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EDITORIAL.

HYPOCRISY IN THE CHURCH.

There seems to be an impression very general among a large class of non-Church people that the Church has in its membership a great many hypocrites. When you approach such people on the subject of religion, they take apparent pleasure in calling your attention to the fact that we have too many hypocrites in the Church for them to become religious and take the vows of Christianity. Well, if there were any truth in the allegation, it contains no valid reason for such persons remaining in sin and living in practical opposition to the Church. The principles underlying Church membership are true and salutary, even if half of the people in the Church were hypocrites of the worst character. But the allegation is false, for the most part, in its assumption. True, we have hundreds of people in the Church who live far below their privileges, and we have hundreds of others who often live in direct opposition to the teachings of the gospel; but such people are not necessarily hypocrites. If you approach them in a brotherly spirit and remind them of their derelictions of duty and point out the injury that they are doing to themselves and to the Church, they will acknowledge freely that they are not living correctly and that they are sorry they are such poor and unworthy members. People who talk that way are not hypocrites. A hypocrite is a person who assumes the character of a Christian in order to gain some social or pecuniary benefit. He endeavors to act one thing, while at heart he is exactly another thing. He simply uses the Church as a cloak to conceal his real character. As the Savior puts it, he is a wolf in sheep's clothing. If you approach such a person, even in the most brotherly way, and point out his hypocrisy, he will take it as an insult and deny your charge vehemently. Now, it is possible to find in the Church a few people of this character, but we do not believe that they are a numerous class. And we make this statement after having observed the membership of the Church for a quarter of a century. There is a vast difference between an inconsistent Church member and a clearly-defined hypocrite. We have a great many of the former in our membership, but only a few of the latter. Hence we grow a trifle weary of the empty charge brought by many people of the world against the hypocrisy of Church members. It is a falsehood without the merit of plausibility, and it is only indulged in as a miserable subterfuge to excuse the utter depravity of those who allege it. Take our Church people as a class, and the most of them are greatly superior in truthfulness, in honor and in business integrity to any other class of people, of like conditions, out of the Church. Some of us as preachers have made it our stock in trade so long to either abuse and point out the shortcomings of our people, or to permit the itinerant evangelist to do it, until we have discounted the real merit of our Church membership in the esteem of the world. Therefore, more than a few of our preachers have unwittingly helped the non-Church folks in their pretended estimate of our people as

nothing but hypocrites. When a preacher has not gotten down to hard study and prepared a well-digested sermon for his congregation, it is a comparatively easy business to stand in the pulpit and arraign the people for their shortcomings and inconsistencies. It requires no mental labor and less spiritual discernment to do this, and call it preaching. What our people need is not so much abuse, but more of the essence of the gospel, not harangues, but spiritual sermons. This is an excellent remedy for toning up the moral and spiritual life of our people. As a rule, they are not hypocrites, but struggling men and women, with many faults and weaknesses, and with honest desires to be good and true Christians.

A WORD OF FRIENDLY ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

Some time ago, it matters not when, there was brought to a place prepared for such a 16-year-old girl, whose condition needs no further comment. Her story was a short one, but it contained tragedy and sorrowful shame. Her home was above the average in point of means and social standing, but no wholesome restraints had been judiciously imposed upon her young life. Parties, buggy rides and strolls after nightfall with friends and associates were of frequent occurrence, and the result is implied if not stated in the opening sentence of these lines. In a given sense, this may be an exceptional case, but the exceptional case is the one that brings sadness and distress to the domestic circle. Under like circumstances, it is liable to repeat itself in any other ordinarily good home where family government is lax, and where parental indulgence takes the place of authority and wise discipline.

The mother is by divine appointment the guardian angel of her daughter. She stands more closely related to her than any other human being in the world. The maternal instinct enables her to enter into the nature, the feeling and the needs of the girl; and by this fact she is enabled to anticipate possible perils and improprieties in the young life that no one else but a mother is prepared to appreciate. Besides this advantage, she has been a girl herself, and she knows from experience and observation many things that the inexperienced and impulsive child can not possibly understand. She is therefore, prepared by nature, by experience and by training, if she is a wise mother, to direct and guide this young and exuberant life into the right course of conduct. She ought to know when to restrain and when to grant indulgence. And it is naturally and largely with her to determine the final outcome of that young life committed to her love and wholesome discipline.

After the girl has grown into a reasonable knowledge of the difference between right and wrong, then the most important period in her life lies between the ages of 12 and 16 years. During this time she is making the transition from girlhood to womanhood. What she becomes as a woman will depend very much on her tuition during this transitional period. Thus it is that she needs the watchfulness and ceaseless thought of a wise and judicious mother. There are some

things concerning herself and about mankind in general that she ought to know, and the mother is the only one who is charged with the duty of imparting the information. If she fails to do this, then some unauthorized person will do it for her, and from that moment an outside party will come between her and her child. It is a sad day in the life of a girl when she feels free to converse with a companion in confidence about matters which she conceals from her mother. That very moment finds her walking over treacherous quicksands and under clouded skies. But not only is it incumbent upon the mother to give all needed confidential information to her child, but it is also her bounden duty to select for her the books she reads and the company that she keeps. Many a young girl has been contaminated by reading in secret improper literature, and by making associates of others whose influence is not pure and elevating. A girl at this age ought very rarely to be permitted to spend nights away from home with other girls. Even in their innocence they often talk of things not conducive to purity of thought, and the flavor of such conversation does not always evaporate and disappear with the occasion. After nightfall, and also in the leisure hours of the day, the young daughter ought not to be far from the mother's sight and hearing. At this pliable and inexperienced age, she ought very rarely to go out to parties and on buggy rides with grown-up boys and young men. She is simply a girl, and this sort of privilege has a tendency to make a woman out of her before her time. She needs now to be kept a sweet, modest and pure-minded girl. After she has been properly trained and developed into mature young womanhood, she will have time for pleasures of this sort, and then she will also have prudence and discretion. If, therefore, the mothers of this land will only follow some such directions as these with their daughters, then there will be fewer shadows and tragedies hidden in the secret retreats of the domestic circles.

THE MEDICINAL USE OF OPIATES AND STIMULANTS.

One of the most honorable callings among men is that of the physician. And it is not only honorable, but is one of the most useful in its ministry to the suffering and unfortunate members of the human family. By virtue of this fact, the physician stands in closer relation to the home than any other outside human being. He has made disease and its remedies the study of his life, and when we get sick we want him at the bedside. We place ourselves without reservation in his hands, and we look to him for treatment. When he examines us and prescribes a medicine, we go to any expense to purchase it, and we swallow it down, however bitter and nauseating, without hesitation or protest. We do not even ask him any questions as to the nature of his prescription. We want to get well, and we take it for granted that he knows his business. Such a man, then, ought to be the best, the wisest and the most conscientious man in the community. That he ought to be most exceedingly prudent in the use of his remedies is a statement concerning which no one

entertains a solitary doubt. He is in a position to relieve or ruin his patient. It is quite common, and has been for years, for a great many physicians to make free use of opiates and stimulants in the treatment of diseases. That these ingredients have their proper place in the practice of medicine we do not question; and occasionally they are absolutely necessary. But the use of intoxicants and opiates promiscuously by physicians is one of the unmitigated evils of this day and generation. It can be safely assumed that many men have contracted the liquor habit through the advice of their physicians; and no one will question the statement that the most of the morphine and cocaine fiends of today are such because the doctors prescribe these poisons and the druggists prepare and sell them. Many of our doctors are very conscientious in the use of these drugs, but others are excessive in administering them. On account of this, hundreds of men and women are the hopeless victims of the morphine and cocaine habit. We have personally known many of these ruined wrecks of humanity, and we know numbers of them to-day, whose mania for these drugs is traceable to the physicians who did and do prescribe them. Whisky, chloral, morphine, cocaine and the like are the unmitigated curses of the human race, and ninety-nine times out of every hundred when prescribed by the physician, the family ought to refuse to have them filled and administered. In almost every instance the remedy is infinitely worse than the sickness. The doctor who relies upon these remedies for the relief of the ordinary ills of the human family, and the druggist who relies upon their sale for his livelihood, are the wreckers of life and character. The home needs better protection than it now has against these evils.

THE PROGRESS OF METHODISM.

Dr. H. K. Carroll contributes an article to the New York Christian Advocate in reference to the growth of Methodism, from which we take the following: A handful of Methodists in 1787, 2,000 in 1800, 15,000 in 1820, 45,000 in 1840, 162,000 first quarter century after organization, 729,000 half century after organization, 1,845,000 century after organization, 2,900,000 in round numbers in 1890. A growth of 2,900,000 in one hundred and thirty-four years, and of 2,825,000 in the past century. The 65,000 was added to itself nearly forty-four times. In other words, the gains of thirty-four years, represented by the 65,000, was repeated during the century every two and a half years. The average annual gain has been 28,350. The percentage of increase is 1262. If the population of the country had increased in this period at the same rate, it would now be 222,000,000, instead of 76,200,000. But the gains of the M. E. Church have been only a part of the gains of Methodism. Include all branches since 1881, and we have: A handful of Methodists in 1787, 4,000,000 century after organization, 1881, 5,900,000 in 1900. The 65,000 has repeated itself about ninety-one times, or once every thirteen months. The percentage of gain

in 1897, if the population had increased at the same rate, it would now be 176,000,000 instead of 76,200,000. The average annual gain has been 28,350. The gain of preachers is indicated by the following: 1 novel preacher in 1787, 1769, 24 preachers in 1800, 1174, 52 preachers in 1820, 1784, 197 preachers in 1840, 1609, and preachers first quarter century after organization, 1880, 2,200 preachers half century after organization, 1834, 6200 preachers in the M. E. Church, whose first quarter century, 1829, 12,146 preachers in the M. E. Church, and at the end of the century, 1881, 17,799 preachers in the M. E. Church, and at the end of the century, 1881, 17,712. The gain of the century is 17,412. The 281 have been multiplied by 62, having annual gain, 121. The beginning in a soil left in 1786, the previous century afterward of a church, within forty years, gave no more promise of successful work than it did of growth in membership. Our 27,000 churches, worth \$11,000,000, show a development of resources as wonderful as a miracle. It takes now between \$25,000,000 and \$50,000,000 a year to carry on the work of the M. E. Church, to say nothing of universities, colleges and hospitals. The concentration of wealth is truly stupendous. Methodists have not been stingy. Methodism was born among the Protestant denominations in number of churches in 1775, and third in number of communicants in 1800. It most advanced in first place in numbers, and really took the place at the end of the century. It was only a handful of men on the top of the mountains at the beginning. How wonderfully has that handful multiplied!—DeLange. CONSECRATED MONEY. Here upon the observations of a century of years, we venture the prediction that a substantial list of our individual members of all denominations, are more in arrears than those of any other class. It is not necessary to go into a dissertation of the reasons leading up to these conditions. The remedy is our purpose. No class of people are less likely long to be more than slaves, than do those of the religious press. Their purpose is reasonable, laudatory in character. The discipline of the Church is used in all directions to reach the enemy's camp, and open up the country, but this function is to suit of the duty of the minister, and when in undertakes it, he surrenders his avocation, let the Church lead and clothe and pay its expenses, obviously a sacrifice, but can not be an sentiment, and when a person subscribes for one or more newspapers, he should understand that it is a high duty and privilege to pay for them. It is no kindness to the members of any denomination to allow them to run behind in their Church paper accounts. It is educating them in wrong doing and cultivating bad business habits. The money due almost all our religious papers is what the Church calls "consecrated money," and its misuse, or lack of use, is to say the least, opportunity for usefulness lost. The money is needed, it is just indebtedness, it belongs to Caesar, and by the highest authority Caesar should have it. It has been asked by a religious publisher who turned over to the Newspaper Collection Agency some \$7000 in accounts if his denomination was not an exception to the rule of Church people. The reply was, "No, sir. The entire religious press of the United States and Canada, with hardly an exception, is making up runs in back alleys for a living." While that may be a figurative speech, still there is so much of truth in it that serious reflection is warranted.—Selected.

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## COMMUNICATIONS.

## LET THE PATRIARCH'S BODY REST.

"The Embalmed Body of Jacob."

I have thought much upon an article in the Advocate of December 27, 1900, entitled "The Embalmed Body of Jacob," written by Bro. J. D. Thomas, of Oak Cliff, Texas. Bro. Thomas refers to the lameness inflicted upon the patriarch by an angel, at the River Jabbock, which lameness is believed to have continued during his life; to the embalming of his body in Egypt; to its burial in the cave of Machpelah, in Palestine; to its probable complete preservation in the grave till now; to the careful guarding of the tomb till now; to the probable identification of the body by the cause of his lameness, which was either a shrinking of a muscle of the thigh or a dislocation of the hip-joint. On these premises, Bro. Thomas bases the idea, which possibly may be correct, that—should the tomb be opened and its contents examined—in addition to the identification of the body by the cause of the patriarch's lameness, some inscription might be found in the tomb which would disprove the objections of skeptics to the truth of his miraculous lameness, as recorded in the Bible. Also, that the tombs of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah and Leah, all in the same cave, might contain internal corroborations or proofs of Bible truths.

If the bodies of Abraham and the members of his family here mentioned were buried in coffins or wooden boxes, as doubtless they were, I have no doubt that they were of the most durable wood, and may bear interesting inscriptions; though all but one of the corpses must have crumbled into dust centuries ago. The body of Jacob, being embalmed by the ancient Egyptian method, is doubtless yet lying in his tomb, just as it was placed there 2500 years ago; and doubtless this is true, even if it be sealed with a stone in a wall of the cavern without a coffin. Then, if those tombs shall ever be unsealed, those coffins, if any were placed there, will doubtless be found bearing inscriptions of peculiar interest; though, with one exception, nothing but a quart or less of dust can be found of each corpse buried there, yet the mummy of Jacob will doubtless be found in perfect preservation, just as his son Joseph caused it to be buried. But this corpse was not to differ from other mummies that have been exhumed in Egypt, excepting that it will bear unmistakable evidence of the cause of his miraculous lameness.

But what necessity exists for such going into the recesses of the ancient dead? Bro. Thomas says: "We may rest assured that, should modern skepticism render support necessary to the facts of the Bible, then that support will be supplied by such discoveries as that of the body of Jacob." But I think Bro. Thomas himself has plainly shown that an unsealing of those tombs is not needed for the purpose indicated. In relating the entry into that cave by the Prince of Wales and Dean Stanley, accompanied by the Pasha of Jerusalem, in 1862, he says: "There, in a chamber cut in the rock, were the sealed tombs of the parties said in the Bible to have been buried there. Identified by the inscription of their names." Now, if that chamber cut in the rock, containing the sealed tombs of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Leah, all identified by the inscription of their names—the entire premises having been respected as sacred during nearly thirty-six centuries—if all this is not sufficient to convince modern infidels of the truth of the Bible history of the persons buried there, they are steeled against conviction by further investigation. Such skeptics are like the rich man's five brethren to whom he requested Abraham to send Lazarus from heaven to preach repentance, that they might escape the torments to which he was subjected, but of whom Abraham said: "If they will not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Even so, if modern skeptics refuse to be convinced by the evidences seen by the Prince of Wales and Dean Stanley, and which must be seen again before the tombs can be opened, neither will they be convinced though the tombs be unsealed and their contents exposed to view. Then I conclude that there is not, and will never be, any necessity for an unsealing of those tombs, and that no better reason than idle curiosity can be urged for such an examination. Further, should the unsealing of Jacob's tomb ever be effected, the same idle curiosity, supported by avaricious speculation, would demand the abduction of his body.

I regard the graves of our dead as sacred, and any unnecessary disturbance of them as sinful. Before my father's death, he selected a beautiful natural grove on a well-formed hill on his own land, for his last earthly resting-place, and requested his friends to bury his mortal remains therein, which they did. There are also buried my mother, my only sister, several of that sister's children, three of my own chil-

dren, and some of our neighbors. I regard that little grave-yard as sacred, and should I ever learn that any person had robbed it of any of its dead, or otherwise desecrated it, I should regard such a person as an enemy—not only as an enemy to me, and to all other persons whose relatives are buried there, but also to those dead themselves. Further, I regard all such graveyards as enemies to all mankind.

It is true that teachers and students in medical colleges find it necessary to dissect human corpses, to demonstrate the many tissues of the human body, and thereby to teach or learn how to treat their patients for diseases of the various tissues; also to teach and acquire skill in the science of surgery, and that for this purpose, human bodies must be procured; but I am sure that discrimination should be exercised in procuring subjects for such dissections. I believe that the bodies of only two classes of persons should be used for such purposes. First, as respect ought always to be awarded to the virtuous, and to all who are not known to be vicious, I believe that the bodies of felons who die under legal convictions for crime ought to be preferred; and secondly, I believe that the bodies of such unfortunate persons should be used as are, from necessity, buried in small parcels of ground, where, within a year or two, their bones must be exhumed and thrown away, to make room for others. In both instances, the practice is horrible to a sensitive mind; but, as it is absolutely necessary, we should choose, first, the most unworthy, and secondly, those who are soon to be dug up and left unburied. In the latter instance, this is only a hastening of a disturbance which is inevitable.

Some twelve, fifteen or twenty years ago, as I read in the Courier-Journal, the people of the United States were shocked by a ghoully act, though one of no uncommon occurrence, because it was perpetrated upon a distinguished family. Two gentlemen in Ohio died about the same time, and were buried in the same cemetery, and both graves were guarded at night by sworn sentinels. A day or two after the death of one of them, it was discovered that his grave had been disturbed, and the sentinel who guarded it pretended to know nothing of the disturbance. The grave was opened, and the coffin was found empty. The family of the deceased was much distressed by this discovery, and his son, accompanied by several neighbors, went to the nearest medical college and assisted some police officers in a search of the premises, but did not find the object of their search, though they telegraphed to other places and had other medical colleges searched, and the stolen corpse was found in Detroit, and was returned and re-buried. The other deceased gentleman was a Mr. Harrison, a son of the late President of the United States—Gen. William Henry Harrison. I know not whether he was the father or a uncle of the more recent President Harrison. His body was stolen, too, but the ghouls were so careful to leave his grave apparently as they found it that, though it was examined by friends, the disturbance was not discovered. Mr. Harrison's son was one of the friends who assisted the other gentleman's son in searching for his father's body. On their arrival at the college, all its inmates affirmed that there was no corpse in the building, and none had been there for many days. Then the occupants all retired but one doctor, who was retained by the searchers to conduct them into the several apartments of the building. He readily showed them into every room but one, which he entered with evident reluctance. The last was a basement room, in which the searchers were surprised to find a well, supplied with a windlass, the rope on which was unwound and hanging in the well. As they entered the doctor said: "There is nothing in this room." The searchers had found nothing and were about to depart in despair, when Mr. Harrison stepped to the well and grasped the handle of the crank of the windlass. The doctor said: "There is nothing but water in the well." But Mr. Harrison made a turn or two of the windlass, and found that some heavy object was fastened to the lower end of the rope. He continued to turn the windlass, and when the heavy object came in sight he saw that it was a corpse. On drawing it into plain view, he was shocked by recognizing it as the body of his own father. On investigation, it was found that the occupants of that college had purchased both corpses from the ghouls, and had shipped one of them to Detroit for sale. The theft of the other gentleman's corpse, of itself, seemed not to have been regarded as a great offense, but such is the partiality of poor human nature for distinguished families that the robbery of the corpse of a President's son excited general indignation. Both these robberies were heinous crimes, and had due justice been administered, the offenders would have suffered punishment as felons. But the fact that sworn sentinels were employed to

guard the graves proves that such crimes are common in certain localities.

