya Indians. The battle took place about nine miles

from Chan Santa Cruz, the stronghold of the rebels, and resulted in a victory for the Government forces. The casualties on the rebel side were heavy, it being estimated that they lost over three hundred men killed and wounded.

The Montana Legislature has re-elected to the United States Senate Mr. W. A. Clark, the millionaire mine owner who was excluded from that body a year ago, after protracted investigation, on the ground that his election was secured through the liberal use of money. This proves either that the Montana legislators are not squeamish as to the sort of men they send to the United States Senate, or that they do not believe the charges which the Senate evidently believed.

Queen Victoria's lineal descendants have been eighty-three, including children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Seventy-one are living. The New York World remarks, "She has not only been a great Queen, but a great mother of Kings, Queens and Emperors." Her descendants have already assured to them permanent rule over the empires of Great Britain and Germany, and it is believed that within twenty years her grandchildren will be upon the thrones of those two empires not only but of Russia as well.

W. J. Bryan will soon start for Europe, probably in the early spring. It is his purpose to call upon President Kruger, but the ultimate object is a tour of the Continent. He may visit all the British isles and especially Ireland. The success of his newspaper, the Commoner, has been so great at the outset that he feels warranted in going abroad in quest of material for a series of letters for his paper, in the course of which it is said to be his intention to treat on imperialism as he finds it and to make a special study of colonial dependencies.

Movement is now on foot to secure from Congress a charter for a third bridge across the Mississippi at St. Louis. The representation is made that the rates demanded by the companies now owning and operating the ferries and bridges across the Mississippi, are so high as to be extortionate. The building of a third bridge, it is represented, will check the extortion by breaking the monopoly which exists. The new bridge is to be built between the Kads bridge and the Merchants bridge, and its charter provides that under no circumstances shall more than 50 per cent. of the rates demanded by other bridges be asked of the public.

Twenty years ago the number of pensioners on the rolls was 259,892. The present number is 935,523. Thirteen years after the Civil War ended (that is, in 1878) we were paying for pensions less than thirty million dollars; the annual pension appropriation bill now before Congress calls for an expenditure of \$145,247,230. Should that amount be appropriated, it would exceed the aggregate payments for pensions during the five years from 1873 to 1883, inclusive. Last year (thirty-five years after the end of the Civil War) 49,645 new claims were allowed. Were this money equitably distributed among those who fought for the preservation of the Union, there is no manner of doubt that it would amply provide for all the wants of those in need.

While Buffalo is hurrying her preparations for the Pan-American Exhibition of 1901, St. Louis has lost no time in placing on a solid financial footing the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904. Private subscriptions to the amount of ten million dollars have been secured, and the Government has appropriated five millions to the enterprise. With a fund of fifteen million dollars, the exposition managers ought to be able to present an exhibit of the agricultural, manufacturing and other interests of the United States in such a way as to render this one of the most successful of all great fairs of modern times. Congress seems to have been impressed with the importance of a fitting celebration of the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase, for it made the largest appropriation that has ever been given to an enterprise of this kind.

The recent failure of a great mining and promoting corporation in London, which has injured the spotless name of no less than the Earl of Buffin, and which was followed by the failures of fifteen brokers there, and, in Berlin, the suspension of two mortgage banks, are events in startling contrast to American prosperity. In England there has been a special reason for present financial depression, and, unfortunately for the London market, the reason will probably exist for some time to come. The heavy losses represented by the bill of six hundred million dollars already incurred on account of the Boer war, as well as the continued interruption of the an-

nual eighty-million-dollar supply of gold from the Rand mines, have now had their natural result. The Bank of England has experienced a severe and an almost unprecedented tension, resulting especially from the particularly unfavorable tidings received during the past month from South Africa. The bank has been obliged to advance its rate of discount from four to five per cent.—an action the more remarkable from the fact that an advance in rates has not occurred in January for nearly forty years.

When Queen Victoria lay dying at Osborne House last week, the Pope at Rome was praying that she might be spared for her devoted subjects. After her death, the Pope once more prayed for the Queen and for the consolation of the English people. The action of the Pope is a significant criterion of present tendencies. It marks a great progression from the period of James II. to the present time. According to the Pope's belief, the Queen of England was a heretic and irredeemable. And yet the Pope prayed earnestly for the salvation of the Queen. James II. was the last Roman Catholic King of England. His short reign of three years was characterized by his persistency in trying to ram Catholicism down the throats of the protesting English people. In those days there was no religious toleration possible. To-day the English Protestants engage the sympathies of the exponent of the Catholic Church—the Pope—who, though an old man, is without the prejudices that are so often the accompaniment of a protracted life.

The dispatches of the 4th instant from London give an account of the last ceremonies attending the funeral and burial of Queen Victoria.

Windsor, Feb. 4.—The last honors have been paid to Queen Victoria. Her body now rests peacefully near that of her husband in the mausoleum at Frogmore. The final ceremonies were more of a pathetic character than any of the obsequies which have preceded them.

Shortly before 3 o'clock, in the presence of the royal mourners, the Grenadier Guard of honor lifted the coffin from its temporary resting place in the Albert memorial chapel and placed it on a gun carriage. In the meanwhile the Queen's company of Grenadiers, drawn up in a quadrangle, presented arms and wheeled into line, their rifles at reverse, and with slow, measured stride, marched toward the castle gate. At the head of the procession was a band playing Chopin's funeral march. On the gun carriage was the same regalia which had attracted the eyes of millions since the march to the grave began at Osborne. Close behind walked King Edward, Emperor William, the Duke of Connaught, wearing dark military overcoats and plumed cocked hats and looking pale and careworn. In similar dull attire were the Kings of Portugal and Belgium. All heads were bent. The blue and gray of the German Princes redeemed the royal group from perfect somberness of color. Behind these walked Queen Alexandra and the royal Princesses deeply veiled. As the last of these veiled women passed out from the castle there came two boys dressed in bright tarlatan kilts and velvet jackets. Between them was a young girl, her fair, bossy hair glittering against the crape of her mourning veil. Two of these were children of Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the other was little Prince Edward of York. His tiny legs could hardly keep pace even with the slow progress of the mourning band.

The rear of the procession was brought up by the suites of the King and Princess, their varicolored overcoats forming a striking patch of color. Down the long walk with the band still playing Chopin's dirge, this quiet throng slowly made its way to the mausoleum. The horses attached to the gun carriage were inclined to be restive, but, as an extra precaution, a drag of ropes was attached to the wheels and held by sturdy artillerymen.

At the lodge gates the strain of the band died away and the pipers commenced their lament.

There, between the broad avenue of stately trees the crowds were the thickest, forming dense black bands. By 3:30 p. m. the crowd, bareheaded, passed into the outer lodge, which leads to the Frogmore inclosure, where none but the family and servants were admitted. The choir met them and the royal family and their relatives entered the burial place so dear to the late Queen, ranging themselves on each side of the coffin. The Bishop of Winchester read the last part of the burial service. After further singing by the choir the benediction was given and, amid the privacy of this family tomb, the last farewells were said, the funeral came to an end, the mourners drove to the castle and the crowds dispersed.

Windsor, Feb. 4.—Hundreds of people poured into Windsor throughout the morning, and by 1 o'clock the long walk was already black with specta-

tors, mostly from the surrounding country, waiting for a last glimpse of the coffin containing the remains of Queen Victoria. The sun was shining brightly. The final obsequies promised to be as stately as the initial stages.

The representatives of royal families arrived from London about 1 o'clock and drove to Windsor Castle.

The streets of the old town were still hung with wreaths sadly faded since Saturday. The stores were closed during the interment. Dismounted lifeguardsmen in their scarlet cloaks, the white plumes of their helmets glistening in the sun, kept the route clear from the castle slope.

At 3:15 p. m. the head of the procession passed slowly out of King George's Arch.

Following the coffin walked King Edward, the Duke of Connaught, Emperor William, the King of the Belgians, Prince Henry of Prussia, and all the other royal personages, including Queen Alexandra and the Princesses, with the exception of the few who have already left England.

Those present were accompanied by their suites.

The route was through the Norman gateway across the quadrangle, through the George IV. archway, down the long walk through the lodge gates and along the long walk to the mausoleum.

The route from the George IV. archway to the gates of the mausoleum were lined with troops.

The choir met the funeral cortege on the steps, the Highlanders, pipers and servants on their arrival went in to the mausoleum and took up the positions allotted to them. Then the coffin was carried into the mausoleum, preceded by the choir and clergy. The members of the royal family took places on each side of the sarcophagus, the royal household standing in the transept on each side. The rest of the ceremony was private as the space inside the mausoleum was limited.

The choir sang Sir Arthur Sullivan's anthem, "Yea Though I Walk," the hymn "Sleep Thy Last Sleep," and Tennyson's "The Face of Death is Turned Towards the Sun of Light," set to music by Sir Walter Parrott. The final rites over the dead Queen were concluded at 3:30 p. m. and the body was laid to rest in the Frogmore mausoleum.

London, Feb. 4.—The King has sent the following message to all the British colonies and dependencies:

"To my people beyond the seas: The countless messages of loyal sympathy that I have received from every part of my dominions over seas testify to the universal grief in which the whole empire mourns the loss of my beloved mother.

"In the welfare and prosperity of her subjects throughout Great Britain the Queen ever evinced a heartiest interest. She saw with thankfulness the steady progress which, under the wide extension of self-government they had made during her reign. She warmly appreciated their unfailing loyalty to her throne and person, and was proud to think of those who had so nobly fought and died for the empire's cause in South Africa. I have already declared that it will be my constant endeavor to follow the great example which has been bequeathed to me. In these endeavors I shall have confident trust in the devotion and sympathy of the people and of their several representatives assembled throughout my vast colonial dominions. With such loyal support I will, with the blessing of God, solemnly work for the promotion of the common welfare and security of our great empire, over which I have now been called to reign. EDWARD."

King Edward has gazetted the following to his subjects throughout the empire:

"To my people: Now that the last scene has closed in the noble and glorious life of my beloved mother, the Queen, I am anxious to endeavor to convey to the whole empire the extent of the deep gratitude I feel for the heart-stirring and affectionate tributes which have everywhere been borne to her memory."

After alluding to the "common sorrow," the King concludes by again pledging to walk in the footsteps of the late Queen in the fulfillment of "my great responsibilities."

The King-Emperor has sent a special message to the people of India and a greeting to the ruling chiefs of the native States. He refers to the late Queen's special interest in India, to his own visit to that country, to the deep impression he received there and to his purpose to follow the Queen-Empress in working for the well-being of all ranks in India.

The saloon smashers in Kansas, headed by Mrs. Carrie Nation, are still at their work. They have invaded a number of resorts since our last issue and smashed up furniture and jugs by the wholesale. Last Monday they entered a resort in Topeka and a general row ensued. Some of the ladies retreated, but Mrs. Nation held her ground until she was led away by two policemen. She was taken before the City Judge and he

An Interesting Case.

PARENTS OF GROWING GIRLS WILL APPRECIATE IT.

The Story is Told by a Father who is Grateful for His Daughter's Recovery.

From the Standard, Cleveland, N. Y.

At 91 Lincoln Avenue, Cortland, N. Y., was once a house of sorrow and sadness. The daughter of George Loucks, the pride of the household, seemed going into a decline as she reached her early womanhood and her condition caused the greatest anxiety in the family. The happy ending of the matter caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood and, when questioned by a reporter, Mr. Loucks made the following statement:

"About two years ago my daughter, who was then in her sixteenth year, was in bad health. She was pale and thin, without strength or vitality, in fact her condition was that which is generally called all run down. We were, of course, worried about her and employed the best physicians to attend her. They studied her case and, although they did everything possible, gave her no relief which was permanent. The late Dr. Angel had first called my attention to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and my wife had heard they were a fine tonic, so we decided to try them for my daughter. We did so and inside of eight weeks the primary cause of her trouble was removed and she showed a decided gain in health, strength and flesh."

"A great many people will buy a medicine and take a few doses. Then if they are not cured they throw it aside as no good, or take it spasmodically. We believed in a fair trial in strict accordance with directions and our faithfulness was rewarded for she was greatly benefited by them. Her color came to her cheeks and she continued to gain in weight and strength. So you see both my wife and myself believe in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and have found them a wonderful medicine. We have told a great many people about them and have been glad to do so."

Signed, GEORGE LOUCKS, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of June, 1900. F. C. PARSONS, Notary Public.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

BOSQUEVILLE.

W. A. Gilleland, Feb. 2: General collections about secured in cash and subscription. They will be when we see a few more people privately and get their subscriptions. With the collections secured the way is open to work for a revival. Pray for God's blessings on this charge.

FLORENCE.

Sam. C. Vaughan: Yesterday, January 27, was a good day at Florence. I preached morning and night to a full house, and had fine interest. Seven joined the Church. Bro. J. B. Ratliff, who joined, handed me \$5, and said: "I have paid my quarterage. You give this to your wife, will you?" I said in my heart, "God bless him." I took collection for Orphanage and got \$7.10. I visited five families and married one couple. The outlook on the work is fine. Many tokens of kindness.

SALADO.

J. M. Armstrong, Feb. 4: We arrived here in time for Thanksgiving services. Reception cordial. Kindly and substantial remembrances numerous. A good parsonage, first-class neighbors, appreciative congregations, and pleasant surroundings generally, combine to make this a delightful charge. To meet the obligations thus imposed is no small task. Coop of turkeys, a box of goods and our assessment sent to Orphanage. Predecessors have wrought well, and their foot-prints are plainly seen. We are moving forward with a promising outlook.

