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## EDITORIAL.

### EXPERIENCE AS AN ELEMENT IN PREACHING.

A definite and clean-cut experience in the heart of the preacher that God for Christ's sake has forgiven his sins, regenerated his heart and adopted him into the heavenly family, is a fundamental element in his call to the ministry. Without this he is utterly unfit to enter the pulpit and attempt to expound the Word of God to the people. He can not substitute this experience with anything else. No sort of scholastic training, no extent of literary attainment and no amount of eloquence can compensate for its absence in the heart of the preacher. He must be a genuinely converted man and in unmistakable possession of the evidences of the witness of the Spirit. With this great principle of religion permanently fixed in his personal consciousness, then his scholastic and literary training will stand him in hand to good advantage; but there will never come a time when he can afford to neglect his own experience of grace as a sinner saved from the power and dominion of sin. This experience needs to grow with his growth and increase with his years.

In the preaching of the Word, experience is an element not to be overlooked. It has its place in the preparation and delivery of the sermon. It naturally breathes itself into the thoughts and words of the preachers, and gives a flavor and a perfume to the whole spirit of the discourse. And at times it can be made to express itself in such a definite way as to carry wonderful force and point to the hearts of an audience. Paul frequently drew upon his rich experience when facing a special issue as a preacher of the gospel. Wesley often interwove his experiences of grace into his great sermons, and preached them with marvelous power. The old Methodist preachers never failed to make God's dealings with their hearts a prominent part of the messages to the people. This is perfectly natural, for when we have thoroughly tested the efficacy of God's truth in our own experiences and have become the subjects of its saving power, then we are prepared to tell with perfect confidence that truth to those whom we are trying to save. It becomes to us a verity, and we can preach it, not as tentative truth, but as the power of God unto salvation. It has saved us, and we know that it is capable of saving others. Then, when we have carried this experience further and put the promises of God to the test and gotten comfort and strength out of them in the day of trial, we are authorized by that sort of realization to make capital use of them as a means of comfort and strength to those who are in like condition. We learn from experience that these promises are yea and amen, and we can commend them to the sorrowing and the afflicted as a sure panacea for grief, disappointment and misfortune. With the great apostle we can say, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." In this sort of knowledge there is not one element

of doubt or misgiving. There is something positive and dogmatic about it. Our modern preaching needs to embody more of this personal experience in its apprehension of truth and in the delivery of this truth to those who sit under our ministrations. It will impart spiritual vitality to the sermon, earnestness to the preacher and Holy Ghost power to the people. Therefore, it is of the greatest importance that our preachers nourish their experiences of grace and keep themselves alive to the fact that God is daily dealing most graciously with their hearts and bringing them into larger and higher attainments in spiritual things, and then they will have an unending source of present help in their efforts to preach the gospel to mankind.

### THE VALUE OF THE MINISTRY TO SOCIETY.

Ministers of the gospel are among the most useful class of men in the community. In the early settlement of the country they went hand in hand with the pioneers, and did their part in blazing out the way along which Christian civilization afterwards traveled. In that formative period, when laws were lax, they inculcated good moral and religious teachings and brought the people under the influence of the one great law of righteousness. They conducted extensive protracted meetings, in which bad men were led to repentance and were changed into good citizens; their children were brought into Sunday-schools, and brotherly love promoted in the several neighborhoods. The result of their work was crystallized into Church organizations, institutions of learning and deeds of systematic benevolence. And the moral condition of the country to-day, in so far as its trend is upward and onward, is due to the self-sacrificing labors of the faithful ministers of the gospel. They sowed the seeds that have in turn produced the fruit. And their work is still the dominant factor in the moral and religious development of the people. On Sunday every community is vocal with the enunciation of truths that tend to restrain vice and promote virtue. One of the wickedest men we ever knew, and who made it his business to abuse preachers and defy Churches, privately said to us one day: "I have no use for you preachers and I give nothing to your Churches, but at the same time I would not permit my family to live in a community where there were no preachers or Churches. You do teach the highest form of civilization that exists in the world, but you mix up so much fanaticism with your work, that personally I can have nothing to do with you." The fact is, he was a liquor dealer and the preachers were in direct antagonism with his medium for money-making. Yet he had to acknowledge the intrinsic value of the ministry to the moral weal of the community. Preachers have to bear this sort of opposition; often they are ridiculed; frequently they are referred to with sneers and contempt, and now and then they are bitterly opposed, particularly if they put themselves directly in the way of vice and immorality. Yet there is no community in all of this land that would