Every person who is able has a moral right to provide a last earthly resting-place for himself and family or other friends, whether it be graves, vaults, a cemetery, a mausoleum or a catacomb, and no one has a right to rob or desecrate it. He may sin by making it too gorgeous and expensive, when he could use much of the money thus expended to better purposes; but this is a matter between him and his God, and does not justify any disturbance of such deposits for the dead.

The late commercial magnate, A. T. Stewart, of New York, built, for the last earthly resting-place of himself and family, a mausoleum in Greenwood Cemetery, and when he died his body was deposited therein; but its rest was not long, for it was stolen. Why it was stolen, or how the thieves obtained admittance to it, is not known; but the purpose may have been to extort a reward for its restoration, though no reward was ever offered. It was said that Mr. Stewart's son-in-law received three or four anonymous letters from as many sections, in each of which the writer professed to know where the stolen corpse was, and that it was in perfect preservation and could easily be identified, and proposed to restore it for a specified large sum of money. Of course, at least all but one of the writers purposed to supply some other stolen corpse that they respectively thought resembled Mr. Stewart. But, whatever the purpose of the theft may have been, it proves that its perpetrators were wicked enough to commit any species of crime.

I have often wondered at the desecration and robbery of the Egyptian catacombs. The mummies have been ruthlessly taken from what were intended as their last resting-places and deposited, as objects of curiosity, in various museums in Christendom. The inscriptions on some of their coffins are of historical interest; but these could have been deciphered and published without any permanent removal or disturbance of the coffins or the bodies that they contained. I have reason to believe that some of those mummies have been treated with great indignity. When I was a little boy, in St. Helena Parish, La., I heard a young physician, Thomas Webb by name, who had been a medical student in New Orleans, say that he saw, in the medical museum in that city, a mummy of a daughter of the Pharaohs. As he described it, the skin was black, though the hair on the head was long and straight, and was plaited. It was considered as doubtful whether the color of the skin was natural or had been caused by the material used in embalming. All the flesh and skin were so shrivelled and hard that many of the students, on first sight, believed it to be a cheat, carved of ebony wood, to which the hair of the head had been glued, and, to prove whether it were wood or flesh, they had stuck their knives into it and cut it till, in some parts, it was slit into shreds. How dare any Christian people perpetrate such outrages upon the bodies of the dead, for whose perpetual preservation their friends had expended so much labor and skill? Why not let them rest where their friends placed them till God shall arouse them to new life at the general resurrection day?

I now return to Jacob's tomb. I judge that the present effort to gain access to his body is not with intent to remove it thence, but only to examine it, and to read the inscription on his coffin, if he has one and I feel sure that this is all that Bro. Thomas wishes done. But poor, restless human nature must be changed before it will be content with this. If permission ever be given to unseal his tomb, the authorities in Palestine will be importuned for the privilege to remove his body to some other country, and there will be persons who, if possible, will steal it. In case of success in removing it, it will be exhibited as a curiosity in some museum in England, France, Germany or the United States, and probably may be worn to shreds by rough handling. Should it be stolen, it is probable that several other stolen mummies from the catacombs of Egypt would be offered for sale as that of Jacob.

I judge that no one believes that Abraham's purpose, when he purchased the field of Machpelah for a burying place for Sarah, for himself and for some of his descendants, was to hold their bodies for inspection when the scoffings of infidels should seem to render such inspection necessary. I judge that no one believes that such was Isaac's purpose when he buried Rebekah therein, nor when he had his own body buried therein, nor Jacob's purpose when he buried Leah there, nor when he instructed his children to bury himself there. On the contrary, I judge that every one believes, and that correctly, that all wished and expected that their bodies, and the bodies of all who were buried with them, should rest there, undisturbed, till God shall

call them from their last sleep on the day of resurrection. Then, for the sake of honor and justice, let them rest there.

Bro. Thomas says that the sentiment of Eastern people is a guaranty for the protection of the resting-places of the dead; that it has maintained, for more than 1900 years, a guard over this particular cemetery; that, for an equal time before, it was in the hands of the children of Jacob; and that, "if it has been entered at all since the burial of those who rest there, it was not by those who would desecrate it." I believe all this to be true, and am glad that it is so; and I also opine that it has been equally revered and respected, during the other 1600 years, by those who then ruled that country. Jews, Pagans and Mohammedans hold the honorable dead in sacred memory and respect the last resting-places of their mortal remains, and, in this particular, they are more honorable than too many persons who are called Christians. I feel sure that the God of the Bible has directed this preservation of evidence of the truth of that beloved book, and will do so till the end of time. I hope and believe that no human authority over the premises will ever permit those graves to be unsealed; for, as I think I have shown, such an act is, and will ever be, unnecessary. I do regret that a Moslem temple has been erected over them, but I rejoice that it has, in the providence of our Heavenly Father, served as a protection to them, and is yet doing so. I believe that Christianity will yet supplant Mohammedism in the Orient, and prevail everywhere; and I further believe that, when that blessed time shall come, the Christians in that country will not fall behind infidels in the protection of sacred tombs.

I wish that every honest inquirer, who desires to do so, could go to Palestine, visit that sacred spot, enter the cave and the chamber cut in the rock, examine the sealed tombs, and read the inscriptions thereon, but never unseal them or wish to do so. The evidences which they would thus examine would be sufficient to convince all skeptics, who could be convinced at all, that the Bible history of the persons buried there is true; and nothing more is needed for this purpose.

W. P. ZUBER.

Iola, Texas.

## LETTER FROM MISSOURI.

"A Direct Answer to Prayer" in this week's Advocate is good reading. It brought to me very forcibly some things that occurred in Missouri a long time ago. I think they will make good and helpful reading for Texans and therefore make them the substance of this letter.

There was but little rain in the western counties of Missouri in 1871, hence the corn crop was almost an entire failure. To make bad worse, in August the grasshoppers—Kansas Jayhawkers—we called them—came in multiplied millions and devoured everything that was tender and green; then deposited their larvae in the earth and died. My' but we had fat chickens and turkeys. This was followed by a very cold winter, during which the short crop of the past year was all consumed. Everything in the way of food and feed for man and beast had to be procured from abroad. At the appointed time the eggs of the "hoppers" hatched, and no person can imagine how numerous they were. As soon as hatched they began to eat and proved themselves to be most voracious eaters. In a few days they began to march and counter-march with the regularity of a trained army. We lived in full view of the railroad, and several times saw heavy freight trains stopped by them. It so happened that the hour for crossing the track of the railroad in their foraging expeditions was the hour for the passing of the train. They were so numerous, fat and greedy that the wheels and rails became so slick by the oil being washed out of them that the wheels would slip on the rails, and the train could not stop till the rails were sanded. They soon devoured all growing vegetation, so that by the 1st of June the fields were as bare as in January. Governor Hardin appointed a day for fasting and prayer, which was very generally observed. In a few days after this the grasshoppers all left. For some time before the day of prayer we had no rain. Just as the sun went down on that day it began to rain, and rained gently and continuously all night. The people took heart, planted corn, sowed millet and made an abundant crop.

I have a very sacred experience connected with that grasshopper visitation that I have told but a few times, and have never yet had printed. I wish to put it in this letter. Here it is: One Friday morning I had but 50 cents in the world. With it I bought all the provisions I could, and left home to fill my appointments, hoping to receive some money or provisions before I returned home. I got back Tuesday evening with nothing. There were ten of us to eat. The last morsel

of food was put on the table for supper. We ate it in silence, wife refusing to touch a morsel. How we could get anything for breakfast we did not know. After supper one of the boys went to the postoffice and presently returned with a letter. It was from the neighborhood where I lived during the war and in which I had taught school, preached, baptized the children and married the young people during those trying days. On opening the letter I soon realized that we were the receivers of \$29.50 in cash, and that flour, meal, bacon, etc., had been sent by freight, which in due time came. We had breakfast the next morning, which we ate with gratitude to our Heavenly Father and our friends. The letter contained the names of the contributors, most of whom had been my pupils. On the day of fasting and prayer a contribution of money and provisions was made by the town where I had lived three years, and from which I had moved two years before, and sent to me for distribution, with directions to first supply myself.

Some two months ago I was writing a letter for publication and felt a strong impulse to conclude it with the 865th hymn, "The Lord will Provide," but something said to me: "Your name will not look well to that poetry. Your supplies are too limited." A few days later I received a letter from a good woman who had gone to school to me, and whose name was in the list above referred to, and to whom I had a few days before sent my semi-centennial sermon, containing a present to me of \$5. Then I wished I had put the poetry to my piece. Three days ago I received another letter from the same postoffice containing another \$5, and saying: "I beg you to receive the small present I send you. My sister, Belle, handed me a copy of your semi-centennial sermon, which I read with great pleasure. It does not read like it was preached by a man in his dotage, but by one yet in his prime." Since that I have been singing deep down in my heart.

"In some way the Lord will provide; it may not be my way, it may not be thy way. And yet, in His own way, the Lord will provide."

Fifty persons were at our preacher's meeting a week ago to hear Prof. Bond read a paper on Conscience, which was followed by discussion Thursday at 7 p. m. Dr. Craighead lectured, and on Sunday at 7 p. m. Prof. Bond preached both on the same theme (Conscience). To-day at 4 p. m. we had more than 60 persons at our preachers' meeting to hear Bishop Hendrix on "Man at His Best." It was good to be there. The roll of our preacher's meeting numbers 29.

W. S. WOODARD.

Fayette, Mo.

## THE SOUTH—ITS LITERARY WRITERS.

Mrs. Augusta J. Wilson.

Part II.

The name Beulah selected by Mrs. Wilson (nee Evans) as the title of her first novel was happily chosen. In its signification and use it might fitly predicate the delight which she would convey to the reader in the airy realm of fiction which it would open up, as Bunyan, the divine dreamer, by his Beulah, or "land of rest," where the sun shines, the flowers bloom and the birds sing "all the year round," symbolized the sweet repose of the Christian awaiting his summons to the skies. Her book was a success, and established her name and reputation in the literary world. The reading public of the South read it with eagerness, and applauded the genius of the author. She became a reigning star in literary circles, although it was in lonely brilliancy and beauty as that of the planet that opens the gates of the morning. As it was said of Lord Byron after the publication of his first canto of "Childe Harold," that he awoke next morning and found himself famous throughout Europe, so it might have been said of Miss Evans then as to the South.

To produce the work, how many hours of thought and toil did it cost. How many days and nights did her brain busily work to cast the plot, and in the creative power of the imagination to give form and feature, existence and personality to the various characters that were to appear as dramatic personae. Then to secure unity of thought and correctness of expression, how often did she have to erase and rewrite page after page. The description might well apply to her which she gives of Beulah, the heroine of the "book," who was admired and eulogized for her talent as a writer, when in speaking of her she says: "She sat before her desk writing industriously on an article which she had promised to complete before the end of the week. Her head ached; the lines grew dim, and she laid aside her manuscript, and leaned her pale face on her palms." Then, in a review of

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## THE MORAL

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Secular News Items.

It is announced that David B. Hill will not be a candidate for the Presidential nomination.

Among the charters filed in Austin are two of companies, with a capital of \$1,000,000 each, to do business at Beaumont.

During the last century the Bible was translated into 259 languages, and is now accessible to nine-tenths of the world's population.

Prof. Elisha Gray, one of the most prominent stars in the galaxy of inventors, died at Newtonville, a suburb of Boston, Mass., January 21.

The purchase of the Southern Pacific Railway by the Vanderbilt interests has completed a vast transportation system from New York to the Orient. The total value of rail and steamship holdings under one control is \$700,000,000.

Henry E. Yountsey was arraigned before Circuit Judge Cantrill on the 6th inst. and sentenced to life imprisonment. He said: "I am innocent. I have been convicted by base and infamous subornation of perjury." No appeal will be taken.

Fourteen States are represented on the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the National House of Representatives. Of the \$50,000,000 appropriated these fourteen States receive \$28,500,000 and the other thirty States \$11,500,000. Many of the items in this huge sum are for improving the navigation of streams so insignificant that they do not appear upon the maps.

The War Office in London issued the South Africa casualty list recently showing in addition to thirteen killed and seventy-seven wounded in action, eighty-two deaths from disease occurred during the present month. Last month thirty-one officers and 890 non-commissioned officers and men were killed in action or died from disease. The total death list from the beginning of the war shows 12,989 victims.

Our domestic exports during the year 1900 were of the value of \$1,379,702,571, which is more than forty times the value of our exports in 1800. The total imports of this country for 1900 were \$239,911,181, which is less than ten times our import trade of 1800. These two items compared show how rapidly this country is becoming a source of supply to the world at large, and so drawing the wealth of the world to us.

Following is the text of the speech which the President received from King Edward VII in answer to his message of condolence on the death of the Queen:

Oberlin, Jan. 21, 1901.—The President White House, Washington, D. C. Am most grateful for your kind sympathy in the irreparable loss which the nation and I have sustained. I felt convinced that it would be shared by you and the American people.

EDWARD B.

The first shipment of negroes to Liberia by the Liberian Colonization Society left Birmingham, Ala., for New York, from which place they sailed on January 31, 1890, direct to Monrovia, Liberia. The Liberian Government is co-operating with the society and agrees to take care of the immigrants. These immigrants are not entirely cotton growers who are brought over by that government to introduce or encourage the cotton industry, but are mechanics and laborers of all sorts.

The Texas and Pacific Railway has published, effective February 20, a rate of 44 cents per 100 pounds on sugar and molasses, straight or mixed carloads, from New Orleans to Texas common points. This is based on regular differential over the rate established by the Railroad Commission of Texas from Houston and Galveston. Under the new tariff the rate on the same commodities from Shreveport will be 22 cents per 100 pounds on established differential under the rate from New Orleans.

The Czar of Russia is a son of a sister of the present Queen of England, a nephew of the King of England by marriage. The Emperor of Germany is the son of a sister of the King of England. Hence the three rulers of the only great nations of Europe are closely related. Aside

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from all of the political relations it is demonstrated that between these royal persons there exists at the least the common bonds of family affection. The cause of a sacrifice of family affection in former years among royal persons has been chiefly the rival claims to thrones. No such rivalry exists now, hence we may confidently predict that family ties will have a larger share in affecting the relations of these three men than they would have had when the various thrones of European nations were the subjects of contention and strife. May not the affection men bear to each other, sanctified by the holy example and relationship of the ascended Queen, tend to preserve peace throughout the world? We certainly hope so.

A ward of the Sultan of Turkey was hazed at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 21, by half a dozen of his classmates. The victim of the sport was J. Loutfan, President of the Turkish-American Society, who is a man of no little consequence in his own country. He was graduated from the pharmacy department of the Medico-Chirurgical College and returned to secure a medical degree. His sliken mustache was the crowning glory of the Turk. His fellow-students decided that it should be removed.

In spite of her great natural advantages, rich soil and good climate, the decreasing birth rate in France continues to be a source of deep concern to her statesmen and other leading persons. In 1899 the number of births was 10,990 less than in 1898; in fact, the number of births is so small, comparatively speaking, that it has been estimated that the population of France must decrease unless the birth rate is raised. The low standard of French morals is credited with this condition of affairs.—Union Gospel News.

Benjamin J. Schiff, a banker, real estate agent, seller of steamship tickets and notary public, is said to be the dispenser of "divorce" documents to Jews living in certain districts of Chicago. He separated Ida Steinfeld from Jacob in this way last May, and they have not lived together since. Steinfeld was arrested on a charge of wife abandonment and brought before Justice Deoley. In defense he offered the "document" as evidence of a legal separation from his wife. Schiff's seal as a notary public was attached to the instrument.

The official estimate of the wheat crop in Argentina, which is just now being harvested, is that there will be an exportable surplus of 1,700,000 tons, which is equal to nearly 60,000,000 bushels. It is about the amount that Argentina exported in 1891, which was the astonishment of the world. But since then, up to this year, the amount exported has not equaled half that amount annually. Argentina ought by another year to have 100,000,000 bushels for export, because a great many farmers from northern Europe have gone there during the past year.

Without a protest from any Christian, although they were sold in public at midday in the heart of Chinatown, five Chinese slave girls were disposed of at San Francisco, Cal., January 19, to the highest bidder, precisely as though they had been in Canton. These girls were the property of Gong Gou. He wanted to go back to China, so he advertised the sale according to Chinese custom. The creditors of Gong appeared and posted their bills on the door of the place, specifying their claims. Every Chinaman who bid at the auction agreed to pay the claims against the girl he fancied.

The orator at the April convocation of that ponderous Baptist educational institution, the University of Chicago, will be the well-known Chinese Minister to the United States, Wu Ting Fang, a devotee and champion of Confucianism. The time was—is now in some quarters—when none but Baptists were invited to occupy Baptist pulpits, for, logically from the Baptist view-point, none but Baptist preachers are really ministers of the gospel. What wondrous broadening has occurred when a "heathen Chinese" may now occupy the platform of the leading Baptist university of the world!

The most sensational accusations are made against the soldiers of some of the nations in China; probably there is enough truth in these accusations to make the case one for regret and shame on the part of every person in civilized lands, but in nearly every case the conduct of the American soldiers is spoken of as being exceptional. The good behavior of the American soldiers may be due in part to their better qualities of manhood, but it is also believed to be due to the better discipline of the commanding officer, Gen. Chaffee. Two cases of administration of discipline are reported: one where two American soldiers undertook to profit by levying

blackmail upon two towns and are now undergoing sentences of twenty years each. The other case was that of certain Sikhs who were proven guilty of attacking native Chinese women and their punishment was speedy and complete. This gives American citizens at home and abroad great satisfaction; and it also demonstrates that the right kind of a commanding officer can maintain order and decency in the army. It would be well if such a man had been in charge of our forces in the Philippines.

Miss Jessie Lewelling, daughter of former Governor Lewelling, may bear on her forehead for life the letters "A. T. M." as the result of hazing inflicted by young women of the Wichita (Kan.) High School. The characters, in Greek, were burned on her face with pure nitrate of silver, the acid penetrating the flesh to the depth of a quarter of an inch, leaving scars which, it is believed, will not disappear. The hazers are members of the Alpha Theta Mu society. The branding of Miss Lewelling was done during her initiation into that society, and followed her refusal to go through with certain "funny formations." Miss Lewelling is a teacher in the school.