TROY.

C. S. Cameron, Feb. 1: Our work at Troy is being blessed of God. Our Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings are increasing in interest and numbers and members are being added to the Church almost every service. Last Sunday, Jan. 27, was a day of special interest at Troy with our Church. Preached at 11 a. m. on missions and collected in less than fifteen minutes over \$100 for general collections, and then received ten into the Church and baptizing one adult. This makes eighteen accessions at this point in the two months. A number have been received at other points. On the whole, we are on rising ground. We are expecting a great revival. Amen!

ROBY.

Isaac L. Mills, Jan. 30: The first Quarterly Conference for this charge has just been held. Our presiding elder, E. A. Smith, was on time promptly, and preached four sermons, which were well received, and I feel sure they will bear good fruit. The love-feast on Sunday evening was a splendid service. It had the old-time ring. Everybody enjoyed it. We have been well received on the work, and hope to make it the best year of our ministry. Finances pretty well up this quarter for the support of the ministry, and we have made a good start with our conference collections. Have secured a few new subscriptions to the Advocate. Will try to put it in every Methodist home.

GORDON.

J. S. Tunnell, Feb. 2: Last week was a busy week and a good time with us in Gordon. Pursuant to call of Presiding Elder Jno. R. Morris, the preachers' meeting and Missionary Institute of Weatherford District convened with us Jan. 22. Some of the brethren were detained by serious sickness in their homes; we missed them, and earnest prayers were offered for them and theirs in their hour of trouble. Brothers Stewart, Lewis and Bonner ministered the Word unto us, and their trumpets gave forth no uncertain sound. God spoke to the people through those earnest sermons. The various phases of the work were discussed, and a plan adopted by which every charge



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might have ministerial help for revival work where it was desired. It was agreed to make the minimum for the district this year a thousand souls for Christ and full collections. The presiding elder is in the work heart, head and body, and the preachers all at their places with busy hands and faith in God. We may expect victory in his name. On the afternoon of the 24th the District Stewards came, made and prorated a liberal assessment for salary and traveling expenses of the presiding elder; also apportioned the other assessments to the different charges. The 26th and 27th was the first Quarterly Conference for Gordon, and the closing of the first round on the district. These Gordonites have been exceedingly nice to the pastor and family. The board made reasonable provision for their support. Our effort shall be to give them a worthy service. Bro. Morris' sermons on Sunday were up to the high-water mark. A collection Sunday night for district parsonage resulted in more than was asked. Looking back over the week, I feel to thank God for the association, sympathy and service of the ministry.

FARMER.

Ed. R. Wallace, Feb. 1: Rev. W. H. Hawkins has completed his round of preaching and taking a collection to keep the town cows from the parsonage corn. He raised \$80 and secured a good turkey. The people came in the women cooked and the men worked and the barn went up. We had a time never to forget. The barn is 14x14, and 9x14 room on each side, 10-foot wall. They put \$20 worth more furniture in the parsonage. "Buck Huchee" Hawkins is in the chair, and I am the roust-about. He is worth more than he costs. The parsonage will have more than \$100 worth of substantial improvements. One thing is hindering us—that is smallpox. Several cases near. Otherwise I have an excellent start towards a good year among these people.

CENTER CITY.

W. K. Simpson, Jan. 27: Since Annual Conference we were kindly received back on this charge for the fourth term of service. Our first Quarterly Conference convened the 12th and 13th of January. Rev. W. H. Matthews, our presiding elder, on time. Preaching good. He seemed to be natural in his new relation. Salary raised; amount paid at conference more than double last year at first Quarterly Conference. Part of the material is on ice ground to build a Methodist Church at Center City. Several efforts have been made to build a church at this point, but defeated by so-called Union party. The victory is ours. House when completed will be the best in this county.

McGREGOR STATION.

W. B. Wilson, Feb. 4: We closed a ten days' revival last night. Had a very fine meeting from the beginning to the close. A number of conversions and additions to the Church. Had a most spiritual uplift to the general membership. Bro. J. Sam Barcus, of Missouri Avenue, Fort Worth, assisted us. He did very effectual work, and more than met the expectations of the people. We believe the work will abide and continue to produce fruit. This charge is up-to-date in all its obligations. A spiritual membership, with numbers of family altars, all the different societies of our Church, and taking a large circulation of our Church literature. The thoughtful kindness of our people almost daily bring the family at the parsonage under obligations that cheer and make us feel a great appreciation for their generosity. This is our second year as a station and as pastor here. We expect to make much more progress during this year.

SANTA ANNA.

B. A. Snoddy, Feb. 1: Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Santa Anna, Jan. 26 and 27. Our new presiding elder, W. H. Matthews, was with us, preaching to the delight and edification of all. His management of affairs and business in the Quarterly Conference was like a well-experienced presiding officer, notwithstanding this is his first year as presiding elder. The plan of Santa Anna charge has been so changed that Santa Anna is half-station. The stewards reported over \$171 raised for the ministry at this Quarterly Conference. They made an assessment of \$600 for salary of the pastor. We had a gracious service on Sunday at 10 o'clock. The sermon preached by Brother Matthews moved the hearts of the congregation. After the sermon, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered and a large number of communicants flocked to the altar, and the communion of saints was most impressive. The presiding elder remained the next day with us and on Monday evening a Woman's Home Mission Society was organized. One week before on Sunday we organized a Junior League, which has more than doubled its membership. It meets every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Upon the whole the pros-

pects for the year are very encour- aging. Most all the subscribers to the Twentieth Century Fund have redeemed their pledges and have paid the subscriptions as they came due. Since Annual Conference the pastor has collected on this fund and sent to F. B. Sinex \$124.15, making nearly \$200 on the Twentieth Century Fund, nearly all paid within the last six months, to the credit of Santa Anna charge. And "still there's more to follow" in the next four years. The pastor thinks all the foregoing very creditable to this charge of three hundred and five members.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

KOUNTZE CHARGE.

R. O. Bailey, Jan. 31: After a three years' stay with the Chester charge, we are with the people of the Kountze charge. When we left the Chester charge we felt that we were leaving many friends. I stepped off the train in Kountze in the evening of December 12, and at once took charge as pastor of the flock over which I had been appointed. Have finished my first and started on my second round. The people received us very cordially. The day before wife arrived the merchants sent in a lot of things in the way of supplies for the cook. A few days later a lot of things, among which we found a turkey. These were from Bro. T. J. Welch. And the things have not ceased to come in yet. After all, it is good to be here. We are still among a people that know God and love their pastor. May the Lord bless them and give us a good year.

CANTON.

H. B. Frouhart, February 1: Appointed to this charge, we arrived here promptly after the adjournment of conference. A kind reception found expression in words of cheer and the proverbial pounding. These are a generous folk. Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 28. Bro. Smith, our presiding elder, presided for us Sunday night and administered the sacrament. Every interest of the Church has his close scrutiny. The conference gave much encouragement. A good attendance, good reports, cheerfulness, helpfulness and liberality bespeak a successful year for which we shall earnestly strive. A good provision was made for the preacher more than one-fourth of which was paid. The assessment was an increase over that of last year. The reports showed \$225 raised since conference for the repair of churches. These are the elements here for one of the best of circuits. These encouraging signs tell of good work done by those who have gone before.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CARRIZO SPRINGS AND BATESVILLE.

E. H. Lovejoy, Jan. 31: I am in a new field of labor, and am delighted with the work that has been assigned me here in the West Texas Confer- ence. I have found many of the Lord's chosen people here to assist me in the work, but I feel incom- petent to render them the service they deserve, though, by the help of the Lord, we will press the battle to a finish. This is a land of sunshine, with but little to do, and everybody lives at their ease; and if we were able to persuade them to do right, and to love the Lord, this would be the place for the millennium to dawn. Brethren, pray for me.

MASON CIRCUIT.

David A. Gregg, Jan. 28: The first Quarterly Conference for the Mason charge is now a thing of the past. It was held at Bethel. Bro. Lee, our presiding elder, was on hand, and while he was not at himself physically, as a result of exposure on this large dis- trict, he was in the Spirit both in and out of the pulpit. His timely words to preacher and people are calculated to bring forth good to Methodism here. The charge made a favorable report on all lines except that the official brethren of Mason failed to have a representative there. We hope they will be with us next time. The Advocate is appreciated here, and we see opportunity to swell the subscription list. By the Lord's help, we are going on to victory on all lines.

KINGSLAND CIRCUIT.

C. W. Godwin, Jan. 31: I am well into the second year on this charge. We have received many expressions of kindness from the people since confer- ence. Last year Mrs. M. M. Tate, of Kingsland, furnished paper and canvas for two rooms of the parsonage, and not long since presented to it a nice carpet. She is always busy for the church. May she live many years to make happy the servants of the Church, and may they prove worthy of her kindness. This house now presents as nice appearance inside as any in the district. Rev. I. K. Waller, presiding elder, came here the second Sunday after the Annual Conference.

He preached better than I have ever heard him before. The Quarterly Confer- ence was not well attended on account of the officials not knowing the time. This country is in fine condition and prospects good for our Church.

MAY.

D. A. McGuire: I start for a revival in every church. We are planning for the summer's campaign. Have secured quite a number of new subscri- bers to the Advocate. My people are delighted with it. We have appreciative people. They have brought us many good things to eat. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our people with fine crops and they are showing their gratitude by giving to the Church. We have only four appoint- ments, but fine territory for work. Last year we built one beautiful church, valued at \$800. It is close of debt. Will dedicate it at our second Quarterly Conference. We have put \$225 on the parsonage. We have almost money enough to build another church at Holder, when it is finished, which we trust shall be by the 1st of May, this will make us three, and we are praying for the fourth. We have two faithful local preachers. They work in harmony with the pastor. Oh! for more such men. We hope to have many con- versions and everything as full as conference.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

COLUMBIA.

W. F. Rinson, Jan. 29: We arrived at Columbia Saturday after conference. The good people set us to keeping house at once, and we have not looked for anything to eat. Good things to eat come to the parsonage every few days. Three turkeys, Christmas and Santa brought something for the children, and more some cash to see that they had a good time. We had a good watch-night service. Braxton sent us a good pounding on New Year's. We have occupied our new church since after the first Sunday we came. Have had good congregations at the different appointments. We have not received any members, but dismissed about twelve. Yet we are moving along very well. The Lord's blessings abide on this people.

MANHACCA.

W. W. Horner, Jan. 29: We have had a very cordial reception here, and the people are very kind all over the work. I have just completed the first round on the circuit, and preached to good congregations at all five ap- pointments except Moore's School- house. I went to that community to preach last Sunday, but took such a severe case of "erie" that I had to go to bed and disappoint a good congre- gation there. We think we have made a splendid start, and hope to be able to do the best year's work of our minis- try. Lumber is on the ground, and we expect to add some much-needed improvements to the parsonage right away. Work is to begin as soon as the people recover from the grip, which is prevailing all over this country. When the work is completed, we will then have a very cozy, neat little parsonage, which will make a good work- er's home for years to come. We have already put a nice, new stove in the kitchen, which has added much to the comfort of the good woman who pre- sides over the household. We expect to leave our dear friends at Mont- gomery, who had been so kind to us the two years we were there. We wish to say to them and all other friends that we have found kind, loving friends here also, some old and some new, who were glad to meet us. May God's richest blessings rest abundantly upon all our dear friends, new and old, and may we be able to have a grand, glorious, soul-saving, wide-sweeping sin-killing revival of pure and undefiled religion all over the work in my earnest and sincere prayer. We were nicely sound- ed after arriving here, for which we return our hearty thanks to those dear people.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

LOME OAK.

R. H. Fields, Bishop Candler re- turned us to this charge, to serve this good people the third year. They re- ceived us with open arms and every- thing has been done to encourage us. The pounding came on Saturday night after conference—things to eat, things to wear, money, and best of all, ex- pressions of sympathy and encourage- ment that abide long after the mate- rial things vanish. Our first Quarterly Conference is just over. The stewards unanimously raised the preacher's salary \$100, making it \$700. We paid ev- ery assessment against the charge last year, and will do the same this. The Quarterly Conference also voted \$75 to the parsonage for necessary im- provements. No preacher is better cared for than this one, and if we are not nary it is our own fault. God grant that the people, in return for

their liberality and faithfulness, may have just such revivals as some have been praying for years. To say that Bro. Thomas captivated the whole thing, truly expresses the truth. His sermons Sunday and Sunday night were powerful. His touch is magical, infusing life into every phase of the work.

FRUITLAND.

J. B. Sims: Our first Quarterly Conference is over. Our new presiding elder gave great satisfaction in both pulpit and chair. An account of sick- ness in the home of our beloved, W. M. P. Wimpy preached Sunday at 11 o'clock, which sermon delighted and edified his congregation. After being favored at the beginning of the year by revivals, we are now getting fairly started. We are on the up-grade. We have a good people to serve. You asked if we were "revived"? If you had been here you would have thought "revived." However, we revived, and now getting in strength. Our people will soon have a new feast around the parsonage, and our good woman at Union Hill shall soon have completed a new carpet for one of the rooms. We are trusting God for a successful year.

BONHAM.