dispose with their presence and say, "We are worth more to the world than your preaching." Judges, the police, jails and courts, all owe their work and maintenance to the officers and civil institutions that enforce laws and establish peace and order among men. When they touch the living gospel, their work reforms society, wife judges and their jails and prisons can only restrain the evil passions of mankind. Therefore, you can not take the number of sermons a minister preaches, the rights that he makes and the money that he attends and by these outside things value the worth of such a man to a given community; but you will have to take the moral texture of the characters of the people who make up that community, see their aims of truth and virtuously obedient righteousness, the deeds of mercy, their brotherly love one toward another, the good literature that they read and their respect for law and order, and by these things form some sort of estimate as to what the ministry are doing for the welfare of humanity. Let no preacher then underestimate his real value to the community where he lives and labors. If he does his full duty unconspicuously, he is the first man in importance in the progress of that community.

### THE FIENDS WHO BURNED PATE BAIN.

Some time back we noticed in the Advocate the burning of Pate Bain in this city. It occurred on Elm Street, in one of the leading bar-rooms licensed by the city, the county and the State to sell liquor. The poor victim went into this place, paid for drinks, settled down by the stove in a chair, and dropped off into a sound sleep. Directly cries were heard in the saloon, and when the policeman rushed in they found him in flames from head to foot, and by the time the fire was extinguished he was burned to a crisp. He lingered for a few hours in mortal agony and expired. Five men were arrested for the crime and placed in jail. Two of them, who happened to be in the bar-room at the time but took no active part in the affair, turned State's evidence, and in due time the proprietor of the place, his bar-tender and a hanger-around the place were brought to trial. They applied for a change of venue, but his Honor Judge Clint, after an investigation, decided that they had to face the consequences of their inhuman crime in the courts of the county where they had committed the offense. The man Renner was first tried. In the evidence that was adduced it was proved that those savage beasts got Bain under the influence of liquor, stole his money, his shoes and his hat, and then, to cover up those thefts, they poured turpentine and gasoline over him and set him on fire. Renner procured some of these materials for the holocaust. He was sent to the penitentiary for life for his part in the performance. Chapman, the proprietor, was the next one put on trial. He poured the materials over his victim and set fire to him, but when he saw the result of his deviltry, he used some exertion to put out the fire. He was also given a life sentence. Then

John Walker, the bar-tender, was sent to the penitentiary for life for his part in the performance. The third man was the hanger-around, who was also sent to the penitentiary for life for his part in the performance. The fourth man was the bar-tender, who was also sent to the penitentiary for life for his part in the performance. The fifth man was the proprietor, who was also sent to the penitentiary for life for his part in the performance. The result is that one man was burned alive, his wife a widow and his children left fatherless, while the State has spent thousands of dollars to support the murderers of their country. Two of them go to prison and live at the expense of the State, and the other is to be taken out of the same State that protected him in this business and hanged by the neck till he is dead. This is a wonderful punishment. It actually forces the citizens to do a business that leads to nine-tenths of the crimes that are committed, and then when they are brought to trial it sends them to the penitentiary for life in some instances and in others orders the Sheriff to "break their necks."

### KEEP SWEET.

Blessed is he that keeps sweet. There is much in this life to vex, perplex and annoy. The world, the flesh and the devil have to be contended with and overcome. Unreasonably men find fault, misconstrue motives and act and falsely accuse. Evil-minded men watch for opportunities to insult, reproach upon and drag down their more successful because more worthy fellow-men. All this they do to our Lord; why should they do so to the same to us? But, Lord, keep me sweet. His grace in the soul exerts a refining, sweetening influence, and purports its possessor from becoming sour. His grace is sufficient. "Blessed are you in days of mourning, for" "S is a full name of a man's grace. No one likes a sour man. All can not even like himself, he will rather be sweet than sour. When the day is the wrong day, be sweet. How wonderfully a good source of the sweetening grace of Christ, who is with such a smile."