The government has at last adopted the opinion formed months ago by the man in the street, that the situation in South Africa is extremely serious. It is announced from the War Office that 20,000 troops will be dispatched to reinforce Kitchener. Of these 19,000 are expected to come from the recruits of the imperial yeomanry, already being raised in South Africa. The mounted constabulary are to furnish 8000, and the new colonial contingents 5000. This makes 23,000. It only remaining for 7000 to come from the home establishment. Kitchener is believed to have asked for a much larger number and to have asked for it long ago, but it is characteristic of this government to make inadequate preparations and to make them too late.

Baron Wilhelm Rothschild, head of the great family of European bankers and successor in the line of descent from the original Rothschild of the Judengasse, died at Frankfurt January 25. The Baron was the real head of the house, although of late years the London Rothschilds have been more conspicuous in the great enterprises of the world because London is the world's money market. The dead millionaire, unlike his relatives in other European cities, was a most devout Jew. He lived up to the customs of orthodox Judaism most rigidly. His food was all prepared according to the kosher rites, and when he traveled he carried with him special cooks and utensils in quantity to prepare his diet in strict accordance with his religious beliefs. His wine was sanctified in the vat, and was made from grapes grown on his own estate.

Uncle Sam's family has multiplied at a rate that has astonished the statisticians. Our latest census, just completed, shows that the fledgeling nation of a century ago has now 76,295,290 members, to say nothing of some 5,500,000 colonials—a fine, healthy, comparatively happy and contented lot of boys and girls, and continually growing, too. We have doubled since 1870, and multiplied more than tenfold since 1800. Three of our cities have a population of over a million. New York, with its 3,500,000, is threatening to outstrip London and become the most populous city on the globe within the next twenty years. Already we have as many people as England and France combined, and a third more than Germany. The little sisterhood of States and Territories has expanded to forty-five, and the Mississippi Valley is now the center of the Union, which is territorially larger than all Europe, with Russia omitted. Great cities, teeming with population, have sprung up, as if by magic, in the old-time wilderness. Our yearly bill of expenses for governing the nation now averages \$575,000,000, and the total wealth of the country is \$190,000,000,000—a sum large enough to dazzle the imagination, but well within the mark of our aggregate wealth.

After mature deliberation 10,000 Catholic members of the Federal party, citizens of the district of Binondo and Manila, which is the headquarters of the spirit of the party, have resolved to completely separate from the Vatican, believing that the

STUTTEBER, READ THIS. DR. RANDOLPH & McCULLOUGH, St. George Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Dear Sirs—At the request of my sons, Sam, Bee and Arthur, I take pleasure in stating to you that they are well and talking all "O. K." and permit me to join them in expressing our great joy and undying gratitude to you for the prompt manner in which you cured them of stammering. With kindest wishes for you, I am yours truly, S. B. THOMAS, Chicago, Texas, Jan. 10, 1901. H. L. Whitehead, Combs, Texas; H. M. Lightfoot, Eastland, Texas; I. J. Russell, Lechler, Texas; Miss Jessie Dowlen, Honey Grove, Texas. These parties and many others have been cured recently.

doctrines of Rome are detrimental to the progress of the country. Those favoring a middle course proposed the formation of a Filipino synod and the throwing off of a spiritual tutelage. A majority, however, joined the extremists in demanding complete emancipation from Rome, leaving the question of a new Church to be decided later. The real trouble which is causing the threatened schism does not lie with the Church, which is sincerely loved, but with the friars, whose return to the provinces, backed by Archbishop Chapelle, is the cause of constant agitation among the Filipinos, who are rapidly absorbing liberal ideas. So much has been written about the general hatred of the friars and the sincere desire of the enlightened Filipinos for the complete separation of Church and State, that Americans must realize the gravity of the situation from a religious standpoint. The Federals hold that the friars must not be permitted to return to the provinces. Catholicism, they say, is essentially and honestly loved, and the Church can accomplish the greatest peace, but not through the friars. Leading Federals, representing the strongest political organization, which is rapidly spreading throughout the archipelago, seem to be resolved upon the complete elimination of the friars or the renunciation of the Church of Rome.

Last Sunday more than 3000 citizens of Topeka, Kan., held a mass-meeting and issued an ultimatum to the "joints" of that city to close out shop by next Friday and leave the city, or 1000 armed men would move on them by noon of that day and do the closing out for them. Property owners were also notified that after Friday at noon they would be held responsible for the existence of "joints," and will not go well for such property if these reports are found running in it after that date and hour. This is the result of Mrs. Carrie Nation's crusade, and now Kansas is in a proper frame of mind to enforce the law against the liquor-fend. Below we give the full text of the ultimatum of the Topeka citizens:

To those immediately engaged in the illicit business, whether wholesale or retail, we have to say that the long controversy of the public with you must now come to an end. You have openly and persistently defied our laws; you have made yourselves the agents of even greater criminals outside of the State, who have supported you in your unlawful traffic; you have gathered about you a criminal element that is a menace to the safety of the community and have maintained places that engender and encourage all vices; you have introduced the most corrupting and demoralizing factors and influences into our local politics, and for years you have scorned all appeals and warnings that have been paid you by the virtue-loving portion of the community. Now we feel that the time has come when we must speak to you peremptorily. We cease now to endeavor to persuade; we command. You must stop this lawless and iniquitous business and stop it at once. And we hereby notify you that we must have unquestionable evidence, absolutely satisfactory to the committee of public order which we to-day constitute, that all your illicit goods, together with all the fixtures and furnishings of the places where your unlawful business has been carried, shall have been removed and shipped from the city before 12 o'clock noon Friday, February 15, 1901. Upon the strict and literal observance of this demand we shall insist, and if it shall be disregarded we will take whatever measures as are necessary for its rigid enforcement.

If a long outraged public shall be compelled to resort to the fundamental right of self-vindication against criminals and their abettors, the grave consequences to evil-doers which may result from such a return must rest with the defiers and nullifiers of our laws and the obstructors of our governmental machinery.

Twelve hundred men signed their names to cards pledging themselves to be ready at a moment's notice to join the army which has been recruited to stamp out the joints by the time the limit set by the ultimatum expires.

There seems to be no question that the next few days in Topeka will see interesting developments, possibly bloodshed.

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A man's reflections are only as deep as his salvation is high.—Rau's Horn.

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Notes From NORTHWEST TEX. PALME W. H. Terry, Feb. finishing up a splendid place. It is a beautiful one of the most convenient parsonages lot was bought and h conference. Fine fol successful pounding. SEYMOUR J. T. Griswold, Feb. ful new church, comp Christmas, is to be dec 24 by Dr. W. L. Neims I take pleasure in inv pastors and friends i with us on that occas have done great thing of them and the spli have built in which to BRUCEVII R. J. Deets, Feb. 12 good shape on the Br Ero. Carraway is start second year. Our post with the new presidin hoping for a fine year ated that I can only meetings 'this year' be brethren wish my be will let me know as s so that I can make a suft. DAWSON C. G. Shutt: Have v the membership since have just mailed a let Legislature, praying d the iniquitous jur tra on that evil. Mr. Edl great evil. Touching our Northwest Tex preachers not forget t See page 65 of conf Revival meeting begi Sunday in March. MORGAN Y J. M. Baker, Feb. 1 charge is on rising ge built a storm house an to the parsonage since paired roof and repai been stormed and pou conceivable thing to e three Christmas tra been treated as kind people know how to tr cr. First Quarterly C Presiding elder presen an interesting sermo conference. Liberal as for the preacher in ch CROWELL C. E. Lindsey, Fe moving along very charge. At the h Crowell was raised t and one of the appo to another circuit. T all of its liabilities l likely do so again, fr at the Quarterly Confer a loyal membership. O well organized—three two Leagues and one Home Mission Societ ence. They have just ing bed into the new r sonage and are po room. We are praying vival year. We've bee hams, turkeys and r which we thankfull y MINERAL V J. H. Stewart, Feb ago we began reviva town. Bro. C. M. Shu City, came to help us, he preached with gr and power. The con large and the prosp hopeful for a great c circumstances forced t feel sure we would b conversions. The Cha ONE NIGHT C! Soak the hands thorough a hot water of LECTURE amount freely with LECTURE great skin cure and pure Wear old gloves during the hands, holding, burning t finger ends, this treatment l Sold throughout the world. For Copy, Free, Boston. "All A and Hands" free.

Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

PALMER.

W. H. Terry, Feb. 6: We are just finishing up a splendid new church at this place. It is a beauty! We are living in one of the most comfortable and convenient parsonages in Texas. The lot was bought and house built since conference. Fine folks! Had very successful pounding. Lots to eat.

SEYMOUR.

J. T. Griswold, Feb. 11: Our beautiful new church, completed just before Christmas, is to be dedicated February 24 by Dr. W. L. Neims, of Georgetown. I take pleasure in inviting all former pastors and friends in general to be with us on that occasion. This people have done great things. We are proud of them and the splendid edifice they have built in which to worship.

BRUCEVILLE.

R. J. Deets, Feb. 12: Everything in good shape on the Bruceville charge. Bro. Caraway is starting well on his second year. Our people are delighted with the new presiding elder. We are hoping for a fine year. I am so situated that I can only assist in a few meetings this year. If any of the brethren wish my help, I hope they will let me know as soon as possible, so that I can make arrangements to suit.

DAWSON.

C. G. Shutt: Have visited nearly all the membership since conference. We have just mailed a long petition to the Legislature, praying deliverance from the iniquitous jug trade. Keep firing on that evil. Mr. Editor, for it is a great evil. Touching this point, let our Northwest Texas Conference preachers not forget their resolution. See page 65 of conference minutes. Revival meeting begins at Dawson first Sunday in March.

MORGAN MILL.

J. M. Baker, Feb. 5: Morgan Mill charge is on rising ground. We have built a storm house and added a room to the parsonage since conference; repaired roof and repainted our church; been stormed and pounded with every conceivable thing to eat; were given three Christmas turkeys and have been treated as kindly as Christian people know how to treat their preacher. First Quarterly Conference over. Presiding elder present and preached an interesting sermon and held the conference. Liberal assessment made for the preacher in charge.

CROWELL.

C. E. Lindsey, Feb. 8: We are moving along very nicely on this charge. At the last conference Crowell was raised to a half station and one of the appointments cut off to another circuit. This circuit paid all of its liabilities last year and will likely do so again, from the reports at the Quarterly Conference. We have a loyal membership. Our work is very well organized—three Sunday-schools, two Leagues and one of the very best Home Mission Societies in the conference. They have just put a new folding bed into the new room of the parsonage and are papering another room. We are praying for a great revival year. We've been pounded with hams, turkeys and the like, all of which we thankfully receive.

MINERAL WELLS.

J. H. Stewart, Feb. 9: Two weeks ago we began revival services in our town. Bro. C. M. Shuffler, of Archer City, came to help us. For ten days he preached with great earnestness and power. The congregations were large and the prospects were quite hopeful for a great meeting. Had not circumstances forced us to close, we feel sure we would have had many conversions. The Church was greatly

edified by Bro. Shuffler's strong gospel preaching. He won the hearts of my people, and the blessings of many go with him to his home. My charge moves on hopefully. We have never been more kindly received anywhere. Twice already since conference we have been generously pounded. Last year the Board of Stewards added one hundred dollars to the pastor's salary. This year they added another hundred. Mineral Wells is moving to the front and bids fair to become soon one of our best second-class stations.

ELM STREET, WACO.

Jas. A. Ruffner, Feb. 10: At the last session of our conference we were for the third time read out for Elm Street. Although the Journal of the conference does not record this, we are, nevertheless, on the ground and doing our best. On examining the last Journal of the Northwest Texas Conference we find that the most important district (Waco) is minus four of its most important charges with their preachers—Elm Street and West Stations, and Peoria and Aquilla Circuits. We are well into the year's work with everything moving smoothly. We received a magnificent pounding soon after returning from conference. Among the good things was a \$29 suit of clothes for the pastor. We appreciate more than words can express, the kindness that has been shown us by the people, and hope to minister well to them in spiritual things. All things considered, the prospects for a good year are very bright.

CANADIAN.

C. L. Cartwright, Feb. 4: Our first Quarterly Conference convened on Saturday, 2d inst. Bro. G. S. Hardy is in the chair. The stewards made splendid report, also made liberal allowance for pastor's salary. Our conference collections are almost up. We have held two Church Conferences, organized two Women's Home Mission Societies and one Juvenile Society. On Sunday Bro. Hardy preached two most excellent and edifying sermons. All our people love our presiding elder, who is truly one of God's noblemen. This is our first year's work in the Lord's vineyard, and we enter it with fear and trembling, depending only on divine guidance and assistance; but we are sure that we will never find a better people than these on Canadian Circuit. We soon after our arrival experienced for the first time what it was to be "pounded," and a most generous one it was. The people here have received us so kindly that we are determined by God's help to do our very best, and we are praying and expecting a gracious year for our Lord and Master.

DUFFAU.

J. M. Owen: Our first Quarterly Conference was held Feb. 2. Our presiding elder, Bro. Boone, came and preached a most excellent sermon at 11 a. m. It did us all good. Then we had a good conference in the afternoon. Nearly all the members were present, and the stewards reported \$195.80 for preacher and presiding elder. This, said Bro. Boone, was the best first Quarterly Conference for this charge he had held. We have expended on churches and parsonage in the first quarter \$66.45. Everything is promising for a good year. The people everywhere on the work have received us kindly, and the good people of Duffau gave us a nice pounding. We are at work and the members are joining hands. No other young preacher could have better helpers and counselors than Rev. A. Long, who is known to so many. His head is frosty with many winters. His bodily strength is failing, but he is strong in the Lord and is cheerful and contented to wait till the summons comes and to labor on in the Lord's service. Rev. Geo. Smith is a good preacher. He has been preaching the gospel for many years. He came over from England when young. He is now far down the hill, but still he labors and is loved by all, and Bro. A. C. Bell is a good preacher and worker. I feel sure with these and so many good working members that we will accomplish much, and now we are working and longing for a revival. We want many souls saved. The Advocate visits several homes in the charge and is enjoyed.

ABILENE.

C. E. Brown: Death has come to the home of our esteemed brother, E. A. Smith, and his bright, cheerful and happy little May is gone away to be with the other children of his little band who have preceded her. She died Friday morning at 6:30 of scarlet fever, after suffering severely for a number of days. We carried her to Dublin on Saturday and laid her beside Ella, her little sister, who died two years ago in Dublin, and now the two sisters, each about 4 years old, are together in the cemetery at Dublin and in the mansions of the Master in heaven. Bros. Matthews, of Brownwood District; Hightower, of Cisco; Boaz, of Dublin,

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and myself, all co-workers with our brother, were with him to pray and weep and try to help him bear this grief. The day was bleak and cheerless, the sky leaden and the northern blast fierce and chilling as we laid her to rest, yet in all our hearts there was a warmth of love and faith, a sad, sweet tenderness that seemed to spread upon us all a hallowed sense of the Master's presence. Bro. Smith's calm, unshaken confidence in God is an evident triumph of the gospel. Our prayers and sympathy went out for the lonely, sad-hearted mother at home. I know the brethren will pray that God will comfort and sustain her while our brother is so much away on his large district, for it is the mother and wife who suffer the most keenly in the quiet seclusion of home on these sad occasions. We were glad to meet our old-time friend, Ed. Hawkins, of Waxahatchie, who is a brother-in-law to Bro. Smith, who reached Dublin for the services, greatly to the comfort of our brother. The friends at Dublin were kind and sympathetic, and we thank God for such people. Abilene has suffered a great deal from scarlet fever, and we are glad only a few cases remain. Our Church matters are moving evenly, and we are hopeful. We see some signs that cheer us. The League is more spiritual, and the officials are interested in the Church. Conventions are good. We are now having some snow and rain, which is very much appreciated, as we were getting dry.

ALTUS.

R. A. Walker, Feb. 4: Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. On account of sickness our beloved failed to be with us. We all regretted it very much. It is always a feast to me to have our elder to come. I love to have him in my home. Most of the officials were present, and made the finest report in the history of the charge. Our salary is overpaid to date. We have a most excellent Board of Stewards. They never ask the preacher if he is reading anything, but have been with preachers enough to know their wants without asking. The people all over the work have received us very cordially. One of the stewards got very close to us the first time I met him. He put his arms around me as a little man could, and looked up with an expression of love upon his face and said: "Brother, I am glad to meet you; we welcome you as our pastor." These expressions did not cost him anything, but they were worth a great deal to a stranger. I am told the smallpox upset the regular pounding, but in spite of it they continue to pound us with Vs and Xs, turkeys, fresh meats, butter, cabbage, and right in broad-open daylight, day before New Year's, two sweet little boys drove to our back door with a wagon loaded with canned fruits and a big, fat turkey, and said: "These are compliments of Misses Hightower and Brewer." May the Lord bless these elect ladies. We are well pleased with our people and are happy. This is the finest country we have ever been in, and no country is more thickly settled. We are expecting three railroads here soon. Altus is on a boom. Twenty-five new residences and four business houses have gone up since we came to Altus. We find our predecessor, Bro. M. W. Rogers, wrought well last year. He built a beautiful parsonage, secured money and started a nice church building at Bethel, which will

be ready for dedication soon. He has many warm friends all over the work. I have remembered the Advocate since here, but since receiving Bro. Wyatt's letter, will try to do more.

BANGS.

J. W. Bowden, Feb. 5: Fourteen years ago I had just begun to form the acquaintance of some of the good people of this section of country, which was then known as a part of Thrifty Mission, Santa Anna being included in the charge. I served as pastor one year, and a better people I never met than those I met and worshiped with here in 1887. A great drought had been prevailing for two years, and the country was almost destitute of such things as the world considers necessary to happiness, but not so, says the Word of God, and the experience of every good man and woman, boy and girl, in the world. The people found time to go to church, sing and pray and shout together. Denominational lines seemed to be unknown in our great gatherings to worship our Heavenly Father in the all-prevailing name of Christ, and the sweet songs and earnest prayers and shouts of victory that went up from the marching hosts of God's army, and the shout of deliverance that was heard from the returning wanderer seems yet to greet my ears. As I stood a few days ago on the spot of ground where I saw one of the most hard-fought battles of my life and one of the most complete victories, I thought of some who then stood in the front ranks and lost of the battle, but whose cheering voices in prayer and praise I shall hear no more until I hear it in the golden city, the home of the soul. Down again in my heart I said: "Thank God for a place to labor and suffer, it need be, and watch and wait for the assurance of our Lord when loved ones who have long been separated will greet each other again. While some have fallen, others are in the ranks and pressing the battle. We are expecting the victory. Already we have heard the shout of victory and the call for help from the captives. Two houses of worship are to be built in the near future. Lumber for the buildings ordered. The subscriptions for those houses were begun last year under the direction of Bro. Masley, who was severely afflicted for several months. Our first Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday and Sunday. Five appointments in the charge all represented by the stewards. A liberal assessment was made. Our new presiding elder was with us and was equal to the occasion. The Baptist brethren opened their doors to us, and I believe all were edified with the occasion. Bro. Matthews is filling the place of Bro. Sengstack, has much to do, but we feel that the work is moving off admirably, and we are praying and expecting God to answer our prayers in the salvation of many souls. Two Sunday-schools have fallen in line and armed themselves with literature, and moving off nicely. Two ladies' cottages, prayer-meetings, recently organized and two general prayer-meetings—all starting off encouragingly. Seven new subscribers to Texas Advocate. The good people had planned to give us a surprise pounding on the last night of the old year, but a cold northern prevented the crowd from entering in mass. But it has come, all the same, not all of a sudden, as we have been able to hear it, coming as it has. I shall not try to enumerate the many little tokens of kindness that have found their way to the parsonage since we have been here. We pray God's richest blessings upon the kind and thoughtful ones who have made us feel that we are appreciated and welcomed as God's servants. Will you join me in this letter.