J. A. Hook: Since conference ten persons have united with the Church, one has died and six removed. Three infants have been baptized. The Woman's Home Mission Society has turned over \$75 for parsonage furni- ture and we are planning improve- ment and general improvement of the parsonage. The Sunday-school and others sent a Christmas box to the Orphanage, and the congregation sent \$20. The work is encouraging, and the possibilities of this Church inspiring. Our people have not yet awaken- ed to what they can do. They are kind, have means, intelligence and facilities for a splendid expression of loyalty and love to God such as would enrich themselves and bless this whole community. This congregation is com- plete, and we are praying for a year of spiritual power and material progress. We have organized the Bonham District Progressive Reading Circle with sixteen members, and are antici- pating much pleasure and profit from this association.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

HEPNER, O. T.

Miss Weaver, Jan. 29: We are get- ting along nicely with our work on Hepner charge. This is our second year's work with these noble and en- durable people. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the fourth one since we were here. Have secured a few mem- bers this quarter. Received \$50 last year. We are in a comparatively new field, but hope in Western Oklahoma, our Church and Church interest are growing and advancing rapidly. Success to the Advocate and the good people of Texas.

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Are weary now;  
And time has set the seal of care  
Upon her brow.

And, though no other eyes than mine  
Their meaning trace,  
I read my history in the lines  
Of her dear face.

And 'told His gems, who showers gifts  
As shining sand,  
I count her days as pearls that fall  
From His kind hands.

—Christian Register.

#### HOW FOUR GIRLS SPENT CHRISTMAS.

In a certain female finishing institute in Texas, in a room most comfortably furnished—with sofa pillows, at least—sat four girls who had just returned from their homes, the last one, Mary Goodwin, having arrived that morning at 6:30.

"Oh, I had the loveliest time you e-v-e-r saw," Sadie Coleman exclaimed. Sadie, black-eyed, frizzle-headed, handsome, careless, thoughtless, affectionate Sadie, never wanted to be asked for her thoughts, but tumbled them forth pell-mell.

"I never did see Mr. T. I. M. R., Sadie," interrupted Mollie Hancock, the jolliest girl in school, and a general favorite with the 100 girls. "What does HE look like?"

"Now, Mollie!" pouted Sadie. "Let me tell you 'cause I did have such a good time!"

"Don't be silly, child; go on."  
"Well, the night I got home I was so dead tired that I went to bed at seven. Mamma is perfectly foolish over me, and so is Brother Johnny. It was delightful to have mamma tuck in and say pleasant dreams as she gave me a delicious little pat on the cheek. There was to be a ball the next night—an awfully swell affair—and I wanted my eyes to look bright. Next day, of course, we were all in a flurry fixing for the ball, and, oh! I met the sweetest fellow in town—a Mr. de Braux—and, girls, it was a case of 'love at first sight,' just like dear little Queen Wilhelmina's!"

"Oh! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!" laughed Mollie. "Sadie, you'll kill me. You remind me of what John H. Reagan said one night last week."

"Was John H. Reagan at your house?" asked Sadie.

"Of course he was. Our house is his home. He is my nephew."

"Mean thing! Now, Mollie, if you poke fun at me any more I'll go off in a pout."

"For heaven's sake don't; I'll be as still as a mouse."

"Well, of course, Mr. de Braux called the next day and the next and the next, and Brother Johnny got furious; said the man was a stranger, and he believed that he was an impostor, and he wanted it stopped. Mamma cried; my old maid sister said I ought to be ashamed, and—and, well, you know the course of true love never runs smooth. But he's coming to see!"

"Shut up, Sadie," came sharply from Lula Steinway, the proud, imperious brunette beauty of the school. "Keep such things to yourself."

"Did you get to the ring stage, Sadie?"

"Yes, Mollie, and such a beauty—and she drew a string from under the collar of her tan-jacket. Oh! I forgot; he said not let any one see it just us two," and the hot, red blood crimsoned her cheeks as she fumbled with the string in her shame and confusion. Her movement was not so quick, however, as to prevent the girls from seeing a magnificent emerald flash in the sunlight.

Mary Goodwin cried out, "Oh!" as if in pain, but Sadie talked on rapidly. "I was the only member of the family who had a real good time. But oh! I am wildly in love with my hero! my idol! my Jules! It was the very happiest Christmas of my life."

"No thrilling tale of romance is mine to tell, but Mollie Hancock surely had lots of fun and a good time. As I'm only a parlor boarder, of course I was not tired, but I let them all wait on me—mother, my little sisters, John H. Reagan."

"Te! he! he! he!" from Sadie. "You make me ashamed of myself."

"Every one to her taste," observed Lula.

"But, Mary, what about the boys? I know they must go wild about you with those wonderful eyes," persisted Sadie.

"It does not give me pleasure, Sadie."

"play party" at night. My! but you don't know what fun is until you've gone to a play party in the country. Maybe you think I didn't take part? Will I did. Danced 'Weavely Wheat,' 'Stealing Partners,' and played 'kissing plays.' Oh, yes I did, too, played everything and never had so much fun. The next day I spent with a chummy friend who was entertaining a 'house party,' and I dined once with another newly-married couple. At home I talked to mother, washed dishes sometimes—the cook was gone away on her honeymoon—and I told the children stories, and, oh, yes, I went to a watch meeting. It was awfully interesting, and I'm just burdened to death with my new resolutions. I made so many; but I mean to keep them. And, really, it was the best Christmas I ever spent."

"And not one boy came to call on you or take you out the whole week?" asked Sadie in amazement.

"Of course the boys called and took me out, too, but I was only telling you the extra times I had."

"Well, girls, I had a glorious time," began Lula Steinway. "I danced and flirted and ate and slept and then began over again the next day. I told—let me see how many, turning her hand over, scrutinizing and counting some of the rings on her fingers—just three that I would marry them."

This was followed by hilarious laughter; only Mary was silent. "And one I put off, but he insisted that I wear this ring until I come home—don't it magnificent?—and one poor fellow I sent away. It almost paralyzed me when he drew himself up so grandly and with his eyes flashing sparks of hidden pain said, 'And for this, Lula, have been all your smiles! You see he had been loving me for three years, and only now summoned courage to tell me. But I was tired of him. Bertie Stokes got to this 'now or never' stage too soon; but I just couldn't give him up. He has the dearest red lips, curling moustache, and looks so distinguished that even if he is only a 'book-keeper' I feel myself proud to be seen out with him. Papa says some day he will be a rich man. But Alfred Kern! He's the rich one who would have me wear this ring and who sends me the boxes of fruits and candy. He was so unbearable with his watery mouth, bumping pate, glass eye and addled brain, that I was right proud of myself when I succeeded in putting him off."

"But why, Lula?" interrupted Mary Goodwin.

"You dear Goosie, and you love candy so. Then there's dear Mr. Smythe and Mr. Miller, who were so new and so desperate—I just couldn't refuse them. But the best of all was that I kept Robert—that's my sure-enough sweetheart—in hot water the entire time. He was about to break with me once. He saw Bertie Stokes like me one night at a ball, but I made him believe that it was Mary Steinway, my cousin. We are very much alike. And I had trouble with him on account of Mr. Kern, too. I had to tell him that I had refused him—it's the same thing, I will when I go back home. Now, Mary, don't reproach me so with those soulful eyes of yours. My powers of endurance were not equal to this diamond. Think how it will shine when I read my graduating essay in June! Poor 'Marguerite'! I do always so sympathize with her. I mean to stop flirting and be good as soon as Robert and I are married. He is so brave and noble and true, and will be President, maybe, some day; but I do get tired of his lectures." Oh, I had a splendid good time, and it was certainly the happiest Christmas of my life!"

"Mary! Mary!" they all cried.

"I haven't much to tell you, girls, and it will not be interesting at all, and yet—I never enjoyed my holidays more," and a dreamy, wistful look came into Mary's eyes.

"Tell us everything. You live in a big house, have plenty of servants, and could just go and go and flirt to your heart's content," urged thoughtless, silly Sadie.

"And, yet, I did not flirt at all. The boys in our town are my good friends, and came to see me, and I went to two or three parties, but I enjoyed our Epworth League meetings more. We had the sweetest praise-meeting the night before I left home. But to be with mother and little sister—and the baby! Oh, girls, we have the sweetest baby in our home! Mother recently recovered from slow fever, and I persuaded her to let baby sleep with me, and that was the very sweetest part of my Christmas—to feel her little fat hands on my face and her sweet voice calling out 'Up, Sittie, up!' Mamma told me that I was a great comfort to her, and it almost broke my heart to leave home."

"You dear, blessed Mary!" exclaimed affectionate, impulsive Sadie. "You make me ashamed of myself."

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to say 'No,' and I rarely find it necessary. There are many ways to avoid it."

"Of course! But it is a sweet pleasure to say, 'I've had eleven proposals, and am only 19 years old!'"

"Mollie moves we adjourn to the campus. Golf draws her with its enchantments and allurements and mysteries," and snatching up a light shawl and throwing it over her head, she and Sadie went out, arms around necks.

"Shall it be Longfellow or a walk?" Mary?"

"Neither, Lula. Let's go to our old tree out there on the campus."

"Ah! you've been reading Dryden. To study nature will thy time employ; Knowledge and innocence are perfect joy."

"No, Street. Nature is man's best teacher. She unfolds her treasures to his search, unseals his eye, illumines his mind, and purifies his heart; an influence breathes from all the sights and sounds of her existence—she is wisdom's self."

MRS. GEORGE LANGSTON,  
Cisco, Texas.

#### THE HERO.

"Mother! Where is my mother?" exclaimed Freddie Long, bursting through the partially open door of his mother's bed-room.

"Be more quiet, my son; your mother is dangerously ill. Great care must be taken to keep all still. Baby May has been fretting ever since you left, so I've had much trouble to please her and to do justice to your sick mother, who became suddenly ill," said his father, through blinding tears.

Freddie hastened to undress, so he could care for baby May.

His great brown eyes filled with tears at finding his little sister, so dimpled and rosy, all unconscious of any sorrow or pain. How he wished it could ever be so, as he stood gazing at her so longingly.

"Oh, baby May!" he cried, bursting into sobs as he clasped her tiny form to his breast.

The father's trial was greater than his son's, for he felt that he must suppress any signs of suffering for the sake of the wife and mother; but how his very heart bled as memory presented her of the morning, so young and gay, bidding her noble boy goodbye as he rushed off to school, and now beheld her of the evening—so pale, so worn—nearing death's door. His anguish was heart-rending.

"Papa, you are so worn. Baby May is asleep, so won't you let me care for mother while you rest?"

He, the father, turning, beheld what seemed to him a son almost perfect—the mother's treasure, the father's pride.

He threw his strong arms around the form of his little boy. "You are a noble treasure, you are, my Fred!"

As he cast a trembling glance towards his fair young mother, he at last seemed. His father saw his brave efforts to conceal his grief, but could offer no comfort; so he hastened away, leaving his wife and child together.

Freddie sat by her side as the shades of night were creeping on. His father had fallen asleep, but still the child watched.

Once the mother roused and called: "Come here, my pet. Come to mother, Freddie!" He could by no means control himself, but cried violently, "Come on, dear; mamma knows she's ill, and you don't alarm her in the least. Come on, Freddie."

He came to her, and hiding the tear-stained face on her shoulder, she had her last motherly talk to the one son God had given her.

"I'm going to leave you, Freddie. Don't cry so, my boy; I'll not be far away. I want you to be kind to papa; love him in mamma's stead; kiss his dear brow, as mamma used to do, and speak to him often of his wife and your mother. Be a good boy, Freddie. Ever protect baby May. She is so small. Remember mamma loved her so because she is so like her father, and he will love you, dear, because you are my image. Bring me baby here, and let me kiss her once again. Tell your father to come, too."

Freddie crept about as a spirit might have done. He first brought the innocent baby from its downy bed, and then brought his father.

The mother fastened her eyes on the faces of her darling children for the last time on earth.

"I leave them in your all-protecting arms, Charles, my ever-loving thought, my husband," she said, as she passed her arm around the strong man's neck, stroking his bowed head with her hand.

"Don't weep, love, Charles, don't take it so hard, but meet me and safely guide these, my lambs, to the fold."

With a last kiss pressed upon his brow, she was dead. Dead? No, not dead, but asleep.

The funeral was of the saddest, for a strong man's tears are most effectual.

The home was the care of the strong man. His anguish knew no bounds.

A weeping child, a motherless infant, but added to his grief, yet Freddie's opportunity had come to give his father comfort, so perching himself on his father's knee, he kissed him again


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and again, telling him his mother's injunction, "Kiss him in my stead."

Freddie cared for his infant sister, and soon became not only "the light of the home," but, as time rolled on, he remembered to let his light so shine that soon he was one of the most zealous workers of the Sabbath-school, finally a missionary leading the souls of dusky men to the "Fountain of Life."

"Then is his not a life of heroism? Was he not one of the noblest heroes?"

**JOSEPHINE GRIFFIN,**  
Kilgore, Texas.

**A CASKET OF PROMISES.**

To the young, Ephesians, 6: 2.  
To the old, Isaiah, 46: 4.  
To the poor, Psalm, 9: 18.  
To the rich, Luke, 16: 9.  
To the needy, Matthew, 7: 7.  
To the burdened, Matthew, 11: 28.  
To the tempted, 1 Cor., 10: 12.  
To the tried, James, 1: 12.  
To the troubled, Psalm, 141: 11.  
To the afflicted, 2 Cor. 4: 17.  
To the sinner, Isaiah, 55: 7.  
To the penitent, Acts, 2: 38.  
To the believing, Mark, 16: 16.  
To the loving, Romans, 8: 28.  
To the Christian, Matthew, 10: 22.  
To the worker, Galatians, 6: 9.  
To the despairing, Psalm, 42: 5.  
To the sick, Psalm, 12: 5.  
To the dying, Psalm, 27: 1.  
To the dead, Isaiah, 26: 19.  
To the saved in heaven, Psalm, 10: 2.