John Walker's real name was written on him, when he was in prison. Would you judge the lawfulness or righteousness of a measure like this one? Whatever weakens your vision, lessens the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things, whatever lessens the authority of your body over your mind, that thing to you is sin.

## DANGER OF APOSTASY.

BY REV. W. H. HUGHES.

No. 3.

We have now, in a very cursory way, gone through the four gospels, which record what Jesus Christ said and taught upon this very vital doctrine before his crucifixion. As Jesus Christ is the greatest of all teachers, and the infallible authority on this subject, we continue to inquire what he taught after his resurrection. Christ did not cease to instruct his people after his passion. His doctrine after his glorification will be in perfect harmony with what he preached during his incarnation. In the second and third chapters of the Book of Revelation, he addresses short epistles to each of the seven Churches in Asia, through St. John. Remember that he is here, as in the sermon on the mount, talking alone to his own people. He said to John: "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter." Now let us learn, while he addresses each Church by name, telling what they are now and what they may expect in the judgment.

1. The first epistle is addressed to the Church of Ephesus. After approving the good which was in it, he uses these words: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember, therefore, from whence thou hast fallen, and repent, and do thy first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent." He then here, as he does in every epistle, tells them how they may be finally saved. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Here he teaches us that a Christian can fall from his first love, and that he may repent and be restored, or if he repent not, God will remove his candlestick and leave him in outer darkness.

2. And to the angel of the Church in Smyrna I write: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." The escape from the second death, as well as obtaining the crown of life, is conditioned upon faithfulness unto death.

3. To the angel of the Church in Pergamos I write: "Repent, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against thee with the sword of my mouth. To him that overcometh I will give to eat of the hidden manna."

4. And unto the Church in Thyatira I write: "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach, and seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. . . . and will kill her children with death, and all the Churches shall know that I am he that searcheth the reins and hearts, and will give unto every one of you according to your works. He that overcometh and keepeth my words unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations."

Here Christ explains what he means by the word "overcometh," which he uses to every Church: "He that overcometh and keepeth my word to the end I will give power." Final salvation is promised only to the man who endureth to the end.

5. And unto the Church in Sardis I write: "I know thy works, that thou hast a name, that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life." Here it is clear that the Saviour would have the members of the Church at Sardis strengthen the things which remain, that were ready to die. He then tells them: "He that overcometh I will not blot his name out of the book of life." This is equal to saying their names were then written in the book of life, and that he would blot them out, unless they were watchful and strengthened the things which remained, and that were ready to die.

Therefore, Christ teaches us that it is possible for our names, after they are recorded in the book of life, to be blotted out. Can any unprejudiced man deny the logic or scripturalness of this conclusion?

6. And unto the Church in Philadelphia I write: "Because thou hast kept the words of my patience, I will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast

which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God."

Why exhort them to hold that fast which they had, if they could not let go? And is it possible that another can take thy crown?

7. And to the Church of the Laodiceans I write: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot, I would thou wert cold or hot. So, then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. To him that overcometh will I give to sit with me in my throne."

Those people had suffered their love to God to cool down and were in a state of indifference, which is nauseating to God, and he says: "I will spew thee out of my mouth." Thus they are ejected from God's affections.

Thus far we have confined our investigations to what the New Testament tells us Christ taught on this doctrine, both before and after his glorification.

We have seen, he taught us, that even the apostles might become as salt which had lost its saltiness, and was therefore good for nothing but to be cast out, as was Judas. That the light which was in them might become darkness, and, like the foolish virgins, they might be shut out of the marriage feast or heaven. That their right hand, or right eye, sins may cause them so to offend that they would be cast into hell, where their worm dieth not and their fire is not quenched. He tells us in the parable of the sower that some received the word with joy and believed for a while, but in the time of temptation fell away, and brought forth no fruit; and that a certain servant received his lord's money and hid it in the ground, and he was cast into outer darkness. He taught us that when the unclean spirit is gone out of a man's heart, and he suffers it to be emptied of the grace of God, the evil spirit takes seven other spirits more wicked than himself and returns into the heart out of which he had been cast, and the last state of that man was worse than the first.