BRECKENRIDGE.

E. V. Cox: We received our last appointment with pleasure. Six years ago Bro. Dunn and myself assisted Bro. S. J. Vaughan in a wonderful and glorious meeting here. The effects are visible yet, and I trust will ever remain so. Besides the splendid pounding that came at first it has continued in many ways. With those material things, warm hand-shakes, hearty welcomes, glad-to-see-you-and-have-you-with-us, etc., have been numerous and cordial. Women by the dozens have called on wife, and many of the brethren have visited the library to cordially welcome the pastor. A heartier welcome from all the five appointments would be hard to imagine. This ranks as the third—barely third, and I want to make it second by end of the year—why let Mineral Wells outstrip us? best appointment in the district financially, and from figures about holds her place spiritually. Have organized one Sunday-school, bought a hundred-dollar organ, spent about \$100 furnish-

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### The Home Circle

#### SOME OTHER DAY.

There are wonderful things we are going to do  
Some other day.  
And harpers we hope to drift into  
Some other day.  
With folded hands and ears that trail  
We watch and wait for a favoring gale  
To fill the folds of an idle sail  
Some other day.  
We know we must toil if ever we win  
Some other day.  
But we say to ourselves there's time to begin  
Some other day.  
And so, deferring, we linger on,  
Until at last we find withdrawn  
The strength of the hope we leaned upon  
Some other day.  
And when we are old and our race is run  
Some other day.  
We fret for the things that might have been done  
Some other day.  
We trace the path that leads us where  
The beckoning hand of a grim despair  
Leads us yonder, out of the here,  
Some other day.

—Alfred Ellison, in Chicago Record.

#### CRIPPLE DICK.

Dick and his sister Whitefoot lived in a home on one of the principal streets of Weatherford. They first opened their eyes in a clothes basket, behind the kitchen door.  
Both were perfect beauties, and oh, so black!—little balls of rosy-red light—not a spot anywhere, except one of Whitefoot's tiny feet, and there is where her name came from. Their mother was very proud of her kitties, and tried to teach them to be unselfish and kind, but it was hard for Dick to be either. Before his round, bright eyes were open, he would nose around, push Whitefoot away, and take the best place on his mother's bosom.  
It was quite an event in the family when there were four little bright eyes peeping up at the mother from the basket-bed, and she celebrated it by bringing them a nice fat mouse.  
Dick grabbed the mouse, ran off to one corner of the basket, growled and spit at Whitefoot, but during her to come near him. After eating all except the tail and the four little thin feet, he mewed to his sister, that she could eat those bits; they were quite plenty for any dainty girl kitty.  
His mother was very much hurt at his selfishness and tried in every way to make him do better, but to no avail. As soon as he could scale the sides of the basket, he commenced his tour of investigation.  
One night he came very near being roasted alive in the stove. If cook had not caught the odor of sinning far, the history of this cat would never have been written. After his sufferings in the stove, he promised his mother to be a better kitty. But also, he soon found his way to the yard, and then his mother was wild with fear and uneasiness about him. She tenderly begged him not to leave the yard. He like a good cat, faithfully promised he would not; but one day when he and Whitefoot were in an unusually lively scamper, he darted through a hole under the fence and found himself in the next yard. Seeing nothing to alarm him, he belated his fear in a frightful manner, and scolded across the yard. Finding the collar door ajar, he went. Crouching down behind a barrel, he was as still as a shadow.  
In a few moments two tiny mice came tramping out, sweethearts, perhaps, and they stumped dangerously near Dick; putting their little heads very close together, seemed in earnest converse, telling their love. I soon, Dick was very quiet, fairly held his breath, was afraid to shut his eyes for fear they would hear it. He thought, if I can only get one, how I'll enjoy it; how proud I'll be, and how proud mother will be of me.  
The mice gambled gaily, others joined them, and all were having a glorious game, when one came too near Dick, and that cut had him in a trice, and really he did enter that hole, trust to its fullest extent. Even had the pleasure of eating the fat—Whitefoot's share.  
After looking his chops to his entire satisfaction, he began to think of home. He felt well pleased with himself for he had performed his first great feat—caught his first mouse. Won't Whitefoot wish she had come, he thought, as he left the cellar door.  
The coast seemed clear, and he was nearly out of the yard, when, great horrors! there was a boy and a dog. They both snied him at the same moment, and came hurrying towards him. As the dog came up, Dick bowed his back, turned all his fur the wrong way, and sat with all his might. The dog made a mad rush at Dick, and a race for life began. Around and around the house they went. Finally the dog gave Dick a terrible nip in the back, but the

cat returned it, with a bad scratch on the nose; then the race began again.  
This time Dick felt his strength giving way, so he jumped on a large pile of rock in the yard, when down, down, down he went to the bottom of an old well. The dog stood on top, and barked triumphantly, but oh, how pitifully Dick mewed back, from the depth of his dark prison.  
The boy went crying to his mama, but she could do nothing, as the well was deep, and there was not a rope on the place. All the time Dick's wails, cries for help kept coming up from the well. The boy's papa did not come home until dark, and he would not venture in the well until morning, so poor Dick was compelled to spend the night in that dark, damp hole, and the last thing could be heard from its depths was his sad cries, growing weaker and weaker, every time any one spoke at the top so he could hear them.  
Next morning a ladder was put down, and after much hard work, Dick, all bruised and bleeding, was brought out. The boy tenderly carried him home to his anxious mother and Whitefoot. He was carefully laid in his basket, where he stayed many a long week, and he will never again be the gay, frolicsome kitten that he once was; for now, after suffering so long, he has his hobbies around the kitchen, slowly dragging one leg after him—hopelessly crippled for life.  
Thus it is with all cats and boys, too, for a that, who think they know more than their mothers and practice disobedience. Sure, sure to get into trouble—sooner or later.

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#### KNOWING WHOM WE HAVE BELIEVED.

That absolute confidence which we have in certain people is one of the most important factors in any human life. We feel it in regard to some because we have proved them by trial. They never have failed us, even in the severest tests, and we know that, humanly speaking, we can depend upon them. We feel it in regard to others with less apparent justification, but with no less positiveness, as if by instinct. We may have had no opportunity of testing them, but somehow we know that it is safe to believe in them. A look into their eyes reveals to us the sterling honesty of their natures.

It is in both these ways that the Christian believer confides in Jesus Christ. He has put the proof and declaration of the gospel to the proof, and they have justified themselves. He has a solid confidence in them based upon experience. But he also trusts his Lord, in what after all is a higher way, with a more intuitive and profound confidence. It is that based upon the personality of Jesus, rather than upon what he has done for humanity. It is the love which prompted his self-sacrificing career, even more than that wonderful, pathetic record of service and suffering itself, which has won his heart. He knows Him whom he has believed as if it actually has been possible to look into his eyes and to see in their shining depths the infinite assurance of trustworthiness.

And it is because he has this knowledge and in each of its forms that the Christian sees forth day by day equipped with power—power to hold steadily on amid the buffetings of circumstances and the allurement of sin, power to represent in some degree to men the active grace and beauty of the divine character, power to appeal, persuade, warn, comfort, enlighten or inspire as may be needed. The source and secret of his inviolability is in the simplicity and absoluteness of his trust in the Lord.—The Congregationalist.

#### THE STORY OF ELEVEN POOR BOYS.

John Adams, second President, was the son of a grocer of very moderate means. The only start he had was a good education.  
Andrew Jackson was born in a log hut in North Carolina, and was reared in the pine woods for which the State is famous.  
James K. Polk spent the earlier years of his life helping to dig a living out of a new farm in North Carolina. He was afterward a clerk in a country store.  
Millard Fillmore was the son of a New York farmer, and his home was a humble one. He learned the business of a clothier.  
James Buchanan was born in a small town in the Alleghany mountains. His father cut the logs and built the house in what was then a wilderness.  
Abraham Lincoln was the son of a wretchedly poor farmer in Kentucky, and lived in a log-cabin until he was twenty-one years old.  
Andrew Johnson was apprenticed to a tailor at the age of ten years by his widowed mother. He was never a student of school, and picked up all his education he ever had.  
Ulysses S. Grant lived the life of a village boy, in a plain house on the

banks of the Ohio River, until he was seventeen years of age.  
James A. Garfield was born in a log-cabin. He worked on the farm until he was strong enough to use carpenter's tools when he learned the trade. He afterwards worked on a canal.  
Grover Cleveland's father was a Presbyterian minister with a small salary and large family. The boys had to earn their living.  
William McKinley's early home was plain and comfortable, and his father was able to keep him at school.—Rocky Mountain Advocate.

#### THE LEGACIES OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

I, the Nineteenth Century, about to die of old age, and being of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament:

I give and bequeath to my successor, the Twentieth Century, all the steam-engines and telegraphs and telephones and electrical apparatus and steam presses and reaping machines, and other useful inventions that I have made, and all my wonderful scientific discoveries, for the use and benefit of my son and heir, the aforesaid century.

II. I give and bequeath all the valuable and instructive books that I have written, to be widely scattered and carefully read; but all the corrupt, malicious and obscene publications and pictures, inspired by Satan, I order to be destroyed by the Society for the Prevention of Vice.

III. I give and bequeath a free and honest ballot-box for the protection of liberty and personal rights, and the security of public order; but all those detestable contrivances known as "political machines," invented and managed by bosses for the enrichment of themselves and their "heelers," I order to be burned, and the Civil Service Reform Bureau will execute this mandate at the earliest possible date.

IV. I commit and entrust to the United States of America all those people known as "negro freedmen" whom I have emancipated by the hand of my favorite son, Abraham Lincoln, and I direct that all their rights be carefully guarded, and all their children educated in good schools, and fitted for self-maintenance. Like wise, I intrust to the said United States of America all the surviving Indians and the inhabitants of newly acquired possessions.

V. I also bequeath to my heir, the Twentieth Century, all the missionary societies and numerous benevolent associations to whom I have given life, and all the asylums and "homes" and hospitals and other charitable institutions that I have built for the relief of honest sufferers and the discouragement of idlers and impostors.

VI. I also bequeath to the new century all the immense assortment of Krupp guns and Mauser rifles and machine-guns that have been produced in my lifetime for the rapid destruction of human lives, and all other death-dealing contrivances, and I direct that at the earliest possible day they be either sold for old iron, or turned into plowshares and other useful instruments; this work I intrust to the Arbitration League of Civilized Nations, which I recently organized at The Hague.

VIII. Finally, I give and bequeath to American people a glorious Federal Union, consolidated and strengthened, and enshrined in the hearts of the nation; the sixteen States at the time of my birth increased to forty-five; the national area extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the United States become the wealthiest nation on the globe.

VII. Finally, I give and bequeath to my son and heir that priceless revelation from heaven known as the Bible, with its exhibition of divine love in the person of Jesus Christ, its wise precepts and its adaptation to all the peoples on the face of the whole globe. I exhort that it be spread and be read everywhere, so that the Twentieth Century be wiser and purer and stronger and grander than all its nineteen ancestors.

As executors of this my last will and testament I appoint all Christian Churches and ministers, all conductors of a fearless and truthful press, all faithful parents, all righteous rulers, all lovers of humanity, and all who practice the Golden Rule. Done under my hand and seal, on this thirtieth day of December, 1900. XIX.

#### THE FATAL NIGHT.

Revivals of religion are not accidental. They are made to occur, but never happen. The beginning of a Christian life can usually be traced to a religious awakening that agitated and blessed a community. At such times anxiety, spirit, interest, new methods, and intense earnestness are evoked. Prayerful souls become burdened for the unsaved. The unconverted recognize that it is a pivotal hour to them. At such times to reject the appeals of grace reduces the probability of being saved.  
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#### TO MAKE EACH DAY

We should fill the hours with the sweetest things,  
If we had but a day  
We should drink alone  
In our upward way  
We should love with a love  
In an hour,  
If the hours were  
We should rest, not for  
For fresher power  
To be and to do.  
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We should guide our wayward or wearied wills  
By the clearest light;  
We should keep our eyes on the heavenly hills,  
If they lay in sight;  
We should trample the pride and discontent  
Beneath our feet;  
We should take whatever a good God sent  
With a trust complete.

We should waste no moments in weak regret,  
If the day were but one;  
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Went out with the sun,  
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—Mary L. Dickinson.

## ENCOURAGING IN PURITAN FASHION.

A phrase or a word is often the window to a wide view of truth. One such illuminating word occurs frequently in the correspondence and books of the Puritan fathers. Caring not to handle the crude terms of filthy lore in connection with things religious, they habitually used the word "encouragement" for "wages" or "compensation." Thus, when John Eliot wrote frequently to London that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel should "encourage" certain teachers of the Indians, it was not his desire that the secretary should write them sweet words of cheer. He meant nothing less than that they should be given an increase of salary. After all, what better encouragement could have been given these self-denying pioneers than to make larger their beggarly stipend? The two ideas may still be synonymous. Many a down-hearted pastor would be given new courage by an addition to his too small salary. Perhaps we can "encourage" in this practical Puritan fashion some of the faithful ones who serve us.—Sunday-school Times.

## PERSISTENT PRAYER.

"There's nae gude done, John, till ye git into the close grups." So said Joems, the doorkeeper of his father's church, to Dr. John Brown, the immortal author of "Rob and His Friends." None but a Christian of long and deep experience would have said that. It was not a slight and transient touch of the angel of the Lord that gave Jacob the victory at Penuel; the persistent wrestler's words: "I will not let thee go except thou bless me," showed the close grip. That was a prevailing prayer.

Hardly any great truth is more timely at present than this. There is a temptation with human nature—and especially with our American nature—to transient spurts in religious feeling. A week of prayer is appointed and is observed with more or less of sincere devotion. The end of the week, in quite too many cases, ends the praying, whereas it ought to be the beginning of a more vigorous faith, a more fervid zeal and more effective effort to secure the answer to our petitions. Genuine faith creates a condition of things in which it is wise for God to grant what under other circumstances would be denied. He grants to a persistent faith what he would have denied to a feeble faith. I wish that that Syro-Phoenician woman could have happened in at one of the meetings during the Week of Prayer. She would tell us how our loving Master held her off for a while at arm's length to try the mettle of her faith. If she had not come into the "close grups," her suffering daughter would never have been healed. The answer of our Lord to her would be an admirable motive for the walls of every prayer-room: "Great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

The case of that dead-carnest woman who carried the day by persistence is repeated many times in our Bible. Bartimeus was cured of his blindness because he "cried the more a great deal." When the Apostle Peter was lying in a dungeon in peril of death, we are told that prayer was made for him "without ceasing." Suppose that the leader of that meeting in the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, had said: "Well, the hour is up; we've prayed enough; let's go home." They would have missed the glorious surprise of seeing Peter march in without a fetter on his limbs. I never

can forget how near I once came to playing the fool by quitting a little church in despair just on the eve of the most unique and powerful revival I ever enjoyed. Our Lord teaches us the value of importunity by his parable of the man who got his three loaves at midnight by persistent begging; and also the power of unfainting prayer by the story of the widow who gained her point with the judge by her "continual coming." The greatest of the apostles, in the first epistle he ever wrote, sums it all up in these three golden words, "Pray without ceasing."

Yet in spite of these repeated voices out of God's Word, there is grave danger that his people may now rob themselves of a sorely needed descent of the Holy Spirit. One danger arises from trusting to human predictions instead of trusting to prayer and honest effort. Unless one has been admitted to the secret counsel of the Holy Spirit, there is a profane presumption in announcing that "the opening of this new century will witness a wonderful awakening." Genuine revivals commonly come unpredicted and unheralded. In January, 1858, certainly no one dreamed that within three months New York City would see noonday prayer-meetings thronged by six or eight thousand people, and the whole city stirred as by a Pentecost. Our sovereign God bestows his blessings where he pleases, how he pleases, and when he pleases. Nothing is gained by pulpit scoldings or newspaper prophecies. Our duty is summed up in four words—penitence, prayer, persistence, personal efforts for Christ. "My soul, wait thou upon God; my only expectation is from him."