—The Era.

**TOM'S MISTAKE.**

On the station platform two men stood waiting for their train. Another man, with a pick and shovel on his shoulder, was passing on his way to work.

He was not more than fifty or fifty-five years old, but his suit was still and labored, and there was a pronounced stoop in the figure. His curly hair, once brown, were lime-bleached and faded to a soft "old rose," a dazed hazel debilitated at the knees. The face under the weather-beaten cap was stolid and listless.

As he slumped along in his heavy cowhide boots, he apparently embodied that most persistent and most pathetic figure which mediæval Europe called the serf and more modern Europe calls the peasant, and the census enumerator of free America to-day sets down as "unskilled labor."

As he crossed the track the elder of the two men on the platform pointed him out to his companion.

"That man and I," he said, "were schoolmates. He was not dull at his books and ought to have made a better condition for himself in life."

"What's the matter with him? Does he drink?" asked the younger man.

"No. Nothing of that kind has hindered him. When he was about fifteen years old he was offered a dollar a day to dig a cellar. This seemed large wages to him and he left school and took the job. He was proud of his size and strength, and this offer made him feel so independent that he rather looked down on the rest of us boys. He never went back to school. He found work to do that required no skill or technical skill, only muscle, use it under an overseer's direction and he kept at it."

"I remember Judge Haines, one of the school committee, met Tom—his name is Tom Mahan—and said to him: 'My boy, you are making a mistake and doing a foolish thing. If you must

work, why don't you learn a trade?"

"I'd have to give my time for three or four years for nothing. What would be the use of that? I'm as strong as a man, and I'm getting man's wages now," said Tom.

"Strong!" said the Judge. "Are you as strong as one of my horses? They work for their keep, but I have to pay the man that drives them thirty dollars a month besides his keep; and the man who shoes them gets three dollars a day. If strength counts for so much, I wonder the horses don't strike and look for a job laying brick or carpentering."

"But Tom thought the Judge was only joking with him. He couldn't see why he should give his time to learn a trade or some profitable business and work for nothing, as he said, when he could work for wages, and so he went his own way."

"There are thousands like him," said the other man, "they never learn to do any sweet kind of business, and never seem to realize that the reason the trained blacksmith or the skilled carpenter or the steam man gets higher wages than they do is because he has given time to learning to use his head, as well as his feet and hands."

"If boys would only keep the important fact in mind, that muscle—mere physical strength—is always one of the cheapest things in the labor market, and that so far as price is concerned it matters little whether a man furnishes it or a horse, there would be fewer men to be classed as 'unskilled labor.'"—Youth's Companion.

**PUFFED UP.**

**But She Got Over It.**

It sometimes takes nerve to quit a habit even after it is plain that the habit is ruining the health.

A little woman who was sick from coffee poisoning and had there are thousands like her writes, "I had become almost a coffee fiend, drinking it at each meal, then afterwards I was so nervous and weak that I would drink more coffee. I was a great sufferer with stomach and heart trouble.

Everything I ate distressed me. There would be great puffs beneath my eyes and my hands and feet were terribly swollen. I was reduced to 108 pounds and was really slowly dying.

A gentleman talked seriously to husband and myself about my giving up coffee and using Postum Food Coffee. He convinced me, from his own and others' experiences, that probably coffee was the cause of my trouble, so we tried Postum, but at first it seemed so fat and tasteless that I was almost discouraged. However, I looked at the directions on the package and found I had not been boiling it long enough, so I followed the directions exactly and had a clear, rich beverage, with a strong ring of good coffee, and very delicious taste.

I began to sleep better and was not quite so nervous, my stomach and heart trouble slowly disappeared, and, of course, as I was getting well I stuck to Postum, and that was easy, because it tasted so good. Now after a year's using I can truly say I never felt better in my life, have no trouble whatever with my stomach, sleep well, eat well and weigh 127½ pounds. My nervous headaches have all disappeared. I feel like telling everybody that is ill to try leaving off coffee and use Postum Food Coffee, for it will surely work a cure." Mrs. Ella Kitching, Salinas, Calif.

**MR. MOODY'S FAVI.**

"The Son came to a that which was lost."

That tells the purpose He did not come to world; he came to save. Bible through and yet from the time of a sought man to be hid himself away. I found him. Cain. God to confess, his found him. So it is a shepherd whose ninety were safe did not stray to return; he sought and found it; a find it he did not pound it. He took it and comforted and rest it. The joy in heaven who repents is no sinner. It is the joy angels.

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"By the way, I was yesterday, and I saw it Jesus of Nazareth, and awful thing I ever saw given sight to a man, seen from his birth, to see?"

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ONLY ONE MOTHER.

You have only one mother, my boy,  
Whose heart you can gladden with joy,  
Or cause it to ache  
Till ready to break;

So cherish that mother, my boy,  
You have only one mother, who will  
Stand by you through good and  
through ill.

And love you, although  
The world is your foe;  
So care for that love ever still.

You have only one mother, my boy,  
That in the good path you may stay,  
Who for you won't spare  
Self-sacrifice rare;

So worship that mother alway,  
You have only one mother to make  
A home ever sweet for your sake,  
Who toils day and night

For you with delight;  
To help her all pains ever take.

You have only one mother—just one;  
Remember that always, my son,  
None can or will do  
What she has for you:

What have you for her ever done?  
—Early Days.

KINDNESS.

If kindness were a door it would be  
the one, perhaps, through which more  
people could reach the needy and sin-  
cursed of earth than through any other.  
Alas! It would not be crowd!

Kindness costs little or nothing. It  
is intended to be as free as air, and  
everyone may have so much that were  
he to spend his whole life-time in a  
continuous effort to give it away, when  
he should die, it would be without de-  
crease of store. And yet, what! It is  
one of the most precious things in the  
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Only the rich can wear diamonds,  
and diamonds are counted valuable,  
chiefly because they are scarce. If  
everybody could have diamonds, al-  
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so with kindness. It is always free,  
but never cheap. The more the world  
has of it, the more it wants. It is one  
of the few things which are prized  
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hearts! What a dark picture the world  
presents! How can it be changed?  
Much can be done through kindness.  
It has a magic power. See it but  
holds out its hands, it whispers but a  
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a glance of sympathy, and whole lives  
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we know—kindness is never ill. It  
moves the hand to help wherever there  
is need, and has respect for even the  
lowest being to which God has given  
life.—Immanuel Messenger.

MR. MOODY'S FAVORITE TEXT.

"The Son came to seek and to save  
that which was lost."

That tells the purpose of his coming.  
He did not come to condemn the  
world; he came to save it. Search the  
Bible through and you will find that  
from the time of Adam down God  
sought man to bestow mercy. Adam  
hid himself away, but God sought and  
found him. Cain did not go to  
God to confess his sin, but God  
found him. So it is all through. The  
shepherd whose ninety and nine sheep  
were safe did not wait for the one  
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sought and found it, and when he did  
find it he did not smooch or lick or  
pound it. He took it to his bosom  
and comforted and rescued and healed  
it. The joy in heaven over the sinner  
who repents is not the joy of the  
sinner. It is the joy of God and his  
angels.

Mr. Moody then talked of the cir-  
cumstances surrounding and leading  
up to the utterance of his text. Here  
was this blind beggar, Bartimeus, he  
said; a man who was led every day  
by a dog, or, may be, a child, to a place  
on the turnpike at Jericho. The Bible  
gives us only bare outlines. I like to  
fill in the circumstances and details  
with my imagination. I can imagine  
that this man who had never seen  
the mother who bore him or his wife  
and children, who had known nothing  
but darkness, was sitting in his usual  
place when some man who knew him  
passed along and stopped to talk and  
said:

"By the way, I was in Jerusalem  
yesterday, and I saw this new prophet,  
Jesus of Nazareth, and the most won-  
derful thing I ever saw in my life—he  
gave sight to a man who had never  
seen from his birth. Would you like  
to see?"  
"I suppose Bartimeus said, 'They tell  
me I shall see in the world to come,  
but never in this world.'"

me I shall see in the world to come,  
but never in this world."

And the man said, "Yes, Bartimeus,  
he can make you see."

"But," Bartimeus asked "who must  
I get to speak for me? I guess I need  
some influential man, a rabbi or some-  
body, to state my case."

"No," I talked with Simon Peter  
about that, and he told me not fear of  
the kind was necessary. This Jesus of  
Nazareth will pass through Jericho  
to-morrow, and I advise you to ask  
him for sight."

"Get my sight just for the asking?"  
Doesn't chance anything? No influence  
needed to reach him?"

"No, the poor are just like the rich  
with him. He gives to all alike."

And that is one thing the religion  
of Christ is for. It is to wipe out these  
class distinctions and hatreds and  
prejudices. We are a bad lot, all of  
us. We have got to learn that God  
looks at us all alike and that there  
is the same mercy and love for all of  
us.

So the next day Bartimeus was in  
his place listening and listening, and  
presently he heard the tramp, tramp  
of many feet. And he called out,  
"Who is it? Who is coming?" strain-  
ing his blind eyes and his ears toward  
the sound; and somebody said, "Jesus  
of Nazareth passeth by," and then he  
cried out:

"Jesus, thou Son of David, have  
mercy on me!"

That was all; that was all. He asked  
and he received then and there, and  
so many each of you here and now—"Jesus,  
thou son of David, have mercy on me."  
It is easy to say. You need no  
preamble, no influence, no money. Say  
it; say it, each of you and you will be  
answered; you will find mercy and  
light waiting to answer that call. God  
would hush every harp in heaven to  
hear the cry of one sinner to-night.  
Suppose all New York should now  
join in one mighty cry—"Jesus, thou  
Son of David, have mercy on me!"  
What a glorious answering chorus  
would ring through heaven!

Mr. Moody then went on to picture  
Zacchaeus meeting Bartimeus who was  
hurrying home to see what the wife  
he loved looked like, and the astonish-  
ment of Zacchaeus and his hasten-  
ing away to climb a tree that he might  
see this Jesus of Nazareth.

A crowd of boys, no doubt, came  
fast and then Zacchaeus saw Mat-  
thew, perhaps, and said to himself,  
"does he have publicans about him?"  
For people then looked at publicans  
as we do at saloonkeepers. Jesus  
loves the saloonkeepers, too, and I  
wish we could bring all of them to  
him.

"Christ," called Zacchaeus, the rich-  
est man in Jericho, after he had blessed  
of Bartimeus, the poorest man there.  
He knows no classes; he loves hosan-  
nas and joy alike to all.—New York  
Sun.

A CONTRAST.

We have spoken in churches re-  
cently, in two different towns of near  
the same population and in the same  
section of the State, each had in about  
the same business and manufacturing  
conditions. One had saloons, the other  
had not. In the town where there  
were no saloons we found in the  
churches where we spoke that there  
were young men in the choir and in  
many of the pews, while young men  
acted as ushers. In the other town,  
where there were saloons, we found  
just one young man at the morning  
service and three at the evening ser-  
vice. The saloon pre-cludes the young  
men against the Church, against the  
Bible, against the pulpit, until it is  
almost impossible for the ministry to  
touch the young men at the present  
day. We have the best educated min-  
istry and as consecrated a class of men  
as the Church has ever known. The  
young men are not out of the Church  
by any lack of the ministry, but be-  
cause we have allowed an institution to  
grow up that so saturates them with  
infidelity, profanity, vulgarity and in-  
continentousness that it is impossible  
for the ministry to reach them.—Keystone  
Citizen.

THE MAN OF THE FUTURE.

In a recent sermon on "Wise Substi-  
tution," Rev. R. H. Conwell said:

"It is but a little while since we  
have learned that in the greatest ad-  
vances of human civilization there is  
nothing done but simply substitution.  
The telephone came in a little while  
ago to take the place of the telegraph.  
One substitution for another indicates  
growth. Christ came into the world  
to substitute that which is better for  
that which was worse.

"I have sometimes sat and seemed  
to listen and listen for the name of  
the great man of the future. I look  
into the faces of the students of the  
college; I look into the faces of audi-  
ences all over this land. I look around,  
and wonder who is the great man now  
arising for which the world is waiting.  
In a measure, as it waited for the  
coming of Christ. We need a great man  
now to substitute electricity for steam.  
We are just holding our breath, and

waiting for that man to appear. It is  
the chief thing now. We cannot in-  
crease even our brotherhood until  
some man puts electricity on the steam  
railroads, and in place of steam. We  
are waiting for a man, and we are  
anxiously scanning the faces of men  
who pass us on the street to see who  
that man or that woman is who shall  
substitute travel in the air for travel  
on the land. I have waited for forty  
years, and prophesied his coming, and  
I believe I am forty years nearer to  
him now than I was then. We need  
now that we should telephone without  
wires. Marconi comes with his great  
improvement of wireless telegraphy,  
but we need to telegraph around the  
whole world without wires. They say  
we will be able soon to telephone  
across the seas. A man will stand in  
England and communicate with one  
in the United States. It would seem  
as though the principle of His inven-  
tion would prophesy that, still that is  
the great need, that man shall not be  
obliged to go to a telephone. We go  
aboard so fast in our civilization that  
although the telephone has been in ex-  
istence only these few years we are  
beyond it now, and we are now wait-  
ing for some communication by which  
we can talk with people in China with-  
out the intervention of wires.