Another danger arises from a subtle self-seeking in some form or other. When success is sought to minister to spiritual pride, it becomes a fatal snare. I met with a capital remark lately that will bear quoting. It was this: "One can do a great deal of good in this world if one doesn't care who gets the credit of it." We cannot expect much from a certain style of visionary religion which talks about its high attainments and indulges in spiritual ballooning. Spurgeon said in his shrewd way: "Till I get wings, I shall stay on my legs." The old simple gospel truth preached with blood-heat in the pulpit—the simple childlike faith in God's promises—and the tight personal grip on Jesus Christ, are about the best methods for not only a "week of prayer," but for all the weeks afterwards.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

## TEN RULES FOR POLITENESS FOR CHILDREN.

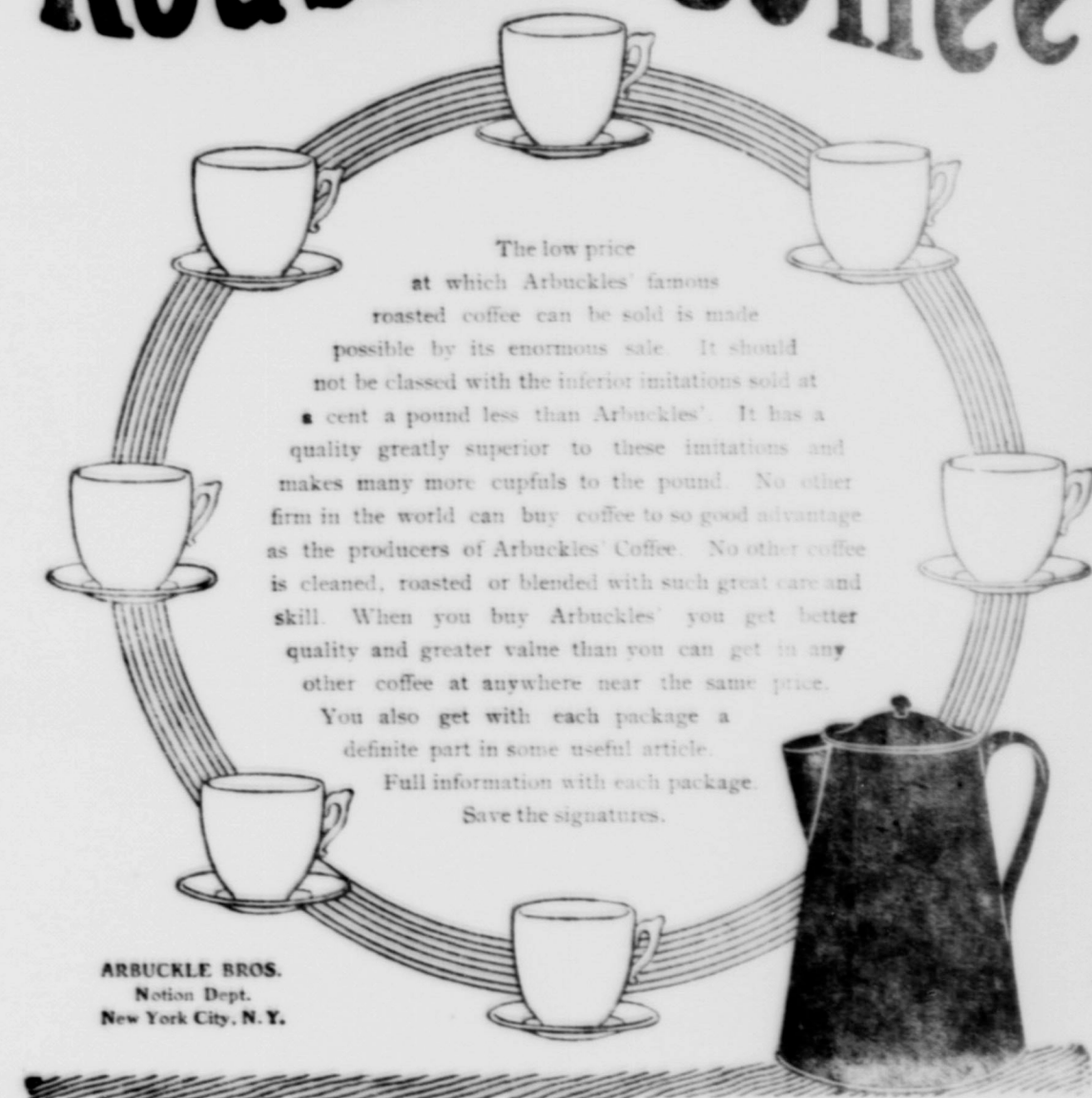
- 1. To be polite is to have a kind regard for the feelings and rights of others.
- 2. Be as polite to your parents, brothers, sisters and schoolmates as you are to strangers.
- 3. Look people fairly in the eyes when you speak to them or they speak to you.
- 4. Do not bluntly contradict any one.
- 5. It is not discourteous to refuse to do wrong.
- 6. Whispering, laughing, chewing gum or eating at lectures, in school, or at places of amusement, is rude and vulgar.
- 7. Be doubly careful to avoid any rudeness to strangers, such as calling out to them, laughing or making remarks about them. Do not stare at visitors.
- 8. In passing a pen, pencil, knife, or pointer, hand the blunt end toward the one who receives it.
- 9. When a classmate is reciting, do not raise your hand until after he has finished.
- 10. When you pass directly in front of any one or accidentally annoy him, say, "Excuse me," and never fail to say "Thank you" for the smallest favor. On no account say "Thanks."—Schools Rules of Santa Barbara, Cal.

## THE MORAL SUASION OF A SUNDAY DINNER.

The tempter met John on the Church steps at the close of the morning service. "John," said the sly voice, "you are a stranger. Come with me to Euclid place. The nice young men all go there. You can read or play games, just whatever you like. And there you will hear some of the finest singing and playing to be found in the city."

"I—I think I will go." Just then a kindly hand was placed on John's shoulder. "Come home with us to dinner," said his employer. John hesitated. The tempter was whispering in his ear. Then his mother's face seemed to come before him, a sweet face from heaven it was, too. "Mr. Irwin, I will go with you and I thank you for your kind invitation." A few weeks later Mr. and Mrs. Irwin received a letter from John's home "I want to thank you," they read, "for your kindness to my boy. His own mother is dead, but I am trying to fill her place. John wrote me how he was

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on the point of going to one of your fashionable resorts and how your kind invitation saved him. He says he thinks that was the turning point in his life. May God bless you!"

Mr. Irwin read and reread the letter, then very tenderly folded it and put it away with a "keepsake" letter he once received from his own mother. "Frank," said Mrs. Irwin, "we did not know that our invitation to dinner that Sunday meant all that to John."

"No," replied Mr. Irwin, "but I think God knew!"—The Interior.

## LET THE MAN REFORM BEFORE MARRIAGE.

"A girl should never marry a man that she may reform him," writes Margaret Sangster, in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "If he is in need of reformation let him prove himself worthy by turning from evil and setting his face steadfastly and perseveringly to good before he asks a girl to surrender herself and her life to him. Nor should a girl be too impatient with father, mother and friends if they counsel delay in deciding a matter which is to influence her whole career and her lover's when they, with clearer eyes than her own, perceive in him an unsuitability to her."

## THACKERAY'S MOTHER.

"The tenderness of that beautiful mother went with him through his whole life. \* \* \* The greatest single influence of Thackeray's life-work was still his mother. \* \* \* The lofty tenderness for women which he learned from that mother he lavished on his wife until parted from her by her dark malady; it overflowed to his daughters and breathes in his works. Kin-

dred he amid the dismal sepulchres of Calcutta graveyards. But her mother nature did not perish. It is immortal in the immortality of the manliest and tenderest man of letters of our age."—Sir W. W. Hunter.

## THE TEST

They are times in the life of most people who profess Christianity when there come doubts as to whether they are living up to the standard laid down in the Bible. For myself I have written down the following questions and find it a good plan.

- Do I love God with all my heart, soul and strength?
- Am I willing to leave all and follow him?
- Have I the faith in Christ which enables me, in times of trouble and affliction, to look up and say: "Not my will, but thine be done?"
- Do I keep the commandments?
- Do I do good as I have opportunity?
- Do I search the scriptures daily to see what the Lord would have me to do?
- Can I claim the precious promises?
- Do I cherish a kind, forgiving spirit toward my enemies and love my neighbor?
- Do I consider it a pleasure, as well as a duty, to do all I can for the cause of Christ?
- Am I keeping myself pure and unspotted from the world?
- Do I thank God morning, noon and night and at all times cherish a spirit of thankfulness for the blessings I have?
- If, when the evening of each day comes, I can conscientiously answer, I do, as far as in me lies, asking God to pardon my weaknesses and omission, and to give me greater strength and desire to learn his will, I feel that

sweet assurance that it will be given me as I ask it. Then, as I lie down upon my couch to sleep, I feel that whether I wake in this world or not, all will be well.—Herald and Free-lance.

## EIGHT FAIRLY GOOD RIDDLES.

- Feet have they, but they walk not—stones.
- Eyes have they, but they see not—potatoes.
- Tooth have they, but they chew not—saws.
- Noise have they, but they smell not—trumpets.
- Marble have they, but they taste not—stones.
- Handle have they, but they handle not—sticks.
- Eyes have they, but they hear not—cornstalls.
- Tongues have they, but they talk not—wagons.—Gleaner, Dec. 5.

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A good listener is essential to a good sermon, so far as its effect upon the mind is concerned. This qualification involves preparation. If you go to the Church service with your mind preoccupied, the sermon will be of little interest to you. In fact, it will be lost upon you. But if before you go to service you read a portion of God's Word, retire to a place of secret prayer, ask God to bless your preacher and to put your own mind and heart in a devotional condition, then when you occupy your pew at the public worship you will be prepared to get nourishment and inspiration out of the service. You will be a good listener and the discourse will be a good sermon.

A fault-finding attitude is not conducive to the beneficial effect of the sermon. That sort of a spirit prejudices the mind, and instead of applying the wholesome principles of the sermon, such a hearer is looking for defects and imperfections. He is a critic and a snipe. This sort of a spirit requires no deep thought or nice discrimination. The most narrow-minded and shallow-brained sort of a person can sneer and find fault without special effort, and with great facility. This sort of habit is a bar to spiritual growth and expansion. It leads to a misanthropic disposition and a very uncharitable way of viewing matters. A chronic fault-finder makes himself miserable and his company adds nothing to the pleasure of others. Any sort of a sermon has something in it that will edify, if you will only look for that element in it. We always get out of the sermon the thing for which we are looking.

The sermon ought to have a definite object in its preparation and delivery. A sermon without aim is usually without results. Like sheet lightning, it strikes everywhere in general, but hits nothing in particular. A dull explosion follows, but results are lacking. A clean-cut bolt rends the air and shivers the oak. So a sermon prepared with reference to a definite end leaves a deep conviction and arouses to action. Men feel the force of it, and the mind goes to thinking and the heart starts to pulsating. The processes thus inaugurated end in a proper perception of duty and a disposition to meet the claims of moral obligation. Christ is made to stand out before the conscience as a personal Savior, and the Word of God becomes a reality. Such a sermon is a factor in the development of character.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

No one man ought to claim the whole attention of the Church.

Too much assumed familiarity with God is irreverent presumption.

The bell in the steeple is not intended to ring out its tones perpetually.

Modern elocution is largely responsible for the prevalence of stage mania among a certain class of youngsters.

If a mother who has a son grown to mature manhood wants to keep him at home after nightfall, she had better not treat him like she did when he was a baby.

Lax family government is a dominant factor in the production of self-opinionated boys and frisky and forward girls; but judicious restraint develops sturdy manhood and modest womanhood.

Simple-minded parents do not bring up their children in the fear of the Lord, and in after life they whine because the Lord has given them disobedient and headstrong boys and wayward girls.

The ease with which some apparently pious people pick to pieces the characters of their neighbors and make themselves busy-bodies in other men's matters is no evidence of a good heart or a right spirit.

THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE POLICE COMMISSION.

The honor dealers and ramblers of Dallas have been strenuously opposed to the Police Commission from the beginning. It has placed the police regulations of the city upon a strictly business basis, and the class of citizens above referred to have no sympathy with an arrangement of that character. They want the whole question put back into ward politics. Hence, from the time the present Legislature first met these fellows, feeling that they had a majority in the City Council of their ilk, have been making special effort to have the Committee on Charter Amendments to so change the commission feature as to practically render it null and void. And this sort of change was reported to the Council, but over the protest of one or two members of the committee. But these members of the Council wanting the Commission put out of the way, ran up against another difficulty. The Senator in Austin from this district came out in a written statement in the daily papers that unless the people said in a fair election that they wanted Commission eliminated from the charter, he would not even introduce a bill into that branch of the Legislature with reference to amending the charter, containing any section modifying the Commission. Then the bar-rooms and ramblers began to move things to get an election. The City Attorney, however, ruled that the Council had no right of its own motion to put the city to the expense of holding an election under the circumstances; but held that an election could be held by popular subscription, but it would have no binding effect upon the Legislature. The money for such an election was promptly pledged. Of course, it was to come from the bar-rooms and gambling dens. The matter was brought up in the Council and discussed, but at the proper time was promptly laid on the table. Whether it will bob up again or not awaits to be seen. From a tie vote cast by the Mayor, we infer that he was on the right side of this question. We refer to this matter because all of the contentious country is interested in the efforts of bar-rooms and ramblers to control the sentiment of this city. With the Police Commission, they are at a great disadvantage. The Advocate stands for law and order, and any effort of the lawless element to control matters in this center of population will be pointed out and condemned.

THE EXPRESS COMPANIES AND THE LIQUOR TRADE.

Since our last issue the higher courts have held that the express companies can not handle liquor packages in local option towns, marked C. O. D., without becoming personally liable for a violation of the local option law. We had an idea that the way in which these companies were flooding local option communities with liquor that the matter had been passed upon by the higher courts and thereby settled in favor of the C. O. D. package business. But such was not the case. The lower courts had so held, but the higher powers have set the decision aside and made the express companies the agents of the liquor men. So now the express companies are ordering the uncalled-for jugs to be returned to their shippers, and announce that henceforth no such packages will be handled by them. Good for this decision; but we still want the laws so amended that these companies can not handle the jug trade, even when prepaid to local option towns, without also becoming liable. Let liquor men understand that they can not use the express companies in any way to flood local option communities with intoxicants. Therefore, let no local option community relax its efforts to prevail upon the Legislature to amend our local option laws at this point. There is no way to stop an individual from carrying liquor into a prohibition district, provided he does not sell it; but the railroads and express companies are corporations, and the Legislature can pass a law prohibiting them from carrying prepaid packages of whisky into these forbidden towns without becoming liable as agents in violating the law. Now, while we have the matter up, let us make sure to head off the ingenuity of the liquor men in their efforts to get aside the law. They are very resourceful, and if we do not get this amendment, they will prepay jugs of liquor and consign them to fictitious names in local option communities under the present decision of the courts. This will not be so bad as the other method practiced by them, but we want their possible advantages in this matter completely cut off. The amendment herein suggested will do the work, without a doubt. Then our local option towns will have rest from these fiends incarnate!

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. E. V. Cox, of Breckenridge, Texas, would like to correspond with a registered drug clerk who is a Methodist and a League worker. No other sort need apply. If you fill that bill and want a job, this has reference to you.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Bro James Cochran, of this county. He was in the city on business and dropped into the office for a few pleasant moments. He is one of our successful farmers and a staunch supporter of the Church in his community.

We are pleased to have had a pleasant call from Rev. H. E. Carter, of Clairmont. He was in the city on business and was considerate enough to pay his respects to the Advocate force, a thing that nearly all good Methodists do when they pass this way.

We are indebted to Rev. Sterling Fisher, of the West Texas Conference, and Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss, of the Texas Conference, for copies of the minutes of their respective conference sessions. We appreciate these favors, as they are very helpful to us in the work of the Advocate.

Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., of Galveston, came to the city last week and spent some time in the office. He is engaged in a great work. His efforts to rebuild the broken fortunes of the Church in Galveston are worthy of the hearty cooperation of the entire Methodist of Texas. He is representing us in that difficult field, and it is our duty, and it ought to be our privilege, to give to him and his people our earnest and persistent aid.

Mrs. S. E. Heartill, of Weatherford, one of our original contributors, appears in this issue again in one of her well-written stories. There is an element of naturalness in her writings that makes them interesting; and this, together with their real merit, makes

her one of our valued correspondents. In Texas we ought to have a score of original correspondents instead of only a half dozen. If you know anything worth putting in print, then try your hand and send us the result.

We hear fine reports from Rev. W. D. Bradford, our pastor of Tenth Street, Austin. In a personal letter from Governor Sayers on another matter, he adds: "We have a most excellent pastor. His congregations are very large, and everybody seems to be well pleased with him."

The editor is under obligation to Brethren Clifton, Rogers and A. J. Gunstream, of Rock Hill, for a copy of fine Plymouths. Bro. Gunstream is noted for one of the finest strains of this character of bird in North Texas. He lives in the country and devotes special attention to poultry.

We learn from a note from Rev. J. W. Sims, of Waelder, that Rev. O. S. Farwell, an eminently useful local preacher, died there in great peace while back. He was in his eighty-fourth year. He was licensed to preach in 1844, and voted in the same Quarterly Conference for the division of the Church. He was a Mason, and that order had charge of his funeral services. A suitable obituary will follow.

On last Sunday morning we had the pleasure of hearing a great sermon by Rev. I. W. Clark, at First Church, in this city. It was both instructive and edifying. Bro. Clark never lacks for a hearing when he preaches in these parts. At night we preached at Floyd Street for Bro. Barton. He is moving things up in that charge, and there are many signs of spiritual development under his ministry. He has an old-fashioned Methodist class-meeting, the first one that we have attended since occupying the position of editor. It was refreshing, but a little new to some people. Barton knows how to conduct that sort of a service.

In a recent issue of the Daily News, Rev. Joel S. Graves, who some time ago left the ministry and membership of our Church and wrote a pamphlet caricaturing our system of Church government, came out in a card confessing that he had done us a great wrong in said publication. He furthermore said that he has taken, as far as possible, all of the copies of said pamphlet and committed them to the flames; and in the same card he announced his withdrawal from the ministry of the Baptist Church, but hoped to live a consistent life among his lay brethren. He apologized for any wrong he might have done us and expressed a willingness to henceforth live in peace with all of the children of God. This is a manly course upon his part and we wish him spiritual prosperity in the remainder of his life. It is human to err, but divine to forgive.

METHODIST NEWS.

The South Georgia Conference reports a gain of 2,000 members of the Church the past year.

The Epworth League of Winfield Church has assumed the collection of the foreign mission assessment on that Church at \$225.

Dr. W. C. Evans, pastor of First Methodist Episcopal Church, Stockton, Cal., has been elected Chaplain of the Senate of that State.

Bishop S. M. Merrill says: "For more than fifty years I have advocated the local prohibition of the liquor traffic as the only effective remedy for its manifest and glaring evils."

Bishop Hendrix made a talk at the Kansas City Preachers' meeting two weeks ago. "The Forward Movement, Which Contemplates the Larger Usefulness of the Layman in the Church."

Dr. Tillett says the Vanderbilt will get only about 3 per cent of the Twentieth Fund instead of 20 per cent. Most of the amount contributed has been specially directed to local institutions.

Dr. Collins Denny, of the Vanderbilt Faculty, is spoken of for the Chancellorship of Peabody Normal College. No better qualified man could be selected. We do not know what he thinks about it.

The congregation of Winfield Church, Little Rock, has resolved upon important improvements. They have begun by purchasing a parsonage at a cost of \$4,500. They have resolved to rebuild their chapel, in view of a new auditorium at a future day.

New Orleans Advocate: We were agreeably surprised to receive, on Monday last, a visit from the venerable senior Bishop, John C. Keener. He does not often venture down town,

but on this occasion he came to welcome the new editor. The Bishop is in reasonably good health, but dares not exert himself to any great extent. He is much interested in the approaching Mission Conference.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate says that the new library building at Trinity College, in North Carolina, the gift of Mr. J. B. Duke, will be, when finished, the finest building of its kind in the Southern States. It will be fitted and equipped for a library of 100,000 volumes. The State Library contains only 20,000 volumes.

The Methodist Review for January and February has a very inviting table of contents—i. e., "Daw's and His Times," "Christian Education in Japan," "The Organization of Capital and Labor," "Where the English Race First Settled in America," "The Christ of the Twentieth Century," "Dr. Samuel Johnson, the Anteroast of Literature," "Lester's Life of Hamilton," "Religious Progress in Victorian England," and six editorial departments that are helpful of interest.

W. K. Vanderbilt stole a march on Chancellor Kirkland—saw the St. Louis Advocate—Vanderbilt University and the entire city of rocks last Wednesday night. He was passing through the city from St. Louis to Florida, and having a few hours in Nashville, he turned in a back and went out to the Vanderbilt campus, rang on Chancellor Kirkland, went around the campus, through Kismun Hall, behind the bronze statue of the old Chancellor, took in Wesley Hall, the main building, the splendid surroundings and expressed himself as delighted with everything, and thought the surroundings magnificent. He was back in big car and gone before a dozen people knew he had been here.