"We are standing now, and waiting  
for the man who shall immerse upon  
food. Many of our diseases, much of  
our weakness, our shortness of the  
term life, is dependent upon the food  
we eat and the air we breathe. We  
know not what to eat. Physicians can-  
not tell what is the best of food. We  
are to find out what is most nutritious;  
we are finding out much of the in-  
fluence of certain things upon certain  
conditions of the body but we don't  
know fully what we eat or why we  
eat what we eat potatoes, or why we eat  
what the cook brings us. We cannot  
understand why we eat oatmeal, or  
why we eat potatoes, or why we eat  
meat or something different. We know  
just so little about it, and we are wait-  
ing for the man to tell us what to eat."

"The world is waiting for some per-  
son to tell us how we can improve  
upon our ventilation that we may live  
in a salubrious climate, and still re-  
main in our present position. Why  
should men go to Colorado? We ought  
to have Colorado in Philadelphia. Why  
should a person go to the sea-shore?  
We ought to have the sea-shore in the  
city. We ought to have the pure air  
of the man to come, because men are  
suffering—physicians visiting them by  
the thousands, because we lack pure  
food, or pure water or air, and we are  
waiting for that man to come."

A CLEAN HEART.

One summer day, a few years ago,  
strolling for rest and pleasure near  
the mouth of the Columbia River,  
where there is a large rise and fall  
of the tide, I came at low tide upon  
a splendid spring of pure, fresh water,  
water clear as a crystal, gushing up  
from between the rocks that two hours  
before had formed a part of the riv-  
er's bed. Twice a day the scalded tide-  
rises above that beautiful fountain and  
covers it over; but there it is, down  
deep under the salt sea, and when the  
tide has spent its force and gone back  
again to the ocean's depths, it sends out  
its pure waters fresh and clear as be-  
fore. So if the human heart be really  
a fountain to Christ, it will send out  
its streams of fresh, sweet waters,  
even into the midst of the salt tides of  
politics or business. And the man who  
carries such a fountain into the day's  
work and struggle will come a man at  
night, when the world's tide has spent  
its force, with clean hands, sweet  
spirit, and conscience void of offense  
toward God and man.—Central Squar-  
Beacon.

GRANDMA'S LAMBS—A TRUE STORY.

Seventy years ago when I was a lit-  
tle girl my father had sheep, and we  
had one old mother sheep who  
wouldn't own her lambs. I took one  
of her lambs and my mother taught  
me how to feed it; to put warm milk in  
a bowl or basin, lay my hand down in  
it, and lift my little finger for the lamb  
to put it in his mouth. I fed it this  
way a good while, and to this day the  
finger on my left hand is shorter than  
the little finger on the other hand, and  
I know no reason for it but this.  
Once, when I was ready for Church,

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which was a mile away, some one told  
me I had forgotten to feed my lamb  
I did not stop to warm the milk very  
much that time.

After awhile the sheep were all sold  
for my father had died, and I did not  
see the lamb for a long time—a number  
of months, at any rate.

One day I visited the wife of the man  
who had bought the sheep—they lived  
a few miles from my home.

I wanted to go out at once to see my  
lamb but they wanted me to eat my  
dinner first. So I waited.

I walked at last to the fence where  
the sheep were, but my lamb had  
grown and I didn't know it from any  
other sheep. But I called, "Dolly,  
Dolly, Dolly," and a big sheep jump-  
ing its head up and wagging its tail  
came just as fast as it could to me,  
and I rubbed it on the head a long time,  
I couldn't tell how long!

I was only nine years old when I  
had the lamb, and I had not then read  
the verse in the Bible that I have  
Jesus said about sheep that the sheep  
followed the Shepherd "For they  
know his voice."—The Southern Pres-  
byterian.

THE PERFECT GIFT.

I went one day to a jeweler to  
buy a beautiful watch, and I found  
one that with its brilliancy and  
beauty seemed almost perfect, and I  
said, "Yes, I will take it." The jeweler  
brought me out another, a little larger  
and he said, "Here is another  
stone of the same price, but there is  
a little bit of a flaw in it. It can  
only be detected by a microscope, or  
nobody will ever know. Won't you  
take it?" I rejected it with selfish  
indifference—giving a stone with a  
flaw to one to whom I had given my  
heart! And to-day that stone glistens  
on the finger of one who is very  
dear to me, but it is not the stone  
with a flaw.

And yet, dear friends, every particle  
that I bring to Him whom I ought to  
love dearer than life itself has many  
a flaw in it, and there is no flaw  
of selfishness, and there is no expensiveness  
of cost. I am not pointing out  
my life for Him, and yet he pours out  
his life for me. When I look into  
the heart of God I find there is no spared  
treasure in heaven's house, heaven  
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BOMBARD THE LEGISLATURE.

Such is the importance of the issue raised by the express companies in flooding local option towns with liquor that we can not afford to let it pass out of sight until steps are taken toward putting a stop to it. If nothing is done in the premises, then we had better have our local option laws repealed. As it is, the liquor men in our cities have all the privileges through the express companies that they can possibly desire, and that too, without having to pay a cent of license for such privileges. All that they have to do is to send a speaking bar drummer into a local option town, get the names of a hundred men who probably like their drinks, return to the city, and then send the men by express to the addresses thus secured. These men are then notified that the express is there awaiting their order and all that is necessary is for them to go to the express agent, pay the charges and get the packages. In other words, instead of going to an open bar-room to get their liquor, they go to the express office and pay for it by the jug. The express office is the bar-room, and the agent is the bar-tender. Nobody has to pay anything for this business but the men to whom the jugs are consigned. Now this is an unmitigated outrage upon the people who have voted the liquor business out of their towns, and it is a technical and willful perversion of the laws of the State of Texas. And the worst of all, it is done through the express companies of the State. Now the Legislature is in session and the people should bombard their Representatives with petitions to have our local option laws so amended that even the express company can not violate them with impunity. Now is the time to act, and such is the gravity of the situation that we can not let up in the columns of the Advocate until we have grieved our people all over Texas against this monstrous wrong, that it may be corrected. Let every local option community contiguous to express companies take the matter in hand and advise their Representatives of their action and desires.

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Hypocrisy is a deliberate effort to deceive others.

Christian Science is a good remedy for hysterical people.

A peculiar person is one who prides himself in his oddities.

Selfishness is the tap-root of most of the ills that afflict the human family.

The man who uses the Church for social or pecuniary purposes is void of genuine piety.

The most touchy people in the world are to be found among the writers of poetry and the composers of music.

We have known a few apparently religious folks whose aim seems to have been to make themselves repellant and unlovable.

The use of large words in a sermon or in private conversation is not an evidence of learning, but rather of cheap pedantry.

The woman who monopolizes the conversation of a given circle may be very interesting to herself, but she is a great bore to those who have to listen to her.

A SUNDAY IN TYLER.

It has been my desire to visit the Tyler brethren for a long time, but one cause or another has prevented. So last Saturday I took the T. & P. train going east and started in that direction. For three hours I devoted myself to Paul's Epistle to the Romans and found edification in those great truths. The twelfth chapter in this epistle stands out as an example of strong practical principles, and ought to be committed to memory by every child of God. At the end of the three hours' run, I stopped at Mineola for dinner and a change of cars. As is my wont, I called at the parsonage to see Dr. Ridley and family. They have had some sickness, but they are now all about well. Our Church membership at this place is not more than two hundred or a little the rise, but they have very good property and a wonderful opportunity is thus afforded for the accomplishment of much good. Dr. Ridley is hopeful, and reports his work on the upward grade.

From thence I boarded the International train, and a run of twenty-seven miles brought me to Tyler, the metropolis of East Texas. Rev. V. A. Godbey, the pastor, was on hand and took me into his conveyance and drove me around the city. It is a place of eight or ten thousand people, and, from its school buildings and church edifices, together with other public buildings, I was impressed with the fact that it represents enterprise and intelligence. A series of financial disasters overtook Tyler a few years ago, and the material interests of the city suffered very severely, but since then the people have rallied, and they have about gained their old-time prosperity. At least they are now in a normal condition, and business matters are looking forward with hopefulness. At one time Tyler dictated the political control of the State. It was the home of the leading politicians of Texas, and many of our strong men made it their home. But as time has gone by, other places have risen to prominence and the center of political influence has shifted. Still, there are a great many very influential and leading men abiding in Tyler.

The fruit industry stands well to the front in this section. Early peaches and of the best quality, bring largeness to the community. The face of the earth is covered with orchards and great shipments are made to other parts in the State and to the Eastern markets. They used to have an annual fruit carnival, and erected a large building for that purpose. But since they have gotten this industry well

advertised, they have converted the building into a strong business college, and it is largely attended. Tyler was the home of Dr. Finley for a great many years, and his name is fragrant in all of the homes of the city. "He being dead, yet speaketh."

After taking in the place with Bro. Godbey, he drove me to the home of Dr. J. M. Broyles and family, who were members of my pastorate years ago at Asheville, N. C. To meet them again and find entertainment under their roof, after long separation, was a pleasure delightful and intense. We had many things in common about which to converse, and my stay with them was mutually refreshing and greatly helpful. I enjoyed it more than words can express. "And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet, what heights of rapture shall we know when round his throne we meet." They are earnest members of the Church in Tyler, just as they were in Asheville.

On Sunday morning I looked in upon the Sunday-school, of which Bro. Patterson is the capable superintendent. It is one of the best Sunday-schools I have yet seen, and it is wonderfully well supplied with a high grade of most excellent teachers. At the morning service, we had a large congregation. All of the seats on the lower floor in the main auditorium were mostly occupied. The attention was unbroken, and a good spiritual influence pervaded the assembly. At the close of the service, we had one of the most largely attended communion services, and at the same time one of the most helpful, that it has been my privilege to enjoy in a long time. A number joined the Church. After the benediction, I met a great many of the members, and they extended to me a most cordial welcome. At the evening service we had another good congregation. Rev. A. G. Scruggs and his people at Cedar Street and St. Paul's adjourned their service and joined us. Bro. Scruggs is making an admirable start with his charge, and that work is steadily developing. We had another excellent service, and the people gave earnest attention to the sermon. The rest of the elements left over from the morning sacrament remained on the table, and at the close of the night sermon those who were not present at the morning communion were invited to partake at this second service. The idea is a capital one, and ought to be generally adopted. So we spent the day we trust profitably with this devoted membership.

Our Church in Tyler has had a great experience. Several years ago, under the pastorate of Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, the membership comprised a great deal of wealth, and they projected a \$50,000 church edifice. At that time they were abundantly able to assume such a responsibility. So they went to work and completed the enterprise. More than half of the money for the building was unpaid when it was finished. About this time the financial reverses struck the business of the city, and many of the wealthy members of our Church were wrecked in fortune. This left the membership greatly embarrassed. They were unable to meet the appalling obligation thus left upon them. For a few years they struggled along, paying what they could on the debt, until four years ago when Rev. B. H. Greathouse took charge, he saw no hope of carrying it any further. Then it was that the magnificent church property was sold, but fortunately one of the members bought it in. Others to whom money was due offered to settle upon such terms as brought the matter within the reach of the members. So, by the superhuman efforts of the faithful pastor and his heroic people, these debts were discharged, and then followed a wonderful struggle to buy the church property back. This was done, and its doors were again opened and its walls once more sounded with the prayers and songs of the people. They took courage, and led by Bro. Greathouse, they kept on paying until the debt was reduced to \$5000. This they borrowed at a low rate of interest from the Church

Extension Board, and they were left easy. But it took four long years of arduous work to accomplish this wonderful result. That Bro. Greathouse rendered the Church a never-to-be-forgotten service during these years is a fact acknowledged by his people and by all of his brethren in the East Texas Conference. Aided by his people, he simply saved this splendid property to the Church and led the membership out of apparent defeat into a brilliant victory. These facts I got from Bro. Godbey, who accords unstinted praise to his resourceful predecessor.

The church edifice is one of the completest and most imposing in Southern Methodism. It is over a hundred feet in length and nearly the same in width, and it is as tall in proportion. It has a commodious basement on top of ground. In this is the Sunday-school room and other apartments. The main auditorium is almost stupendous. The lower floor will seat well nigh a thousand people, and the immense circular galleries will seat six or seven hundred. It is brilliantly lighted with electricity, and the lofty ceiling, broken up with ornamental domes and canopies, supported by fluted columns, produces the effect of a great cathedral. The furniture is elegant, and the largest and most costly pipe organ is just in the rear of the pulpit. Mrs. Jester has charge of the music, and it is magnificent. In connection with the auditorium are offices and rooms for every imaginable convenience. Some time ago a storm blew in two of the great windows and ruined the art glass leaded into them; but the good women have a fund to which they are constantly adding, and with this they hope to have these fine windows repaired by the time the conference will meet there next winter. And the membership hope to have the remnant of the debt, if possible, liquidated by that time.

Rev. V. A. Godbey is their present pastor, and no man ever started out with greater encouragement. His people have already fallen in love with him, and he is planning large things for the year. He is educated and splendidly equipped for extraordinary service. He has good experience; his library shows him to be a man of research; he has practical ideas, and he is a preacher of superb ability. That he will accomplish large results is the expectation of his people and of his brethren. From the time he entered the conference he has gone steadily upward, until now he occupies the place that has hitherto looked to the Church at large for pastors. He is eminently qualified for the position, for he is a man also of deep piety, earnest consecration. From my intercourse with him, I take it that he has fellowship with the Master.