The Indian Witness of Calcutta, in its issue of January, says: "The serious condition of Bishop Parker causes the greatest anxiety to the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church in India. As their practically unanimous choice for the important office to which he was elected last May, his incapacity for work almost alone has reached India in October. Has been a source of profound grief. In the opinion of his medical advisers, Bishop Parker's case is most critical. At his age the circumstances are against the possibility of his illness ever the grave crisis; but with God all things are possible. Much prayer is being offered to God for his afflicted servant and for the shore of his forty-two years' labors for Christ in this land. Latest reports we are thankful to say indicate improvement in the Bishop's condition, sufficient to afford some slight encouragement that with God's blessing he may yet rally."

GALVESTON FUND.

Table with columns for names and amounts. Total: \$112.00. Less error November 22, 1900: 7.25. Balance: \$104.75.

The amount reported from A. C. Albro, November 22, should have been \$0 cent, instead of \$5. L. BLAYLOCK.

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 7, 1901. Mr. L. Blaylock—Your favor of the 6th inst., with check for \$25.00, duly received, money to be applied as follows: Galveston church fund, \$15.00; charity, \$5.00; suffering farmers at Alvin, \$5.00. Please accept our thanks. The first response to our special appeal in the Advocate is from Bro. Troy Harkler, of Marshall, Texas, who sends his check for \$5. A good beginning. SETH WARD.

GALVESTON CHURCHES.

Please call the attention of brethren who subscribed at Georgetown to help rebuild the Galveston churches that there is \$163 yet unpaid; at least it has not been sent to the Treasurer as it was ordered by resolution of the conference. If it has been paid to others that ends the matter. If they have not paid it I hope to hear from all subscribers soon.

J. H. CHAMBLISS, Treas. Board of Ch. Ex., N. W. T.

Table with columns for location and date. Includes Dallas District—Second Round, Oak Lawn, Haskell, West Dallas, Oak Cliff, Ervay, Floyd, Farmers Branch, Lancaster, Wheatland, Cedar Hill and Duncanville, Argyle, District Conference at Lewisville, Denton, First Church, Trinity, Grand Prairie, Lewisville, Caruth.

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NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

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ing the parsonage. By the way, I must mention that our kitchen and dining-rooms are "mighty nice." Bro. Haynes (a member of the Christian Church) donated the paint, and Sister E. J. Ward, one of the steward's wives and one who is all the time spying around for some nice thing to do for the preacher and parsonage, furnished canvas and paper. Will soon have our \$10 on the district parsonage. Have raised some of the conference claims. I am taking my conference collections by private subscription. Am anxious to get every member to subscribe, and they are responding nicely. I will soon let them know the results. Am getting things in shape to organize a W. H. M. Society. Have ordered and sold near \$70 worth of Bibles, Disciplines, New Testaments, "Post Oak Circuits," Hymn Books, Young People's Hymnals, etc., from Barbee & Smith, to my people. Have preached to magnificent audiences, and never saw better behavior and attention. Wife entertained, for dinner, the entire first Quarterly Conference (seventeen), and we all had a pleasant time together. The presiding elder says it takes "lots of salt to save" him, and that's not all—but we enjoyed him hugely "on all lines." The stewards let the salaries remain as last year, and they seem to be men ready to do their duty. We need many things, and we are working for them. I am trying to show my appreciation all the time by planning for their spiritual welfare. Reading "Skilled Labor for the Master," "Christus Auctor," "Son of Man," "Elijah the Tishbite," "Hundred Years of Missions," the Bible, etc., has helped us in our closet, and we are praying that God will greatly use us. Our greatest regret is that so few of our members are subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CAMPBELL.

J. T. Blinworth, Feb. 7: The first Quarterly Conference for Campbell Circuit, Greenville District, convened at Campbell last Saturday and Sunday. Our new presiding elder, Rev. O. S. Thomas, was with us and looked well into all the business of the church. He preached three times here and one time at Shady Grove. All these sermons were up to high-water mark; in fact, no mistake was made when O. S. Thomas was appointed presiding elder. About \$142 was paid for the support of the ministry. We are hopeful for a good year.

WORTHY OF HELP.

C. R. Gray, Feb. 9: Our new church at Pecan is wrecked. We had just completed it in December at a cost of one thousand dollars. On the fourth Sunday in January the last indebtedness, sixty-one dollars was paid, and the house dedicated. All felt that a burden had been lifted when the last dollar was paid. The following Saturday night a cyclone struck it, and now our once beautiful church is scattered over the fields. Not a shingle can be found on the lot. Many shed tents when they saw the result of a year's work and sacrifice in ruins. But our people have rallied and we will rebuild immediately. The rubbish is being cleared away to-day and work on the church will begin Monday. We have to date received one hundred and fifty dollars aid from adjoining towns. We hope to have the house ready for services in three months. We have no place to worship, as the school-house was also destroyed. Any help will be thankfully received. Address me at Yowell, Texas.

LEONARD.

Mrs. S. L. Ball: After having spent two pleasant years in Cumby it was with sad hearts we left our friends there. We love those people and will ever remember them. In two hours after we left Cumby we were in Leonard and were soon made to feel at home among these good people. The parsonage needed enlarging and repairing. The money was soon raised

and the work commenced as soon as material and workmen could be had. When it is finished it will be very nice and comfortable. We organized a W. H. M. Society with six members, and now have twenty-one, who are willing and anxious to work in the vineyard of the Lord. They put about \$20 worth of dishes in the parsonage. Last week a committee was appointed to see what was needed in the parsonage. They bought nice bed room set, some rockers and other chairs and an extension dining table, all of which are appreciated very much. To say we are well pleased does not half express it. We are delighted. We love the Advocate and are trying to put it in every home. God help us to do our full duty and give us a good year.

ROXTON.

R. C. Hicks, Feb. 11: I rarely ever send in more than one report from my work each year, but since my first Quarterly Conference I feel like adding to what I said just before, that the interest is still alive, as will be seen from the reports. Have received seven members since conference. Congregations are increasing. Good resolutions are being made among the people. They tell me so privately, much to my joy. Have started on conference collections. Made the call at two places and secured 75 per cent of assessment at each place. No doubt about getting it all. The stewards collected during first quarter \$208.60—about \$20 over one-fourth of the entire assessment. At least that much has been reported. One good steward has not been heard from. Rain prevented him from coming to Quarterly Conference. Bro. Alderson, P. E., was with us at quarterly meeting, but took a chill Sunday morning and was sick all day. So the lot fell on Jonah, but we had good services. A great revival is all we lack, and my faith is strong enough to say it is coming. When it does, my joy will be full.

POTTSBORO AND PRESTON.

A. G. Noble, Feb. 11: Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Coffey Chapel, and throughout Saturday and Sunday was a great time for the Methodists in this charge. The conference authorized the trustees to move the church from its present site to the camp-ground, and appointed committees on arrangements for the District Conference, which will be held at the camp-ground in Preston Bond, commencing on the 5th day of August, and will continue over Sunday. We will take care of all delicate, connectional brethren and the good women. Free entertainment and transportation. All former pastors are invited to be with us. We expect Bishop Kay, and will invite Bishop Chandler to spend the time with us. Our camp-meeting will begin a week before the District Conference, and we will be glad to have any and all to come and help us. Ample accommodations will be made to accommodate visitors who do not care to be entertained free. Our former pastors will be rejoiced to know Preston Bond is forcing to the front. All our assessments are paid to date, and are in full sympathy and love with Steuber and Stafford. We are the only charge in Southern Methodism (so far as we know) that encloses without the Texas Christian Advocate. Few take it here, but more we trust will take it this year. We will publish in ample time route, etc., to our place over rail, road, horse, transfers and everything connected with our machine as the delegates and visitors may be informed.

DEXTER.

L. F. Palmer, Feb. 11: The first Quarterly Conference for Dexter Circuit was held February 9 and 10. Rev. J. L. Morris, the beloved presiding elder, was on hand, and preached an excellent sermon from I Cor. 2:2, after which a good dinner was partaken of. Then the Quarterly Conference was called to order by the presiding elder. Lasting impressions were made upon the persons present by the remarks made by Bro. Morris. The Circuit Stewards propose to pay their pastor \$250 for his support, and to the presiding elder \$65 towards his support. The assessments ordered by the Annual Conference are as follows: Delegates to General Conference, \$2; conference claimants, \$28; Bishops, \$7; foreign missions, \$43; domestic missions, \$28; Church Extension, \$14; education, \$12; Orphanage, \$6; minutes, \$1. Our purpose is to collect the conference claims in full. The amount assessed for the support of the gospel was apportioned to the five classes as follows: Mt. Zion, \$65; Walnut Bend, \$131; Riverside, \$55; Dexter, \$122; Black Jack, \$55. Of the above amounts there was paid at the first Quarterly Conference: Mt. Zion, \$17.50; Walnut Bend, \$41.15; Riverside, \$5; Dexter, \$6; Black Jack, \$12. Also, for the Bishops \$7.50, and Orphanage \$10; other purposes \$52. What we most need on Dexter Circuit is a revival, and for this we are praying. On Sunday, Bro. Morris preached from the text, "Fight the good fight of faith," which will be remembered

for days to come. Also collected \$6.65 to pay on district parsonage rent, etc. Next Quarterly Conference at Mt. Zion, May 11 and 12.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

RATCLIFF.

J. W. Stubblefield, Feb. 6: Bro. J. S. Burke commenced a meeting here Jan. 17 and continued ten days. It was the best meeting we ever had at this place. Visible results: 22 conversions, 14 accessions to the Methodist Church and 5 to the Baptist and 3 to the Presbyterian. A young men's prayer-meeting organized and a ladies' prayer-meeting. They have gone to work. There were some reached who were never affected before. May the good work go on, is my prayer.

ARLESTON CIRCUIT.

W. W. Gollighugh, Feb. 6: We are returned to this delightful charge for another year. We are glad to be returned and our people have welcomed us back as a good loyal Methodist people do. We have not had "cyclones" and fearful storms beyond description," but we have been "pounded" in that good gentle way that all can enjoy it and be left in a healthy and growing condition, and the greatest beauty of our "pounding" is, it hasn't stopped yet, and the threatenings are still great, but I suppose we will be able to stand it all, as we are now well and hearty. We are building a new church at Bethel. It will cost about \$1500. We have three fine Sunday-schools. We consider the circuit in a good condition and are therefore very hopeful for a good year.

MENARDVILLE AND JUNCTION CITY.

M. J. Allen: At the last session of our Annual Conference I was returned to this work. Have been kindly received and pounded well—yes, indeed, both at Junction and Menard—in due and ancient form. Have been hard at work ever since conference, preaching, praying, visiting and building—anything but idle. We are doing fairly well on all lines. We are taking our collections. My field is large, and so am I. Truly the Lord has been good to us. First and second Quarterly Conferences over. Belayed on hand. Preached well, looked well, but not well. Our presiding elder is a k. Nine additional since conference; blessed seven. We expect great things this year. Our converts from last year are doing very well.

QUITMAN.

J. M. McCarter, Feb. 5: Our first Quarterly Conference for the current year was held at Quitman the 24 inst. There was a fairly good attendance of official brethren, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. Our presiding elder, Dr. John Adams, was promptly at his post, looking diligently after all the interests committed to his hands. He endeavored himself more than ever with our people. He preached four sermons that will not soon be forgotten—earnest, evangelized, masterly. He grows younger. There were three accessions by ritual and three baptisms. Altogether it was a delightful and profitable occasion. Finances very well up. The assessment was pitched to the tune of \$750, same as last year. This is our second year with this good people. We have been received kindly and pounded sufficiently to admit of good health and pleasant dreams. We are moving off nicely with the new year. We are determined to give Quitman Circuit the best year's service within our power. Death has recently made some sad inroads among our people. We have some dark clouds as well as bright sunshine. The gathering over yonder is increasing very rapidly. We will still trust the Lord. "And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday."

ALTO.

I. F. Pace, Feb. 2: We think the good people of this charge deserve a public acknowledgment of the kindness shown us since we came among them a little more than a month ago. We were kindly met at the depot by Dr. Crawford, with conveyance, he carrying us to his home, where we were kindly entertained for a week, our household goods being delayed. As soon as we moved into the nice, newly-painted and very well furnished parsonage, good things began to come in, and in a few days here came the delivery wagon, accompanied by some of the brethren and sisters, bringing us a ponding in due form. I shall not enumerate the good things, but will say that we have not bought any groceries since; and in connection with the many good things they gave us \$2 in money. They told us that each of the different denominations of our town were re-nourished, and some who made no profession. Not only this, but Mt. Zion, one of our country appointments, has brought us chickens,

potatoes and butter, and in fact there have been but few days that something good has not found its way to the parsonage. I would be glad to mention every donor by name, but for fear that my report would be too long, I desist. However we shall always remember them. We have a noble Board of Stewards, who both know and do their work well. They met early and made the assessment for us, leaving us a few dollars to do us until our first Quarterly Conference, which was last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. W. F. Davis was on hand in good health and spirits, preaching and providing to the delight of us all. The stewards made a good report. Some of them were kept away by sickness. Those points will come in all right. We have had some real spiritual revivals. We believe the signs are good for a good year. We have received seven members this quarter, and revived the mid-week prayer-meeting at Alto. We are certainly serving a kind people and are delighted with our charge. May the Lord give us a gracious revival in our prayer.

TYLER CIRCUIT.

S. N. Allen, Feb. 2: Tyler Circuit is still coming to the front. Last Thursday night we met our people at Starville. We wanted to have a service with them and plan for a revival this year, and to our surprise the good people had prepared a ponding for their preacher, so when we had come the first song, before we could call them to prayer they left the house. We stood in wonder until they came back with a sack of flour, two dress makers' machine, handkerchiefs, soap, butter, nonpareil butter and lard and but, but not least a note from some who could not come, with some pocket change. God bless this good people. No preacher could be too afflicted to be sent to Tyler Circuit. My people have learned that the word of God will help them that will help themselves, as they have demonstrated to come up with the seasons and around their neighbors and then trust me when said "Bless the Father into the ground, because that there must be some in the house, and none was more faithful, with the Lord. If I will not open with the wisdom of heaven, and come out a fool, then that those shall not be so much as to wonder if I don't know how long the Bishop will leave this earth on this good earth with this good words. If he would be back, the time allowed by our law, I am sure I won't be away. I do know, when I leave, they will get a better preacher in my place. God bless this good people.

ROSEVILLE.

J. C. Carr, Feb. 2: This work is on the wane. We now have three good Sunday-schools. The Sunday-school at Rockville is the best one I have ever had in my work anywhere. The Superintendent, Bro. J. J. Newton is a man of God, full of zeal of his own and of the Spirit of the Lord. He has a sense of earnest and unswerving teacher to assist him in the work and together they are building up the school in its various interests. The schools at Elmore and Branch have commenced work since conference and are doing well under the wise and efficient management of the Bishops, teachers, Bro. D. Marshall and H. Pittman, respectively. We have spent \$20 since conference, furnishing the

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Professor Edward's Page, the Evangelist, writes in the Christian Advocate that the Rev. R. A. Smith could not in the course of seven years and a half of his life, be cured of Bright's Disease, Rheumatism, Gravel, Dropsy, Pain in the Back, Dropsy, etc. He was cured by the use of the Kidney and Bladder Cure, and writes that he has never since been troubled with any of these ailments. He writes that he has never since been troubled with any of these ailments. He writes that he has never since been troubled with any of these ailments.

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FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 8, FEBRUARY 24.

JESUS IN GETHSEMANE.

Matt. 26:36-46.

Golden Text: "Thy will be done."—Matt. 26:41.

We give below the comments from the Bible Reader and Sunday Magazine:

Nearly all of the recorded events connected with the close of our Lord's earthly life are recorded by all four gospels. It will aid us, to prepare an outline of the last two days he was on earth.

Before the lesson of to-day ought to be studied Matt. 26:36: "And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olivets." This was the closing exercise after the institution of the Lord's Supper, and the addresses contained in John 14 and 15, and the intercessory prayer of chapter 17. Jesus and the eleven leave Jerusalem and pass out of the northern gate(?) and descend the slope, cross the brook Kedron, on the opposite side of which was located the garden of Gethsemane. It was a sacred spot to the Master and disciples, because the Lord had been in the habit of spending hours therein communing with the Father.

36. The account bears all the marks of a genuine historical document. All the apostles were still with him except Judas. Gethsemane was an olive yard, in which were many trees, and contained an olive press. The exact site is uncertain, but it is thought to have been about half a mile from the city. Luke mentions that he "was parted from them about a stone's throw." The suffering that he must soon undergo makes it necessary to obtain a fresh and abundant supply of heavenly grace. This can be acquired only through prayer.

37. Eight of the disciples remained at the gate to protect the entrance from intruders. Our Lord must have a few moments of quietness before the coming day. Peter, James and John were present when the Master raised the daughter of Jairus, on the Mount of Transfiguration, and in the lonely garden.

38. What follows was doubtless spoken to the three—Peter, James and John. "Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say? The Scripture describes man as possessed of body and soul. The former is the vehicle of the latter. The soul is the seat of personality, and therefore the source of consciousness. His sorrow was increasing as the cross drew near. It seemed too heavy to be borne. Jesus was not yet prepared to face the crisis. He wanted a few more minutes to commune with his Father.

39. He went a little farther into the garden to enjoy seclusion. He first knelt down, and then lowered his face to the earth. He must have uttered it aloud, or it could not have been recorded. The cup is the figure of suffering. The prayer of the Lord was fraught with the spirit of submission.

40. Luke says that "he found them sleeping for sorrow." He addresses Peter because he had said only a few hours before that he could never be tempted to forsake his Master. It is as if he had said, is it possible that the one who has promised undisturbed loyalty could not be on guard for sixty minutes?

41. They would soon be exposed to the most severe temptation that had confronted them. The choice of our better nature is not to yield to temptation, but is not strong enough to face the trials of life without aid from God.

42. Our Lord still alludes to his approaching suffering under the figure of the cup. The substance of his prayer is that he is willing to die if it is necessary to carry out God's will in the salvation of souls.

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44. The reason our Lord came to them during this season of danger to himself and them was that he would encourage them to remain devoted to him by whom they should be saved for glory. He had loved them so far and would have that unbroken now.

45. The inference is that these words were spoken to all. This can hardly be regarded as sarcasm, nor as a reproof, but a permission. They needed rest, and as they could be of no service for a while might as well be sleeping.

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THE GREAT COMMISSION.

So Christ's command is called. This passage in Mark should be compared with that in Matt. 28:18-20. From these two statements we learn that Christ's marching orders included four things:

1. World-wide travel. "Go ye into all the world." That at once breaks down the distinction between home and foreign missions. John Wesley realized this when he said: "The world is my parish."

2. Universal evangelization. "Preach the gospel to every creature." This is the first positive assertion that every soul has the right to hear the gospel. Christ died for all, and the good news of salvation should sound in every ear.

3. Disrupting the evangelized. "Teach all nations." After preaching comes teaching. Converts should be instructed, as Jesus did the apostles, in things pertaining to the kingdom of God. We should know whom and what we believe. This explains why the Church establishes denominational schools where religion and science can be taught as in accord and not in discord. Hard by chapel or church should be academy or college.

4. Organizing the Church. "Baptizing." As baptism is the door of the Church, and as no believing adult is baptized without admission to membership, the conclusion is that Christ intends the visible Church, as his representative, his body, to be established throughout the world.

These are the marching orders of our Captain, Savior, and King. We have no right to repeal, modify, or disobey them. If we do, we are rebels and traitors. The question of foreign missions admits of no argument. We must believe that it is our duty to send the gospel everywhere, and must either go or send, or be disloyal and risk the punishment that comes to the disobedient.

PROTECTION AND VICTORY.

The disciples had special promises given to them of power to work miracles, and of protection from "deadly things." These gifts ended with the apostolic age. The presence of the Lord is a standing promise. "Lo, I am with you always" has no repeal or special application. It is for all who obey the marching orders of the King. He has all power in heaven and in earth; and this power is pledged in behalf of those who trust and obey. This means defense, encouragement, comfort, and success. The marvelous growth of the Church demonstrates that the Lord still works with his people, and confirms the word with signs following.

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conference. Leaguers of North Texas, let us be up and doing. We have a grand mission in the Church. God has given the young people a heritage in his vineyard; shall we bury our talents? Nay, but let us begin this new century with renewed vigor and zeal, showing the Church that it is not retrenchment but enlargement we need. Let us strive to make the first year of the twentieth century an era in Methodism of which our Church will be proud.

Let each officer of our conference heartily co-operate with our efficient President, Bro. Brown, in getting in touch with each League in the conference and let us come up to conference at Terrell with the best year's work in our history.

WM. G. DITZLER.

First Vice-President North Texas League Conference, Greenville, Texas.

To the Newly-elected Second Vice-Presidents of the Local Leagues:

Although the time for our annual State League Conference is several months away, we are anxious to get into correspondence with the Second Vice-Presidents of every League in the State, in order to be able to make a full report of the year's work. This has never yet been done, but with your co-operation it can and will be done this year. We have purposely waited until the newly-elected officers were installed, so that we might come in touch with those whose duty it will be to assist us in reporting the work to the State Conference.

We have tried reaching these officers through the pastors, only to find that in many instances the letters were pigeon-holed—but until the Annual Conference, but until the annual desk-clearing came round again.

We have sent out blanks to the District Secretaries, and while probably most of these reached their final destination, they landed in the waste-basket simply because they were printed circulars, and nobody treats a printed circular with any consideration. So we are trying this personal appeal, not as a last, but as a new resort.

Only a few days after our last State Conference, the Second Vice-President of the Gatesville Chapter wrote, in forming us of her election and asking for suggestions for making her department a success. How we do wish there were as many such officers as there are Leagues in the State!

Will you not write to us at once, telling us what your League is doing along the charity and help line? And will the pastors please forgive the little thrust above and see that this is placed in the hands of their Second Vice-Presidents? As an ex-Second Vice-President and as a city missionary, our heart is in this department of the work.

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Van Alstyne, Texas.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MINISTER.

Henry Date.

Prophecy is a thankless and a dangerous calling. He who makes it a vocation should carry accident insurance and an endowment policy. A fondness for forecasting events has caused many a man to lose his head, and with it his reputation.

1. The minister of the twentieth century will be a preacher. The full dinner pail is abroad in the land. Prosperity is no longer just around the corner. It is now a visible presence. And yet in this land of plenty there rages a moral famine, caused in part by a dearth of preachers. There are essayists galore and dissonantists without number. The country is raising apologists, not only for home consumption, but for export trade. The pulpit in some places is asking the pew to pardon the Almighty. The dispensers of sweet morsels and of questionable portions are a great host. The attorney who secures a verdict is a lawyer. The pulpiteer who wins a soul is a preacher. A sermon is a projectile. A preacher is a projector. The missing-link is a touch of fire. This heaven ever waits to furnish "Go preach." Who can measure the sentence? "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." Where is the strangled instrument that can reproduce the wail of that sob? Nathan, when he stood

before David and said, "Thou art the man." was more than a prophet. He was a preacher. Jonah, when he faced the Ninevites, was more than a missionary; he was a preacher. Paul, when he stood before Felix, was more than an apostle; he was a preacher. Jonathan Edwards, discoursing in his Northampton church from the text, "In due time their feet shall slide," was more than a theologian; he was a preacher. George Whitefield, pleading with the Kingswood colliers, was more than an evangelist; he was a preacher. And what shall we say of Savonarola, Wesley, Asbury, Summerfield, Hodding, Simpson, Cookman, Finney, Lyman Beecher, Coughy, Bascom, Durbin, Spurgeon, Moody, and hundreds of others who have gone to their reward? Were they not all preachers? The biggest thing on earth is a great preacher. God never made a small one.

2. The minister of the twentieth century will be his own evangelist. "We are pleased to chronicle the fact that there has been a great awakening in the First Church at Sleepy Hollow, Arkansas, sixty-nine. Rev. Timothy White-Awake, D. D., was his own evangelist." This is the usual form for writing a news-item for a religious weekly. "Was his own evangelist." What does this oft-repeated phrase mean? Surely, not that a faithful pastor who held a protracted meeting without outside aid had brought to pass that which was passing strange. The dominion who is not an evangelist is in the brush, and will need a burning bush to find the open heather. In the good time that is coming the preacher will not only be able to win souls one by one in his ministrations among the people, but in the great congregation he will have the joy of bringing many men and women to a public acknowledgment of their need of a Savior. He will be a revivalist in the truest sense. His converts to righteousness will be counted by the hundred. Nothing short of this will satisfy his heaven-kindled ambition. "Lord, give me souls for my hire," will be his constant prayer. Financial success, social recognition, pulpit reputation and large audiences will be as dust in the balance, in comparison with the weightier thought of turning a soul from the error of his way. A preacher's standing in his conference or association will no longer be determined by the size of his salary, the amount of his missionary collection, or the number of Church letters received during the year, but by the ratio of increase in membership by accessions from the ranks of the enemy. No minister should be called a "star" preacher in this life whose prospects for stars in the next world are hopelessly slim. Evangelistic methods will doubtless change. The revivalists of to-morrow may deem it wise to appeal more to the reason, and less to the emotions, but a sense of one's sin and need will continue to impel the seeker in his movement toward a holy life. The minister who thinks he is called of God to preach, and whose preaching fails to bring about tangible assets in the form of regenerated and reconstructed lives, will find himself short of earthly calls, and without a church in which to continue his comedy of errors. Before this happy state of affairs can be realized, the pew will be more like the Master and nearer the millennium than it is to-day. And now, away with "the goggles!" Let every heart thank God and take courage, for we are entering the greatest and whitest century that this old world has ever seen.—Exchange.

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### MISSIONARY TRIUMPHS OF THE CENTURY.

Rev. W. F. Oldham.

In a large but true sense the history of Christian missions is the history of modern civilization. Every advance of Christ's kingdom is registered in the richer and more humane life of the race. The triumphs of missions in this century may therefore be summed up in the splendid advance and progress of the human family. So far as our minds are directed to Christian relations among non-Christian and foreign peoples, this advance must be looked for in two directions. The wider influence has been in the heavening of thought and national life by contact with Christian truth and Christian institutions, and the more specific missionary triumphs in the acceptance of the Christian creed, and formal submission to Jesus Christ, by some from every nation under heaven.

Among the achievements of this century is this supreme one—that there is no land where some are not found relating in God as their Father through Jesus Christ the Lord, and that in every land the heaven of the gospel has entered, strengthening every good thing in the existing life and purging the evil.

This has, indeed, been the century of missionary preparation. At its opening there were in all the world but a handful of weak societies at tentative small things in heathen lands. But a few years before its close, at the now famous Baptist Convention over which Dr. Ryland presided, young William Carey arose to ask whether the time had not come for the preaching of the gospel to their fellow-subjects in India. The moderator, surprised beyond measure, called out to the young man to sit down—if God wanted the heathen saved he would attend to that. Carey's splendid answer to the rebuff was the era-making sermon that he preached from Isa. 54:23, under the headlines: "Attempt Great Things for God." "Expect Great Things from God." Between 1792 and 1819 nearly all the great missionary societies were born—the Baptist Society at Kettering in England in 1792, the American Board in 1810, the American Baptist Missionary Union in 1814,

the Society for Propagating the Gospel as a Foreign Society in 1818, our own Methodist Missionary Society in 1819. These were a few of the movements in the early days of the century that marked the dawn of a new missionary zeal and a more strenuous endeavor. The circumstances leading to the founding of these societies are full of romance, none more so than the origin of our own Missionary Society. John Stewart, a converted mulatto, heard a strange voice calling him to a tribe of heathen Indians. He followed the voice—found the Indians. A great work of grace sprang up among them and the Missionary Society of the Church was born out of that strange episode. It now spreads over all the earth, and its missionaries are found in the newer portions of our own land, in Mexico, in Europe, South America, China, Japan, Korea, India, Africa and the islands of the sea; and, indeed, it is fitting that it should be so. For Wesleyan missions antedate most modern missions. John Wesley himself had been a missionary to Georgia, and early adopted the catholic motto: "The world is my parish." In 1736 seven years before Carey started for India, Thomas Coke, a Wesleyan preacher, sailed for the West Indies. Armin, in 1814, he sailed for Ceylon, but dying on the voyage, his body was committed to the sea and carried by its waters to the shores of every land. Thus did the pioneer missionary of Methodism, laying down his life, claim all lands for the activities of a world denomination, the banner of whose heart can never be satisfied until it helps to "preach the gospel to every creature."

At the close of the century of preparation we look back, and are forced to cry: "What hath God wrought!" The handful of missionary enterprises have now become 116 organized societies, with scores of others unorganized and unattached. Those, for the most part, have come through those early years of preparation when languages must be learned, dictionaries compiled, grammars systematized, Bible translations made, prejudices overcome, national dislikes allayed, and racial hostilities abated. The long, tedious days of preparation and waiting are largely over in most mission fields, and the ripe, rich harvest is being plentifully gathered. Thirteen thousand missionaries, with 62,690 native helpers, have gathered 2,668,000 converts, and are teaching 1,250,000 children in 21,000 schools. Over 500,000 inquirers are to-day eagerly asking the way of life, and a breath of revival is widely felt in all the lands where the initial work has been done. Christian Endeavor Societies and Epworth Leagues, speaking over 100 languages, are flung all over the known world; Sunday-schools and preaching places sprinkle the waste places of the whole earth. There is a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, and the startled nations, aroused from heathen lethargy, are unasily and expectantly conscious that the great God is about to appear among them in strange new ways. All the lands are wide open to gospel effort; all the languages have been mastered; foundations have been laid; beginnings have been made everywhere. The militant hosts of the Lord Christ have made accurate survey of the whole task of disciplining a world. All more earthly romance of foreign missions has been swallowed up in the deepened fervor of hearts that have counted the cost, and are prepared to toil and suffer that Christ may be known everywhere. The Church knows accurately her task, has learned scientifically how to set about it. Two things are wanted—a larger endowment of power, a larger support to make possible a wider gospel effort. Thousands of workers in the fields ripe to harvest! Shall there not be a mighty chorus of intercessory prayer in the opening days of the new century, that they may all be empowered by the Holy Ghost for a great (un)erring? Hundreds of our brightest young men and women stand ready to go. Who will send them? Shall not we? The machinery is prepared, everything is in order.

The darkness is past, the dawn has already come. God grant the day may go forward to high noon, that the whole earth may be flooded with the brightness of the Sun of Righteousness. The nineteenth century has been the splendid century of missionary preparation. May the Church of the living God press forward to make the twentieth century of completed missionary conquest, in which the knowledge of God shall overflow the whole earth, when continent shall hail continent, and ocean shall call to ocean, and all the islands join in glad acclaim to sing the praise of him who loved us and gave himself for us.—Exchange.

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Fall from Car.

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Signed, EDWARD T. DUDLEY.

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### MISS GOULD AS A GIVER.

Among those women who have come into recent note by careful management of great wealth is Miss Helen Miller Gould, daughter of Jay Gould, and sister-in-law of the late financier, James F. Coakley. Miss Gould's work for the soldiers and sailors of the Spanish War is still fresh in the memory. Much that is unfamiliar regarding her gifts and her methods of giving is told by Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton in the March Dominionist. Miss Gould is one who diffuses generosity, and, therefore, one whose gifts often go unrecalled.

### WHY MILLIONAIRES CAN'T STOP MAKING MONEY.

A dozen of the wealthiest capitalists in the country—men who wield absolute control over immense business enterprises—will tell the readers of The Saturday Evening Post (February 10) why they remain in the race which they have already won.

### IVERS & POND PIANOS.

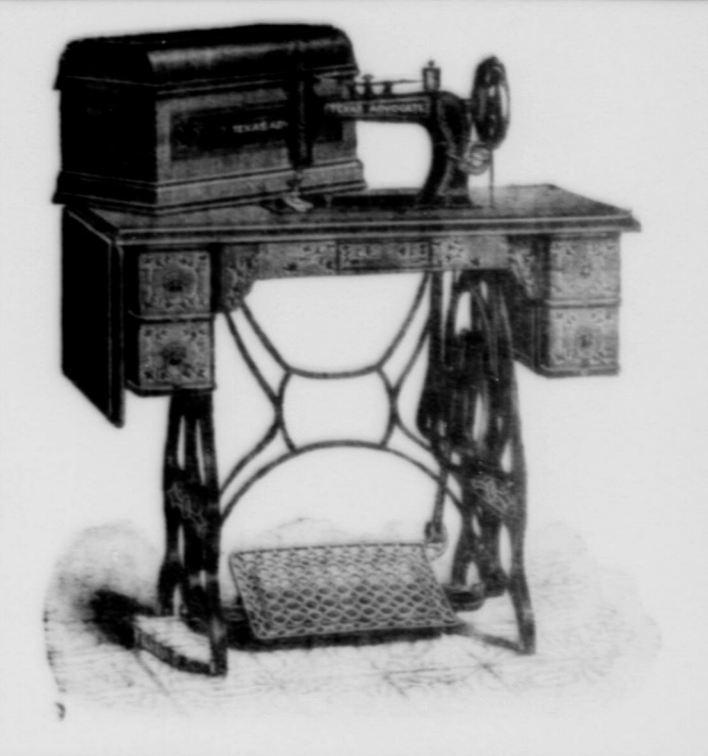
Those of our readers who are thinking of purchasing a piano will do well to refer to the advertisement in another column of the Ivers & Pond Piano Co. Convenient systems of payments place these pianos, which are everywhere recognized as being of the highest grade, practically within the reach of all. Rev. F. E. Clark, President United Society of Christian Endeavor, uses in his home and recommends the Ivers & Pond Piano Catalogue and full information can be obtained by addressing the Ivers & Pond Piano Co., 105 Boylston St., Boston.

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MRS. J. T. HUTCHINS.

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Dear Bro. Blaylock:

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J. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas:

Dear Brother—My wife is much pleased with the sewing machine. We think it equal to any high-priced machine in the market.

J. T. BLAYLOCK.

Hollands, Cal., Jan. 5, 1901.  
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Dear Sir—The Texas Advocate machine came yesterday. Everything in first-class order. Thanking you for your kindness and courtesy, and wishing for you the greatest success, I am sincerely yours,

MRS. M. G. MACKAY.

India, Texas, Jan. 6, 1901.—J. Blaylock, Advocate Office—I received the Advocate machine a few days ago. It was in good condition. I have tried sewing on it. I am well pleased. It does splendid sewing runs very light. I am pleased with the attachments. I like it just as well as the Singer machine, that sells here at \$25 and \$30. I just say it is a splendid machine for \$22.

MRS. MARTHA BOBBITT.

Athens, Texas, June 18, 1900.  
Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas:  
Dear Sir—Have you still the Texas Advocate Machine for sale? I want another if I can get one so good as the one which I got from you about three years ago. It has certainly been faithful, since I am a dressmaker, I have used it almost constantly since I have had it. Please let me hear from you at once.  
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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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—Author Unknown.

A copy has been received of the minutes of the fourteenth annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society, East Texas Conference, held in Pittsburg, Texas, November, 1900. The minutes are arranged in a most complete and systematic manner, in pamphlet form, the contents of which convey much satisfactory information regarding the fine progress being made in the work of home missions by this active Conference Society.

We recommend that at each annual meeting of this body a Conference Reporter be elected, whose duty shall be to furnish items of interest for publication, concerning our conference work, in Our Homes, Texas Christian Advocate and King's Messenger, and also the secular press, as she can obtain access to it, at least once each quarter, and that the auxiliaries be urged to use the local papers more freely and frequently in the interest of our work, publishing announcements of monthly meetings, if nothing more.

We notice that Mrs. G. V. Ridley was elected Conference Reporter, and we shall therefore look to this sister for such items of interest as she may think best to send us for publication in the Woman's Department of our Advocate. Hope we may hear from the Conference Society through her at least quarterly.

We would be glad to see other Conference Societies take such action for if each Conference Society had thus a regularly appointed member whose duty it would be to report items of interest connected with the work (either of the W. H. M. Society or the W. F. M. Society of each conference in our State), then the interests of each Conference Society would be regularly represented, and none would have cause to feel that their interests were not being represented to the extent that might be desired.

The editor of this department of the Texas Christian Advocate will always be glad to receive any such items—and of course has always felt thus—for publication as it was for such purpose that the Woman's Department was opened years ago in our Advocate and she consented at request of the editor-in-chief of the paper, to take charge of that department, hoping thereby to do what good she might be able to advance the interests of the work that the women of our Church in Texas had in charge.

To the Members of the W. H. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference. At this, the beginning of a new century and the approaching close of another fiscal year of our society, it is again my pleasing duty to address you in the form of a circular letter. My object is, first, to communicate, for your encouragement, such facts and data as are not generally known to the membership; and, second, to arouse and stimulate greater zeal and energy in a successful and efficient prosecution of our great home mission work.

1. The report of our Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Flora N. Hey, presented to the last Annual Conference, which convened at Georgetown in November, 1900, shows among many other interesting items, that we had on September 15, 1900, as follows: Number auxiliaries, adult, 198; juvenile auxiliaries, 5. Twenty of these auxiliaries had been organized or revived during the year.

2. The report of our Conference Treasurer, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, also presented to the last Annual Conference of our Church, and incorporated in the minutes of said conference, to which reference is here made, shows as follows:

Total amount of cash from various sources, raised and remitted, up to September 15, 1900 \$ 2,654 19

Total amount raised and expended for other purposes in the bounds of our conference 7,498 85

Grand total \$10,053 04

In addition, said report also shows that from October, 1899, to October, 1900, we donated for the benefit of needy parsonages within the limits of

our own Northwest Texas Conference the sum of \$960.