Tyler is the home of Rev. John Adams, D. D., that stately old tribune of the conference. In that community he is a sort of oracle. He is loved by those people. I had the pleasure of meeting his family.

Rev. J. T. Smith, the presiding elder of the district, also abides here. He was off on his rounds, but I shook hands with his family.

As Tyler is the acknowledged headquarters of the conference, I heard from the brethren in general, and the reports from the work are favorable. Everything throughout the conference is very encouraging.

I met many of the subscribers to the Advocate, and in this way I was no stranger to many of those good Methodists. My visit to them was to me exceedingly enjoyable, but it had to be brief. At 12 o'clock at night I left the city of fruits and elegant homes, came to Mineola and sat and stood around till 3:20 in the morning, got the T. & P. passenger, and by 6:30 was back in Dallas ready for another day of hard work. Yet some people think that to edit a paper and keep in touch with its constituency is an easy task. Perhaps it is—to the man who looks on and thinks it a pastime.

G. C. R.

Demon possession has not disappeared so long as men go mad for money.—Ram's Horn.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Brethren C. E. Cunningham and Johnson, of Italy, spent a pleasant season with us one day this week.

Brother S. N. Wood and his little son, of Wheatland, called on us recently and subscribed for the Advocate.

Rev. O. P. Thomas, one of our North Texas supernumeraries made us a cheerful visit last Tuesday. He is now living in Terrell.

Brother A. L. Baker, of Seguin, was up awhile back attending the Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows and did not overlook the Advocate people.

Rev. W. F. Clark, of Denison, made us a pleasant visit recently. He is moving things up his way, and he looks after the Advocate.

Rev. Z. V. Liles, of Allen, made the Advocate a pleasant visit last week. He is getting in good work on his charge and is hopeful of large results.

W. C. Everett, of the Branch House, is down in Mexico taking in the Mexican Conference with Bishop Key. He will put in some good work for the branch in that Republic.

In a note from Rev. W. H. Matthews, of the Brownwood District, he says: "Our work in the district is very promising for a great year. The Advocate is all O. K."

Rev. T. S. Armstrong, of Basco, was recently in the city and spent a few delightful moments in the office. He is one of the successful members of the Northwest Texas Conference, and he brings things to pass wherever he labors.

We learn from a note from Rev. J. David Crockett that his venerable father died very suddenly of paralysis the 25th of last month. He was in his seventy-sixth year and he leaves seven children. A suitable obituary will follow soon.

Brother W. L. Piner, first assistant to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Kendall, has been appointed Superintendent of the Blind Institute at Austin in the place of Dr. Erton, deceased. This is a capital appointment and it will give general satisfaction.

Rev. G. W. Kincheloe, of Ovilla, Northwest Texas Conference, was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office the past week. The paper has no stancher friend than Bro. Kincheloe. He has sent quite a number of subscribers from his new work, and says he has not yet fairly started.

Read with great care the communication in another place in this issue from Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., pastor of our Central church in Galveston. Then when you have read his words, proceed to act without delay. He is representing us in a difficult field, and we must stand by him with our sympathy and means until our Galveston Methodism is rehabilitated.

Rev. J. M. Green has been furnishing the Advocate, from time to time, a number of admirable communications. He writes mostly on literary topics, and he treats them with skill and ability. In this issue he has a fine article on "The South; Its Literary Writers." This was written in communication, and another one on the same subject to follow, are taken from a volume that he has in preparation to issue in book form at an early day.

Brother W. A. Palmer, of Bastrop, who has charge of the Literary Department of our State Epworth League Conference, has issued a very helpful little pamphlet with especial reference to the literary work of the League. It ought to be in the hands particularly of the Vice-Presidents of all of our Leagues, whose business it is to run the Literary Department. Send for it and it will be helpful to you.

METHODIST NEWS.

Randolph-Macon College is seventy years old.

The M. E. Church, South, in Nashville, has seventeen churches, 7250 members, and last year expended on expenses and collections, \$65,555.78.

Dr. John J. Tigert was called to Mobile, Ala., by telegram recently by the extreme illness of John T. McTyeire, eldest son of the lamented Bishop McTyeire.

Dr. W. L. Watkinson, connectional editor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, according to the Methodist Record of London, is editing the "Journals and letters of John Wesley." The stores of discovered treasures

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Dr. Goucher, President of the Wesleyan College at Baltimore, visited a very interesting student body of on "The Important Training."

At the present time was the Wesleyan to the conference of South, a few years official visit to the tends to revisit centers in the United S.

Dr. J. J. Lafferty editorial control of it has turned over its a committee represent Conference, and he is the organ of the Methodist ministers.

ADVOCATE AGE

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ures at the book room in London will be utilized by him, and many of those in private hands. The work will occupy a long time.

Dr. Goucher, President of the Woman's College at Baltimore, recently delivered a very interesting address to the student body of Morningside College on "The Importance of Thorough Training."

At the present time Dr. Waller, who was the Wesleyan fraternal delegate to the conference of the M. E. Church, South, a few years since, is on an official visit to the Bahamas, and intends to revisit certain Methodist centers in the United States.

Dr. J. J. Lafferty, after years of editorial control of the old Richmond, has turned over its management to a committee representing the Virginia Conference, and henceforth it is to be the organ of that great body of Methodist ministers and laymen.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

Pilgrimage Among People and Preachers—In Their Homes.

It was with reluctance I left Greenville the other day. I had enjoyed the hospitality of some of the great-hearted Methodists there, and never will any one find more genuine welcome and Christian fellowship than in such homes as Dr. Cantrell's, Dr. J. S. Hill's (who has the hospital and cure for those dreadful diseases—for such they are—called morphine and liquor habits; for the numerous people he has cured stand ready to proclaim the blessing he has been to them and theirs in voices loud and emphatic; and the home-like treatment and surroundings make the stay of patients a pleasant one there), and Bro. D. L. Williams, and Bro. Coleman—recently out from Georgia. But time would fail me to name all who "took me in" in a scriptural and not a "David Harum" sense. And Bro. and Sister Hill and their five magnificent boys made my stay at the parsonage a royal one.

I feel that I voice the felt want and desire—and I believe determination—of the members of Wesley Church when I say they ought to build or buy a new parsonage, and that right soon. To go into that magnificent church, and enjoy its comfortable and luxurious furnishings, and hear the deep-sounding notes of that grand organ as it sends wave on wave of heavenly melody rolling in harmonious undulations that take the listeners up on its outspread wings right to the divine home of music and song, and then go out and see that little, dingy, squat building, that seems to be trying to hide its dinginess and ancient appearance in the shadows of its mother's outspread garments, is enough to make one ask himself some questions about the up-to-datedness of "Old Wesley," and I did. Dr. Cantrell said: "We are going to have a new parsonage." I said: "Well, that statement makes it appropriate to exclaim, with the Salvation Army folks, 'Hallelujah!' Kavanagh has a palace in comparison to Wesley parsonage."

While I am on the subject of parsonages, let me congratulate Pittsburg. It deserves it. Bro. Downs and family are in the roomy, comfortable, modern two-story parsonage, furnished throughout. It is what Keats would call a "thing of beauty," because it is a joy for the next good many years to come. And the Methodists are justly proud of it. It is the best parsonage in the district—and Dr. Adams, the presiding elder, says in several East Texas districts. A Baptist brother remarked to me that it did him good to see it, because it was all creditable to Methodists and to all Christians there, as well as to the town. But Mr. Pleasant needs a new one as urgently as does Greenville. And from the way some of the brethren—notably such staunch "stand-bys" as Bro. Fitzpatrick, Bro. Dickson, Bro. Hays, Bro. Caldwell and others—talked, there will be a new one there before many moons "wax and wane." At Gilmer, Bro. McGee's good people have made the old parsonage more cozy, and promise great things if he is permitted to remain his other two years after this—which I feel sure he will, or ought to, if people and preacher and fitness all around are the only things to be considered.

Bro. Stuart Nelson gave me a cordial reception at Mt. Pleasant and in spite of prevailing grip and other inter-venient evidences of "sin and sorrow" in this world, he "took me around among the people" and helped me talk Advocate. He is deservedly popular with his people, and is said to be a fine preacher I could only "opine" that he is from some "scotching" he did for me. He kindly asked me to preach for him Sunday morning and night, after having me hold prayer-meeting service for him Wednesday night. A good congregation faced me at both Sunday

services, and were kind in their expressions regarding the sermons. The Lord was manifestly with us, and we had seasons of grace. And the music! My soul was stirred and lifted by the music. The singing was a surprise and a delight—a feast. I hear only rarely such voices, tuned and practiced in singing the gospel into lives and hearts. Few places, comparatively, have anything nearly approaching the singing they have in our church at Mt. Pleasant. And the church is large and handsomely seated, and heated by a furnace. It is such a church as many places much larger than Mt. Pleasant would be proud to have, and is the largest church in the Pittsburg District. I told some of the brethren that it might not be a bad idea to have it moved to some smaller town where they have large congregations and get in exchange a smaller church to fit Mt. Pleasant congregations. It would be more in accordance with the fitness of things. But I am persuaded that the increased circulation of the Advocate will materially assist Bro. Nelson in overcoming this lack of interest in the worship of God to a great extent. I find that where the Advocate is rightly valued by pastors and is taken and read by even a representative number of members, all the ordinances and services are attended and the material welfare of the Church is taken care of, and full congregations greet every prayer, praise and preaching service. And our live, efficient pastors are finding this out, too. Bro. Nelson says he has known this, and has appreciated it for many years.

If a man puts the high value on his religious life he professes to before the world in becoming a Church member, and regards his Church relations as even of nominal value to his social, business and personal welfare, he will show at least the same interest in its development and movements and progress that he does in other things with which he is connected. Therefore, he will undoubtedly take his Church paper when that is the only source whence he can possibly get the information and assistance he needs to keep in line therewith. And he can not possibly be as good an officer or member without his Church paper as he can be with it. Not taking the Advocate is pretty nearly a sure index to a Methodist's spiritual zeal, religious progress and interest in Church matters. It becomes in most cases a manifestation of the real purpose and tendency and life of the members.

At Gilmer, Bro. McGee fairly "laid himself out" to aid me in putting the Advocate into the homes of our people. He introduced me to his members on the streets, in their offices, at the court-house, in their stores and at their homes. And we visited the stock, and had some seasons of sweet religious fellowship with those whose affections were undoubtedly working out for them an exceeding "weight of eternal glory." I shall never forget the cheerfulness of Sister Teckle Croley. She has always led an active life, and has a large house in which she is supreme in all its affairs. Recently she has become afflicted and the doctors tell her she must remain in her bed for three or four months yet. What a strength to us who call ourselves strong to be brought into contact with a faith like hers—"resigned, submissive, meek," smiling in its perfect trust in God—not a murmur—a faith "that will not murmur nor complain" under any deprivation. She requested us to read the Word and pray with her and invited those near to come and join in the quiet service. Her soul was lifted, she rejoiced, and we felt that we had drawn nearer to each other, all of us, because we knew we had drawn nearer to the loving Christ.

Bro. McGee has a very strong hold on his people and they on him. As usual, I found on seeking for a quiet source of his strongest support among men, that it lay in his wife. What does not the Methodist preacher owe to his consecrated, wise, faithful, patient wife! Among those we visited was Sister Beall, recently from Georgia. Of course she took the Advocate—not because it was edited by a great Georgian and that she knew all representative Georgians are great, though that was a strong factor in her decision. She took it in the absence of her husband, who is a traveling shoedrummer and a staunch Methodist, because she has been reared in the spirit of devotion and loyalty so characteristic of Methodists in her native city of Atlanta, and felt that she could not possibly be as religious in her own life nor before her neighbors, nor as useful, without as with the Advocate. They have recently been called to mourn the death of their little girl. How mysterious are the dealings of the Father, "who doeth all things well!" Here these good people had hardly reached their new Texas home when its earth opened to take in one of their precious jewels. But this is one way the Father has of cementing their affections to their new home. Already the quick response of loving hearts has shown them that they are still among friends—brethren who will give them sympathy and comfort

and love the same as if they had been in their own native State. "We be brethren" is still a truth among God's children, as blessed now as when called to cement Abraham's and Lot's hearts. There is no Freemasonry as strong and deep, so heart-responsive, as that of the "fellowship that comes from above"—the fellowship of kindred minds and hearts.

It was with more than reluctance that I quitted Gilmer. Her Methodists, and her preacher and family, won my heart. Bro. McGee had special services announced for Tuesday night, and I tried to preach. God was with us. The Spirit was there in power. One brother from a distant county came and took my hand and held me fast after the services, and with tears in his eyes said the sermon had fixed his wavering faith. He thanked God for the sermon, the songs and the prayers and gave me a warm invitation to visit him and his neighbors and brethren. Just one such result pays for all the sermons a man may preach. Oh, for power from God whenever we stand in the pulpit in his name!

I am to spend several days with Bro. Downs at Pittsburg. The grip prevails mightily and smallpox is spreading at an alarming rate. So is sin and worldliness, and carelessness. I am afraid the latter is more contagious and fatal than the former. I had a good scare about smallpox the other day—but of that another time.

WM. A. BOWEN.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

A statement of money received by Dr. H. Hotchkiss for rebuilding churches and parsonages wrecked by the storm of September 8, and monthly donated contributions. These are the receipts since November 30.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Texas Christian Advocate, New Berlin, Louisiana Conference, etc.

CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECTED TO CHURCHES.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Hutto, Northwest Texas Conf., W. C. Prater, East Texas Conf., etc.

RELIEF OF SUFFERERS.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Rosebud Missionary Society, Richmond, Va., Texas Christian Advocate, etc.

THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Mrs. W. Davenport, Bracken, Texas, Methodist Churches, Dallas, Texas, etc.

San Luis Potot, Mexico, by F. S. Underbank, \$5.00. Oxford M. E. Church, South, by M. F. Poed, 12.75. Total, \$17.75.

After conference I put the balance of the money in Rev. Seth Ward's hands, and he has been receiving for all amounts that have come in since then.

In my former report I omitted a credit of \$25.00 received from L. Hayslock, special for Galveston, but it was included in the total.

Rev. R. P. Wilson, D. D., of the Pacific Advocate, writes that the amount of \$25.00 credited to the Pacific Methodist should read "From the Pacific Conference." In making this final report, I desire to thank all the friends who have helped us. We are grateful beyond expression. I desire also to ask that generous and speedy help be given the cause in Galveston. We must help them, and help largely, or our cause will suffer more from our neglect than from the storm. Our needs have been great, and yet in answer to all our appeals less than \$25.00 has come in for this special work—a small offering from a great Church. True, many of our people helped otherwise, and some have failed to give because they have not understood the situation. Those of us who know make one more urgent call to our great Church. Let quick and generous remittances be made to Rev. Seth Ward, Galveston, Texas. O. T. HOTCHKISS.

ATTENTION, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the West Texas Conference will meet at the Church in Seguin on Wednesday, 10 o'clock a. m. March 8, 1901. In consideration applications to the General Board for aid. Let those interested have their applications in due time to the hands of the Secretary, Rev. H. G. Horton, Seguin, Texas, by March 5. JOHN S. GILBERT, Pres. Board Ch. Ex. West Tex. Conf., Cuero, Texas.

Preachers of Texas Conference.

The preachers of the last session are leaving the territory this week, and should be in your hands by the time this notice reaches you. The larger number of packages to be express, the mails being used only in those cases where there are no express offices. If your package does not reach you within the next ten days, write me. Additional copies will be sent to any brother who can really use them. I regard this issue one of the best I have gotten out, and trust it will give universal satisfaction. Any answers should be referred to me, and suitable correction will be made through the Advocate.

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The Directors of Southwestern University have established a Summer Institute of Theology, and have elected Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., as Dean of the same. The Registrar and Dean have selected the faculty for this summer. Rev. W. L. Nelms, D. D., is Secretary of the Institute. Detailed announcements concerning the work will soon be made by the Dean and Secretary. R. S. HYER, Registrar, S. W. U.

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(Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society.) Address all communications to MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL, 135 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

"GUIDE ME, LORD."

Gulf me, Father, o'er life's rough sea, Ever let my eyes be fixed on Thee; The breakers of sin help me to shun, Till life's storms are o'er, and the goal be won.

Let thy grace the strong under current be, To bear me, Father, on to Thee; With no shallows of doubt along my way.

O, hear me, Father, when I pray. T. H. YARBROUGH, Ennis, Texas.

At the last annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference, the following members were elected superintendents of departments: Home Missions, Mrs. J. T. Webster, Paris; Systematic Giving, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Sulphur Springs; Literature, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Plano; Parsonages, Mrs. W. W. Williams, Loan Funds, Mrs. Viola Hunt, Dallas; Baby Roll, Mrs. W. T. Beverly, McKinney; Supplies, Mrs. Ira O. Wyse, Greenville.

It is hoped that the auxiliaries of the W. H. M. Society will bear in mind that the month of February has been set apart as the time for the consideration of loan funds, and that the 6th day of the month is appointed for special observance of the interests of that fund. It is urged that special collections for this fund be made this month—\$5 being the amount necessary to make a patron of the loan fund—and that a substantial sum may thus be realized for the general treasury of the society.

In an address of Bishop Henry Potter to the undergraduates of Yale College, not long since, these words ring out with no uncertain sound and give emphasis to certain conditions existing to-day in China: "As far as the American missionaries in China are concerned, they have been the heroes of the situation. They went to China not to get, but to give, and their efforts have been rewarded by making peace where it has been made. There can be no settlement of the Chinese question as long as we go to that country in the spirit of greed and until the white man learns to respect the brown, black and yellow man."

WHY ARE THE RIGHTEOUS AFFLICTED?

You wonder that very consecrated people have trouble? Did you ever know any very consecrated man or woman who had not had great trouble? Never! It was through their troubles sanctified that they were made very good. If you find anywhere in this city a man who has now, and always has had perfect health, and never lost a child, and has always been popular and never had business struggle or misfortune, who is distinguished for goodness, press the button for a telegraph messenger boy, and send me word and I will drop everything and go right away to look at him. There never has been a man like that, and never will be.

Who are those arrogant, self-conceited creatures who move about without sympathy for others, and who think more of a St. Bernard dog, or an Alderney cow, or a Southdown sheep, or a Berkshire pig, than of a man? They never had any trouble, or the trouble never was sanctified. Who are those men who listen with moist eyes as you tell them of suffering, and who have a pathos in their voice, and a kindness in their manner, and an excuse or an alleviation for those gone astray? They are the men who have graduated at the Royal Academy of trouble, and they have the diploma written in wrinkles on their own countenances. My! my! What heartaches they had! What tears they have wept! What injustice they have suffered!

The mightiest influence for purification and salvation is trouble. No diamond is fit for a crown until it is cut. No wheat is fit for bread till it is ground. There are only three things which can break off a chain—a hammer, a file or a fire; and trouble is all three of them. The greatest writers, orators and reformers get much of their force from trouble.

Resolutions passed by the Auxillary of the W. H. M. Society of Forest Academy, Como charge:

Whereas, It has been deemed just and right by our Bishop and his Cabinet to remove from our midst Bro. Roach and his dear wife and send them to another field of labor, and we recognize with grateful hearts the good they

accomplished in our society and Church, be it therefore

Resolved, That we tender them this tribute of love and respect, and pray God's blessings on Bro. Roach in his new field of labor, give him many souls for his hire, and grant that it may be a profitable year to him and our Church be built up in the most holy faith.

Resolved, That we send a copy of these resolutions to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication, also place one on the minutes of our society. S. E. P., Secretary, Como, Texas.

MARRIAGES.

Stinson-Dalton.—Iray-Jones.—Baram-Diggs.—By Rev. W. B. Bayless, near Honey Grove, Texas. Mr. J. Stinson and Miss Dalton, Mr. Charles T. Bray and Miss Nellie Jones, Mr. Almo Baram and Miss Allie Diggs.

Clayton-Holcomb.—In the school-house at Upton, Texas, December 21, 1900, Mr. Fayette Clayton and Miss Robbie Holcomb, Rev. W. E. Washburn officiating.

Litton-Simmons.—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Cedar Creek, Texas, January 16, 1901, Mr. H. H. Litton and Miss Mary Simmons, Rev. W. E. Washburn officiating.

Maples-Smith.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Three Forks, Bell County, Texas, by Rev. J. D. Crockett, November 4, 1900, Mr. Ellis Maples and Miss Myrtle Smith.

Smith-Cobb.—Near New York, Texas, January 23, 1901, Mr. Lee Smith and Miss Sallie Cobb, Dr. Hall officiating.

Hardin-Hardin.—Near New York, Texas, January 21, 1901, Mr. Buck Hardin and Miss Tennie Hardin, Dr. Hall officiating.

Griffin-Epperson.—Near New York, Texas, December 28, 1900, Mr. Lee Griffin and Miss Pearl Epperson, Dr. Hall officiating.

Sheffield-Ray.—At the Methodist parsonage in Kiger, Texas, December 5, 1900, Mr. C. Sheffield and Miss Ella Ray, Rev. T. Booth officiating.

Compton-Futman.—In the Methodist Church at Pittle, Texas, on January 12, 1901, Mr. W. E. Compton and Miss Lou Ella Futman, Rev. T. Booth officiating.

Kendrick-Noah.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Cabana, De Witt County, Texas, January 24, 1901, by Rev. A. W. Wilson, Mr. J. W. Kendrick and Miss Josie Noah.

Dalley-Peeler.—At Capt. Addison's, in Florence, Texas, January 25, 1901, Mr. James G. Dalley and Miss Alma Peeler, of Cherokee, Texas, Rev. Sam. C. Vaughan officiating.

Thackston-Skinner.—At the home of the bride's mother, in Gonzales County, Texas, January 8, 1901, Mr. J. F. Thackston and Miss Julia Skinner, Rev. C. F. Annie officiating.

Smith-Hughes.—At Dewville, Texas, January 5, 1901, Mr. James Smith, of Wrightshire, and Miss Ansellia Hughes, of Dewville, Rev. C. F. Annie officiating.

Rudlock-Ralford.—At Floyd's Chapel, Gonzales County, Texas, January 12, 1901, Mr. William H. Rudlock and Miss Mar- tha Ralford, Rev. C. F. Annie officiating.

Woodward-Easterwood.—In the Methodist Church at Merkel, Texas, December 27, 1900, Mr. John A. Woodward and Mrs. Magie Easterwood, Rev. R. S. Heizer officiating.

Williams-Easterwood.—At the home of Mr. Jennings, northeast of Merkel, Texas, at 7:30 o'clock, December 28, 1900, Mr. Otho W. Williams and Miss Myrtle Easterwood, Rev. R. S. Heizer officiating.

Thompson-Ivey.—In the home of the writer, January 27, 1901, by Rev. Daniel Morgan, Mr. F. E. Thompson and Miss Lena Ivey, all of Lometa, Texas.

Zinnon-Thompson.—January 27, 1901, Mr. Archibald Zinnon and Miss Vera Thompson, Rev. W. W. Graham officiating.

Mitchell-Coffee.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Columbus, Texas, by



HONORABLE THOMAS B. REED

Has a most interesting article in this week's (Feb. 9) number of

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST OF PHILADELPHIA

In which he treats of the declining influence of certain forms of public speaking, and its greater influence in other directions. Political, pulpit and after-dinner speaking are ably discussed.

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Rev. F. O. Favre, on January 5, 1901, Mr. W. E. Mitchell and Miss Era Coffee.

McKinney-Harrison.—At the residence of the bride's grandfather, Mr. N. Wilson, January 16, 1901, by Rev. A. F. Hendrix, Mr. W. B. McKinney and Miss Era Harrison.

Hemphill-McCall.—At the Methodist Church, Colorado Chapel, December 23, 1900, Mr. Lath Hemphill and Miss Bettie McCall, both of Bastrop County, Texas, Rev. E. G. Hocutt officiating.

Sanders-Caldwell.—At the residence of W. Caldwell, 120 East Twelfth Street, Austin, Texas, January 16, 1901, Mr. H. G. Sanders and Miss Martha Caldwell, both of Travis County, Texas, Rev. E. G. Hocutt officiating.

Davis-Moore.—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Dawson, Texas, December 22, 1900, at 4 o'clock p. m., Mr. Will Davis and Miss Pearl Moore, Rev. J. H. Lowmore officiating.

Arnold-Harrison.—At the residence of the bride's father, on December 21, 1900, Mr. Frank Arnold and Miss Ora Harrison, Rev. H. P. Shrader officiating.

Florence-Gober.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Kiefer, Texas, January 27, 1901, Mr. J. T. Florence and Miss Effie Gober, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating.

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Almost simultaneously with the death of Queen Victoria, The Outlook prints an article by Justin McCarthy, the author of "A Short History of Our Own Times," on the "political influence of Queen Victoria," accompanying the article with an excellent portrait, painted from life at Windsor Castle, by Mr. F. M. Bell Smith. Mr. McCarthy's article confirms the statement which has lately been made that the Queen took more than a formal interest in public affairs. Mr. McCarthy states very positively that the Queen very frequently "by a single pointed remark or question, would throw a disturbing doubt on the wisdom of some minor act or policy suggested for her approval," and he says that Victoria has "given to the world the best living illustration it has yet had of the part which the sovereign ought to play in a constitutional monarchy and a free country." In addition to this article, the February Magazine Number of The Outlook gives an excellent portrait of the new King of England, and contains elaborate editorial estimates of the life of Queen Victoria and the History of England under her reign. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.)

GOOD NEWS FOR STUTTEBERS.

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I, J. Rummel Henner, Texas, Miss Joe, she Doolen, Houston, Texas, was one of S. B. Thomas' children, Texas, and a grandson of Mrs. M. F. Barrow, Bible, Texas, and many others, have been recently cured.

The editor, Geo. R. McFerrin, in the Nashville Advocate, said that he was amazed at the cures performed in that city. Indeed the best results as well as leading cases all over the South are long in their praise. Please hand this to a stutterer.

CHAUTAQUA ANNOUNCEMENT

The first meeting for this year of the district of Colorado Chautauqua Association occurred in Boulder, Colo., Saturday, January 19, with President J. J. Long of Dallas, in the chair.

Extensive improvements were outlined for the dining-hall and other buildings. It was decided to make Sunday a free day, opening the gates to the public for the sacred concerts and sermons by visiting eminent divines.

A splendid band is already engaged for the season. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee has been invited to make the Fourth of July opening address, and from the class of talent already engaged and that applying for place on this year's platform, it is evident that the high standard of the past will not only be maintained, but even improved upon in the coming season.

The tried favorites of the assembly will return for the 1901 assembly, and the new attractions are to be selected from among others of national reputation. The season this year will open July 4 and close August 5, lasting five weeks.