3. The next annual meeting of our Conference Society will convene in Hillsboro in May prox. Notice of exact date will be given in due time. It is very important and earnestly desired that each and every auxiliary should be represented at this annual meeting. To this end, let each auxiliary elect its best material as delegate. Efforts will be made to secure special rates from the railroads, and it is presumed the usual courtesies will be extended.

4. I invoke renewed zeal, energy and enthusiasm in all our auxiliaries. An active, energetic, general effort from now until our annual meeting in May will enable us to present a consolidated annual report surpassing the results of all previous years.

5. To accomplish this, impress upon all who are delinquent the importance of prompt payment, and especially impress upon your Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries a strict observance of their duties in making prompt and accurate reports.

6. District Secretaries should remember that the important duty of organizing new auxiliaries devolves upon them. Certainly, with but little effort, each and every District Secretary can organize at least one new auxiliary in the bounds of her district.

Mrs. W. H. Purcell of Cleburne, Texas, our former Conference Organizer, will cheerfully respond to calls from other districts to assist in the work of organization of new auxiliaries and the revival of old ones, provided her expenses are paid by those requesting her assistance.

7. At your last regular meeting in this month, new officers for the ensuing fiscal year, beginning March 1, will be elected in all auxiliaries. Your Corresponding Secretary should immediately report to Mrs. Flora N. Hey, Conference Corresponding Secretary, at Waxahachie, the names of officers newly elected, also number of members.

8. In all local and connective efforts, work as a "Home Mission Society." Let us be true to our own organization. In unity of effort there is strength.

9. Remember that the objects of our great organization are threefold: 1. Building and filling parsonages. 2. Educational. 3. City missions. Let every officer and member ask herself the questions: Have I done all that I could? Have I put on the whole armor of God? Am I grieved about by the Spirit of Truth? Am I pressing forward to the mark of my high calling? Am I doing my whole duty? If not, my dear sisters, wake up to a full realization of your grand and noble mission, and in all things may God in his infinite goodness bless and direct you.

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NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

We closed a very delightful session of the Northwest Mexican Conference at El Paso, Texas, Bishop Key presiding. There was a gain of seventy members during the year and good progress along all lines. There was one young man received on trial, one received into full connection and one re-admitted.

We asked that our conference in Mexico be changed from October to January, that the Bishop might spend more time with us, and that the General Conference officers might attend. Dr. Lambuth was the only connectional man with us and he had to go back to Nashville. But for the presence of Bro. Everett, manager of the Branch House at Dallas, we have been left out entirely. The next session goes to Guaymas by the sea. Come over and eat oysters with us.

The following is a list of the appointments:

DURANGO DISTRICT.

R. C. Elliott, Presiding Elder. Durango, American—To be supplied. Durango, Mexican—H. C. Hernandez, Cuenenme—F. Montelongo, supply. Nombre de Dios—M. Estrada, supply. Santiago—F. Paderna, supply.

SONORA DISTRICT.

L. Reynolds, Presiding Elder. Nogales—L. Reynolds and Jose Torres, supply. Phoenix—M. M. Bustamante. Pitiquito—Miguel Narro. Guaymas—W. F. Oglesby. Mazatlan—J. H. Fitzgerald. Culiacan—Jose Bustamante. La Paz, B. C.—To be supplied.

EL PASO DISTRICT.

J. F. Corbin, Presiding Elder. El Paso—E. Quinones. San Pablo—Pedro Vasquez, supply. Chihuahua—Mareos de la Garza. Marfa—Daniel Campa. Berington—Rafael Lopez, supply. Deming—To be supplied.

J. F. CORBIN, El Paso, Texas, Feb. 6.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Feb. 7—R. D. Moon, sub. A. R. Roberts, sub. T. T. Both, sub. A. W. Wilson, sub. J. E. Buck, thank you. G. W. Riley, sub. G. W. Lewis, sub. W. T. Melugin, sub. J. W. Beckham, sub. J. R. Wages, sub. T. H. Hillburn, sub. attention. F. M. Winburne, sub. C. B. Carter, sub. Mattie M. Wright, sub. W. H. Stephenson, sub. Geo. S. Sexton, sub. J. G. Miller, sub. T. P. Turner, sub. S. Richardson, sub. I. M. Fowler, sub. Ellis Smith, sub. Feb. 8—C. C. Davis, sub. B. R. Wagner, sub. N. B. Read, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. J. C. Carter, has attention. R. W. Nations, sub. Feb. 9—B. H. Passmore, sub. J. A. Ruffner, sub. H. T. Hart, sub. W. D. Bradford, sub. Stuart Nelson, has attention. C. E. Simpson, sub. W. H. Harris, sub. J. W. Johnson, sub. Feb. 11—C. G. Shutt, sub. R. S. Holzer, has attention. J. H. Moreland, sub. R. F. Bryant, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. D. H. Hotchkiss, sub. C. J. Oxley, sub. W. F. Bryan, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. C. C. Davis, trial sub. M. H. Neely, sub. S. C. Littlepage, sub. G. W. Kinchell, sub. Feb. 12—J. L. Kennedy, sub. J. D. Young, sub. A. C. Biggs, sub. C. S. McCarver, sub. M. W. Clark, sub. A. T.

Culbertson, sub. F. M. Winburne, sub; 2 cards. J. W. Timber, sub. Feb. 13—J. B. Loker, sub. J. R. B. Hall, sub. S. W. Turner, has attention. J. A. King, sub. G. D. Wilson, sub. J. E. Short, sub. A. F. Hendrix, has attention. E. Hightower, sub. J. J. Callaway, sub. B. A. Snoddy, samples sent. J. W. Mills, sub.

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For war is the surest way for this nation to maintain peace. That is the opinion of the wisest statesmen. It is equally true that to be prepared for spring is the best way to avoid the peculiar dangers of the season. This is a lesson multitudes are learning, and at this time, when the blood is sure to be loaded with impurities and to be weak and sluggish, the millions begin to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, expels all disease germs, creates a good appetite, gives strength and energy and puts the whole system in a healthy condition, preventing pneumonia, fevers, and other dangerous diseases which are liable to attack a weakened system.

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Tyler District—Second Round. Golden, at Golden, March 2, 3; Minocla, at Minocla, March 2, 3; Wills Point mts, at Palmer Grove, March 5, 10; Wills Point sta, March 10, 11; Tyler cir, at Center, March 10, 11; Cedar Street and St. Paul, at St. Paul, March 23, 24; Lisdale cir, at Mt. Sylvan, March 29, 31; Emory cir, at Sabine Pass, April 5, 7; Grand Saline, at Antioch, April 12; Canton, at Wesley Chapel, April 13, 14; Malchoff, at Oakland, April 20, 21; Abena sta, April 28, 29; Will send rest of round when the first is complete. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round. Haskell sta, Friday night and Sunday day night, March 1, 2; Haskell cir, at Fair View, Sat., Sun., March 2, 3; Benjamin, at H., Sat., Sun., March 5, 10; Crowell, at Margaret, Tues., March 12; Granite, at G., Sat., Sun., March 16, 17; Willow Vale, at W. V., Tues., March 19; Eldorado, at Cowen, Thurs., March 21; Mangum, Sat., Sun., March 23, 24; Paducah, at Gypsum, Sat., Sun., March 24, 25; Quanah, Fri. 7:30 p. m., Sun. 7:30 p. m., April 5, 7; Chillicothe, Mon. night, Tues., April 8, 9; Childress, at Carey, Sat., Sun., April 13, 14; Round Timbers, Thurs., April 18; Grove, at Monday, Sat., Sun., April 20, 21; Georgetown, Mon. 7:30 p. m., April 22; Vernon, Sat., Sun., April 27, 28; Navajoe, at Navajoe, Fri., May 2; Altus, Sat., Sun., May 4, 5; Harold, at Wesley's Chapel, Sat., Sun., May 11, 12; Throckmorton, Sat., Sun., May 18, 19; District Conference at Chillicothe, June 26, at 8 p. m. J. H. Wiseman, P. E.

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## A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

We modestly suggested a few weeks since to the young presiding elder how to get a more numerous local preacher. We want to tell you now how to manage a timid presiding elder. The same good usage will apply as well to the pastor and make him your life-long, bosom friend.

You should not wait until near the end of his first year on your circuit to make his acquaintance, but make it a settled purpose to attend his first appointment at your place of worship. Do not take a back seat in the church as if you wished to avoid observation, and had no part nor interest in what was going on in the congregation; but take your place in the front of the line as near the preacher as possible, look him steadily in the face, hear every word he says, and when you feel like it, be free to respond with the old-fashioned orthodox amen. That will help to stimulate the preacher to greater enthusiasm and enhance your own liberty of speech, if you should be called to assist in the conclusion of the service.

When the benediction has been pronounced, you should not stand back and wait to see whether any one will introduce you as the Rev. George Washington Smith, but go right along, if possible the first one to greet him, and introduce yourself and bid him a hearty welcome and invite him to accept the hospitality of your home at his own pleasure, at any time, but especially just then to go with you to dinner or to spend the night, as the case may be. If he have an outstanding engagement to go with some one else at that time, then invite him to come the next day or to agree upon another time to visit your family—show him that you are in earnest. When you once get him into your house, the wife will attend to the rest of the program. You see that the Bible is in the right place on the center table; call in all the children, have the preacher to pray for you and all your household before he leaves. When he has gone, he will be in love with you, and you will feel like a new man. The next time he comes around to your church, he will think of the past and look about for you, and will feel disappointed if you are absent.

You owe it to yourself, to your family, to the Church as well as to the preacher, not merely as a matter of policy, but as an indispensable duty growing out of your official relations to your pastors.

If you follow our counsel, you will have the presiding elder and the pastor as well bound to you as with a golden cordage, never to be broken.

There is more truth in the old adage that the nearest way to a man's heart is through his appetite than we are willing at all times to admit. We are now frank to confess that we have never forgotten the family that slaughtered the fat turkey the first time we visited that home.

Some one over in the forks of the creeks is anxious to know if this writer is craving a place in the constitution to the next General Conference. Well, now to be the smallest man among the forty-seven local preachers to which our brotherhood is by law entitled on the floor of that august body, composed of the grand men heretofore described in these papers, would be the crowning ambition of his ministerial career; but to be the only one

of his class, from all the seven Annual Conferences in Texas, or one of all the forty-seven of our whole connection, or even one of about one-fourth of all, as was the case at the last session of the Dallas District Conference, would be too lonesome to be endured. From the embarrassment these conditions would occasion, we prefer rather to be delivered. But then, we need none of us pray to escape that dilemma; for unless there shall be a general awakening to our opportunities there will not be enough of us in attendance at the Annual Conference to elect one of our number, or at best a sufficient number to command any influence in that congress of our Church. We had the honor to be elected a delegate twice in the last few years to the Annual Conference, but we were so "low and far between" that we could not get even a second to a resolution we deemed of great importance to the superannuated itinerant preachers. There may have been another local preacher in the conference at the time, but if there was, he failed to show himself on that occasion.

It is only a little more than one year till the meeting of the next session of our General Conference. That meeting is expected to take place in Dallas. If we are alive at that time, we expect to be there in some capacity, either as a spectator, a lobby member, or the representative of some newspaper if not as a representative of our class. At any rate, we will be about; still keeping up this same local preacher racket.

The local preacher who sits around the front door of some storehouse on a goodsbox, reading the political columns of a secular newspaper while the District Conference is going on not a mile away, must not expect to be elected a delegate to the Annual Conference. He need not be at a loss to know why the people do not crave his services in the pulpit, nor should he be surprised to find that he is almost forgotten as a preacher in the community in which he lives.

We made one mistake in our statistics in our last issue, which we wish to correct. We wrote the number of local preachers in Dallas District twenty-eight, when in truth it should have been twenty-three.

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## NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE MISSIONARY RALLY.

The North Texas Conference Board of Missions will hold a mid-year meeting on Friday at Whiteoak, May 22-23. We have provided for the following constituency: The Conference Missionary Board, the presiding elders, two lay delegates from each district, same to be designated by the respective presiding elders, the men serving the missions in the conference, and the President and corresponding secretary of each of the women's missionary societies of the conference. Besides these, there is a general invitation to the presence of the conference. Such an arrangement will doubtless bring together a large and representative gathering. Those who go to the New Orleans conference will have just returned, and the here there kindred will have opportunity to catch and spread over the entire conference. Let every one included in the roll be sure to go if possible. The committee selected Whiteoak because it is central, accessible, and every other way suitable for such a gathering. The people there are glad to have the meeting, and their hospitality has no bounds. Dr. Neely and his people are expecting something first-class, and the committee is determined not to disappoint them.

The program will appear in a week or two, and will speak for itself. We have done our best, and think when you see the program you will be pleased with it. Am sorry I can not furnish it now, but there are two items to be supplied by the ladies, and they have not yet sent them in, but will in a few days. R. C. HICKS, Sec'y Board Missions, N. T. C.

## Notes From the Field.

### EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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parsonage. A new cook stove at a cost of \$17.50 and a bedstead, springs and mattress \$12.50. Besides we have a subscription of several dollars to ceil the dining-room and repair fence about the parsonage. The ladies, assisted by the pastor, have undertaken to put new seats in our church at Beckville and have in cash and good subscription \$101 as a beginning. This means that the ladies are determined and that the work will be done. The first Quarterly Conference for this year was held here February 2 with Bro. C. R. Lamar, presiding elder, in the chair. I have served under six presiding elders during my itinerant ministry, but never served under one who looked after all the interests of the Church and the pastor more diligently and conscientiously than he. His sermons were up to the high-water mark, full of scriptural truth and sound logic, and were listened to by intelligent and appreciative audiences. The stewards assessed the pastor's salary at \$600; paid, \$181.25; presiding elder, \$21.35; preacher in charge, \$109.99. The best report ever made by the stewards of this circuit at the first Quarterly Conference. Our stewards love the Church, fear God, and look after the temporal needs of the pastor and his family. We have one Church on the work whose stewards have made it a rule for several years past to pay at each Quarterly Conference one-fourth of their assessment for the support of the ministry. This Church is Ebenezer, and the stewards are D. Mershall and J. M. Copeland. The last two years they have increased their assessment \$10 or \$20, and at the first Quarterly Conference this year they raised their assessment from \$100 to \$105 and paid \$10 of the amount. I write all this because this Church is as near a model Church as any one I ever saw, and because Bro. J. M. Copeland is nearest a model steward of any one I ever saw. All my people who take the Texas Christian Advocate are delighted with it, and are the warmest friends of the pastor and of the Church.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### ROCKDALE.

J. B. Sears, Feb. 3: We were read out for Rockdale on the 10th of December, and on the 16th we arrived in that town. We met with a cordial reception, and the people have made it usual for us ever since. We have now come to believe their normal state is one of great kindness and cordiality. They have done all that could be expected to encourage the preacher and his family, and the prospect for a good year is flattering. The stewards made liberal provision for the pastor's support, and that ubiquitous "pounding" put in an appearance and reinforced the parsonage fund. With good attendance at preaching service, with a League that is increasing almost every week and a growing Sunday-school, why should we not have a good year at Rockdale? May this and every other charge in Texas enjoy a degree of prosperity never before attained.

#### PRAIRIE PLAINS.

J. A. Grimes, Feb. 3: We have just completed our first round. Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 25 at Johnson's Chapel. Our new presiding elder was on hand in full force—up to all business as an official and a power in the pulpit. Stewards made a fine report, considering. The stewards assessment for preacher was very liberal. We had as good people here as we ever met anywhere. We arrived at the parsonage on the night of the 26th of December. We were met by Bro. Fowlie and wife, who gave us a nice supper, and on the next day the good people of Bay's Chapel gave us a liberal pounding, for which we feel very thankful. We have five appointments; small congregations, Methodists of the highest type—loyal to the Church and awake to its interests. We are praying and hoping for a good year. My predecessor, J. C. Moore, will linger long in the hearts of this people. He hath wrought a good work. All good people like their preacher. I pray God's blessings to be with me and this people this year in the salvation of many souls.

### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### SHERMAN STREET—SAN ANTONIO.

S. B. Beall, Feb. 7: At the beginning of this conference year there was a deficit of \$285.70 on a long-standing indebtedness on Sherman Street Church property. On Dec. 15, 1900, every dollar of this amount was paid to the party holding the note. On Jan. 1, 1901, a new and neat four-room parsonage was ready for the preacher. This, with a nice fence around church and dwelling, adds much to the appear-

ance of our property, and greatly augments the happiness of the occupants. The ladies deserve special mention for their untiring effort to add beauty and comfort to our home. Forty-one additions to the roll of membership, and a fresh interest awakened in many in Zion's behalf here in this part of God's heritage. Our faith is in God.

#### BANDERA AND MEDINA.

M. K. Fred, Feb. 6: We are now in the second quarter of our second year at this place, and "feel that it is good to be here." Since conference we have put a new roof on our church at Bandera and superannuated the old bell that hung in the oak, and a most excellent new bell takes its place in a magnificent new belfry. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Our presiding elder was with us and preached four excellent sermons. Our stewards raised our salary above what it was last year, made a good report, and at this time have paid nearly one-fourth of the whole. We got our pounding in broken doses, and the end is not yet. Our people are intelligent, religious and loyal, and it is a pleasure to serve them. Bro. J. C. Mickle, a veteran of the Texas Conference, is in our midst for this year, if not longer, and this people hold him in high esteem, because his sermons are eminently spiritual and freighted with excellent thought. With the present outlook, we are hopeful of a profitable year along all lines.

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## A SUNDAY The Storm After

Last Friday night I over the Santa Fe, for a veston, the city by a storm, objects in making one to spend a Sunday with down there and to look a tion with reference to Church building. This sight of the place since storm devastated its hor- tember. When we reach- an to see many remind- ful calamity, though five- passed by since it oc- there on till we reached sorts of wreckage was a broadcast along the road prairies. The most of the either propped up with in in course of reconstruct- them were piled up like kindling-wood. On the we approached, the shor- bare and the surface of looked like the plow-shar- quake had passed thro- temporary structures, of sions, had taken the pla- City that once graced the location. No sign of it except workmen busily c- ing away debris. Pass- and freight cars were promiscuously where le- left them. The four- spanned the bay the last there are piled pell-mell from one side to the o- them has been repaired railroads use it in reme- The great iron bridge of the county has disappear- the sea had devoured it. It passed the middle of the stands high out of the English grain steamer through these bridges around the night of that tropic. All these signs symptoms of the real sea on the island. From shore to the depot the destruction began to me. Dr. Seth Ward met angry we began to die. Near the depot a principal streets the rail practically removed and business structures irregular intervals are bricks and broken lambs there to tell the story of destruction. As we approach portion of the city we believe our eyes, and entered the storm districts. Lives lost their meaning, set an adequate idea scribble visitation from accounts. It simply be- lieves. To appreciate it look upon it with your gaze in silent wonder- tions. How any human known only to God. As can follow the track of and down the gulf shore wreckage of splinters, br and tattered clothing. S