Both my mother and I can see now as we look back that she was too anxious that we should always do right in every small detail; she tried too hard to shield us from the consequences of our own ignorance and persistency. It would have been better, I think, if she had given us a little more liberty even to make mistakes, and let the pain or humiliation, which would be sure to follow, be our best teacher toward doing better next time.—Helen Waterston Moody, in the February Ladies' Home Journal.

Hindrances are the ever-ascending rungs in the ladder God makes for us.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

I feel that the entire Church, and the Northwest Texas Conference in particular, are under very great obligation to the editor and publisher of the minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference. They have certainly done well. Bro. Jerome Duncan, as editor, has been very painstaking in his part of the work. It is a wonder to me that an editor of such a large journal as ours does not make more mistakes than Duncan does. I have never written to an editor of our journal yet about any little mistake that occurred. Duncan has my sincere thanks for the work he has done. Gresham, as publisher has covered himself all over with glory for the mechanical part of the work. I do not believe there is another conference in the connection that has a better editor and publisher. They have my vote to continue the good work for the years to come. Three cheers for the men who have given to the Church such a beautiful, nice journal! G. S. WYATT.

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The foregoing is the closing paragraph of an extended review of "Christus Auctor"—a book recently published from the pen of Bishop Candler. The review was written by Dr. James Atkins and appeared in a recent number of the Sunday-school Magazine. Send for the book. You need it. Price, \$1.25, postpaid.

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Dr. James Atkins says of Dr. John R. Brooks' "Scriptural Sanctification": "The doctrine about which this book is conversant is the greatest within the range of human thought. The varieties of views which are held need not therefore be a surprise nor an offense. Happy is the man who can discuss a theme of such surpassing importance in a dispassionate way except with a passion for the truth. Dr. Brooks' book, which has been before the public now for some time, has met with more than ordinary favor, and has doubtless ministered to the spiritual growth of many. We do not agree with the Doctor in some of his views as to the great doctrine, but there is one thing of special charm to us in his handling of it, and that is the admirable spirit in which he does his work. We have known him in the

timony of common toil in the Annual and General Conferences, and were not surprised when he gave to the public a book written in a thoroughly Christian spirit, and withal one of the best presentations of the view which he holds to be found anywhere in our Methodist literature."

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Kind Words for Our House.

We take the liberty of publishing an extract from a recent letter from Mr. D. G. Fisher, of Cleburne, Texas, to our Publishing House. He says: "I can say, without hesitation or fear of contradiction, that for courteous treatment of your customers, and prompt handling of their orders the Methodist Publishing House is far ahead of any I have had dealing with. I think Texas, as well as the South, should be congratulated on the possession of a first-class book store like yours."

It Is Authority.

Many people have supposed all along that the "Manual of Discipline" simply expressed Bishop McTyeire's individual opinion on a given point, and was not an authoritative interpretation and explanation of law. Reference to the Preface to the edition for 1887, reprinted in this, will correct this error. In it we are informed that the General Conference of 1886 requested the Bishops "to prepare for publication a commentary on the Discipline, embracing episcopal decisions, with a view to produce a harmonious administration thereof." Bishop McTyeire was designated this work, and when completed it was recommended by them for publication. In the preface to this thirtieth edition Bishop Harrover, as Secretary of the College of Bishops, informs us that "this edition conforms the 'Manual' to changes made in the Discipline since 1888." It is, therefore, an authoritative commentary on the law of the Church.—Central Methodist.

The price of the "Manual" is 60 cents. Every officer of our Church, clerical and lay, should be familiar with it.

A Preacher and His Opportunity.

Rev. T. S. Armstrong, of Itasca, Texas, is a man thoroughly alive to all the interests of his Church. He is full of energy and sagacity, and usually brings things to pass. It is not meant to slily insinuate that Bro. Armstrong has any of the characteristics of a book agent, but it must be admitted that he does well in furthering the cause of good literature.

Recently he was in conversation with one of his stewards—a man of some literary taste and attainments—and the latter incidentally remarked that he was quite fond of good books. It was Bro. Armstrong's opportunity. He spoke at once of the ability of the Publishing House for furnishing the best books at low prices. The preacher then stated that he was going to visit Dallas in a few days and would be glad to make a few literary purchases for his friend. The conclusion of the whole matter was that Bro. Armstrong came to Dallas this week and invested about \$10 in good books.

This little incident is a simple one, and yet it is also a significant one. That preacher was disseminating good literature and supporting his Publishing House in the most genuine manner of the word. Are there not some more Bro. Armstrongs?

"A Critic Criticised."

Under this head, C. A. Turner, in the Mason Daily Telegraph, vindicates Rev. Pinson's new book, "In White and Black." The writer says that he was prompted to read the book by an adverse criticism, but the perusal brought both interest and profit. Among other things Mr. Turner says: "There are philosophical passages, which would do credit to our most profound thinkers, but there is an absolute freedom from cant, and no effort whatever at a display of erudition."

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### A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

Judging from the consensus of public opinion, something is going to happen before a great while, not necessarily to our brotherhood, unless there shall be a great change in the aspect of present conditions. There seems to be a general apprehension that we have nearly run our course, and that the General Conference, at no distant time, will revolutionize our system so far as it concerns the local preachers. If the present downward tendency continues, it is only a question of time when our days will be numbered and we shall be known only in history.

These papers are intended as a note of warning to prepare for what is coming or else to incite us to rally around the standard of one common interest, and, if possible, circumvent the predicted approaching catastrophe.

The minutes of the Dallas District Conference show that there were only six local preachers, out of a membership of twenty-eight, in attendance at its last meeting at Oak Cliff. This writer was there every day during the session, and could count but four of the six present at any one time, though the weather was pleasant, the entertainment royal and the meeting held at a central point. The twenty-two absentees think they had a satisfactory excuse; but what interest could be more important to us than the King's business?

The minutes of the last session of the North Texas Annual Conference show that two districts out of the nine sent no local preachers as delegates to that body—Dallas and Paris. We have no explanation to offer for Paris District. But the conspicuous absence of the twenty-two out of the twenty-eight of our brethren from the District Conference tells too plainly what is the matter. We can not blame the laymen who did not vote for any of us, for the local preacher who does not feel interest enough in the Church to spare the time from his secular affairs to attend the meetings of the District Conference should not complain if he should "be left behind."

The little woman who has been "the light of our life" for nearly fifty years sits peeps over our shoulder and gently whispers: "Now you must not write anything hard of your brethren, you might hurt their feelings and lose your influence with them while you are trying to help them to a better life." Well, we have not written anything harder than they have whispered in our ears, and have written in their own communications concerning themselves. We usually quote their own words and then make our own deductions in a spirit of brotherly love. Besides, "the rebuke of a friend is better than the kiss of an enemy."

Nearly a half a century ago Samuel Drew, a great metaphysician of England, wrote an essay on the immateriality and immortality of the human soul. He seemed, at first, to have the whole vocabulary of English terminology at his tongue's end. In trying to show the impossibility of the annihilation of anything which has a positive existence and imagining what would be left if it were possible to extinguish a living soul and, seemingly, being at a loss for terms to express his conception, he coined the word *zambif*. He says: "If I were to be asked whether it be possible for a zambif to exist or not, I should naturally reply that I know not what a zambif is." To the term *zambif* I annex no kind of idea. It is presumed to be a something which is totally distinct in nature, both from created and uncreated existence.

We once remarked to our own Texas Bishop that if Mr. Drew had lived in the evening of the nineteenth century, he might have known what a zambif is. After a moment's silence, he replied: "What is it?" We answered humorously: "A local preacher in the central Church of a great city."

Since that time we have revised our notions on that subject. We have concluded that any man, in any profession in life, can make himself a zambif if he will. In our connection, he is the man who has played out of usefulness, is in an ill humor with himself, and in a sullen mood with all the rest of the world.

W. C. YOUNG,  
No. 245 Wall St., Dallas, Texas.

### EXPLANATION.

From a recent communication received from Rev. J. M. Dunn, Riesel, Tex., I learn that some of my articles in the Advocate in the past have been accredited to him by some of his friends. I regret the unpleasant situation in which I have placed him through failure on my part to affix my postoffice address to each article. Whether we agree or disagree as to what I have written, he has been subjected to public criticism, both as to subject matter and style of expression. However, he has not complained, but justice to him demands this explanation.

J. M. DUNN,  
Bolivar, Texas.

### A NEW METHODIST CHURCH.

Midlothian News, Feb 2: On last Saturday night at the Methodist Church, the first Quarterly Conference decided upon building a new church, and upon the nomination of the pastor, Rev. C. S. Field, the following committees were elected: Building Committee—J. C. Kimmel, W. L. Hawkins, W. W. Major, M. W. Hawkins and J. A. Posey. Soliciting Committee—R. F. Hawkins, Ed. Lowe, R. P. Burks, U. Munden, G. A. Barks and T. H. Newton. This constitutes a Building Committee of five members and a Soliciting Committee of six members. The above committees met at the bank Monday night, and a subscription was started and the work is moving along well. We prophesy abundant success for this worthy enterprise and hope for the co-operation of all our citizenship. The building is to be of brick.

### NOTICE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet in Fifth Street Church, Waco, on the 11th instant at 11 a. m. All applications for loans or donations from the Parent Board must be in the hands of the committee at that time. Following the example of the Parent Board, a resolution was passed by the committee two years ago excluding all personal representation of applications. This was done, not only to save time for the Executive Committee, but also to give each place an equal chance before the committee. This resolution will be adhered to strictly at the coming meeting of the committee. Any application may be accompanied by whatever written information that is thought necessary.

W. B. ANDREWS,  
J. H. CHAMBLISS,  
C. R. WRIGHT,  
Committee.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTICE.

Fellow-Leaguers of Texas: Let us rally at once and send in an instalment each to the State League cause. Remember, we need at least your State League dues, but each chapter ought to send \$3 to \$5. We desire to serve you efficiently, but we must have the wherewithal to pay your debts and running expenses. We have plenty plans, but the simplest costs money. This is a natural epoch in our history; we must meet it. Let us make a united effort in the next two weeks and send to J. T. Ellis, Elgin, Texas, enough to make our State organization respectable, and then we will not overdo God's expectation of us. This is God's work, and we are responsible. Let us pull together now and then. More anon.

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### PROGRAM

Missionary Institute and Preachers' Conference, to be held in Shearn Church, Houston, February 20 and 21:

Wednesday, February 20—8:30 a. m., devotional services, 9-10, "The Ground of Missionary Obligation," Seth Ward, 10:30, "The Eastern Question as Related to Missions," S. H. Hay, 10-11:30, "Mission Conference," Their Number and Growth," J. W. Wells, 12-12:30, "Mission Schools: Their Number and Works," C. N. Martin, 11-11:30, "Best Methods of Disseminating Missionary Information," W. F. Brinson, 11:30-12, "The Factor and Collections," The Church and Contributions," J. C. Brasher, 2-2:30 p. m., devotional services, 2:30-2, "The Sunday school as a Missionary Organization," E. L. Ingram, 2-2:30, "The Woman's Home Mission Work," 2:30-4, "City Missions," J. R. Warren, 4-4:30, "Mission Work in Country Districts," T. R. Cain, 4:30-5, "The Foreigner in Our Midst, and How to Reach Him," J. E. Green, 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Thursday, February 21—8:30 a. m., devotional services, 9-9:30, "The Preacher's Religious Life," G. A. LeClare, 9:30-10, "The Preacher as a Student of the Bible," Seth Ward, 10-10:30, "The Preacher as a Student of Other Books," S. H. Hay, 10:30-11, "The Preacher as a Student of Men," D. K. Porter, 11-11:30, "The Preacher as a Personal Force in His Congregation," W. D. Gaskins, 11:30-12, "The Source and Elements of a Preacher's Power," H. C. Willis, 2-2:30 p. m., devotional services, 2:30-3, "The Factor in Relation to the Unsaved," J. L. Russell, 3-3:30, "The Preacher's True Mission in the Pulpit," J. E. Green, 3:30-4, "The Preacher Planning and Conducting Revivals," H. C. Willis, 4-4:30, "What Special Equipment is Needed by the Christian Ministry in the New Century," I. M. Bryce, 4:30-5, "The Preacher's Relation to Public Evils," S. W. Thomas.

### PERSONAL.

Rev. G. H. Ray, former pastor at Oklahoma City, who is now in school at Fayette, Mo., will leave school in about ten days. He will return to Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and will spend this spring and summer in evangelistic work. He will live with his mother at Perry, O. T. His brother, J. A. Ray, will join him later in the season, and will conduct the music.

### CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

My address has been changed from Menardville, Texas, to San Angelo, Texas. We move into our new district parsonage Feb. 5.

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- Milford charge, at Midway.....April 27, 28
- Box charge, at Sardinia.....Il. a. m., April 29
- Red Oak charge, at Red Oak.....May 4, 5

Delegates to District Conference will be elected on this round.

For the accommodation of those desiring to attend the Mardi Gras festivities at New Orleans, the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, from its stations in Texas, will sell tickets on February 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, at rate of one fare for the round trip. These tickets will be valid to return, leaving New Orleans as late as March 1, 1901.

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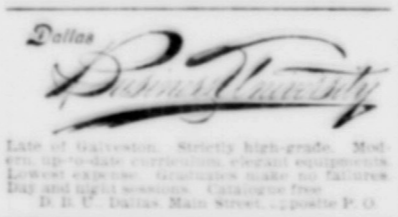
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