He tells us, from that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him. He says many branches in me, and clean through his word, were taken away and burned.

And after his resurrection he said to the Churches, some had fallen from their first love, and if they did not repent he would remove their candlestick out of its place. He says a certain woman seduced his servants to commit fornication. He tells the Church at Laodicea he will spew them out of his mouth.

If a Christian cannot fall, why does Christ repeat to every one of the Churches, he that "overcometh" shall be finally blessed?

If a Christian's name can not be blotted out of the book of life, why does the Saviour say to the Church of Sardis: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life?"

With this brief recapitulation, we submit the personal teaching of our Lord on this vital doctrine.

We therefore conclude, if Christ did not intend to teach the possibility of total and final apostasy, he was certainly most unfortunate in the selection of his words, as well as in the figures he used in illustrating Christian life, and the conditions upon which he is to reach heaven.

## THE PERSONAL STUDY OF JESUS.

To be Christ-like is to imitate him. To imitate him is to have his spirit, acquired, in part, by a careful, diligent and prayerful study of all that enters into his life and character, "the man Christ Jesus."

But many have said, in their hearts, at least, "how can we study one who is so infinitely above us?" To clear away some of the difficulties in the personal study of Jesus, we are prompted to offer a few suggestions; and our first proposition is:

Animal nature is far more difficult to comprehend than human nature.

We know next to nothing of instinct, except that it is an implanted force prompting and guiding a free animal in the pursuit of its well-being. What we learn by long experience and tedious processes of reasoning the animal knows by intuition. Instinct cannot be educated or improved. The bird built its nest in the first attempt as perfectly as after a decade of spring-times.

Animals are speechless; or, if they have a language of articulate sounds and intelligible signs, it is known to them only. It is recently announced that a distinguished naturalist has interpreted enough of the speech of apes to be able to converse with them. But whether he has learned theirs or

taught them one of his designing remnants to be seen.

How often have we been thrilled with the mute, appealing look of a dog or of a faithful horse. Who has ever penetrated the depths of that love which tears a dog from the society and companionship of its kind to follow his roving master, and finally starve by his dead body, or to perish on his lonely grave. Such affection in animals mounts into the mystery of the sublime where man cannot penetrate. It has but few parallels among human beings.

We speak of them as dumb brutes—speechless they are; but could they speak, what strange tales would they disclose. How great their intelligence he alone knows who made them.

One of the profoundest mysteries of animal nature is the absence of moral sense to restrain and guide. That they are capable of affection is undoubted; that they should answer so admirably the ends of their being when man with moral sense and superior intelligence so signally fails, is indeed a mystery.

Their embodiment of human characteristics led the Egyptians to worship them. Indeed, Egyptian worship was chiefly zoolatry. Hegel, in his Philosophy of History, says:

"To us zoolatry is repulsive. We may reconcile ourselves to the adoration of the material heaven, but the worship of brutes is alien to us—yet it is certain that the nations who worship the sun and stars by no means occupy a higher grade than those who adore brutes, but contrarywise; for in the brute world the Egyptians contemplated a hidden and incomprehensible principle. We also, when we contemplate the life and action of brutes, are astonished at their instinct—the adaptation of their movements to the object intended for they are exceedingly quick and discerning in pursuing the ends of their existence, while they are at the same time silent and shut up within themselves. We cannot make out what it is that 'possesses' these creatures and cannot rely on them. A man cannot by imagination or conception enter into the nature of a dog, whatever resemblance he himself might have to it; it remains something altogether alien to him."

Some of the pyramids of Egypt contained alabaster coffins filled with the bones of the sacred ox. An insurrection ensued in Alexandria on the killing of a cat by a Roman. They allowed human beings to perish by famine while they built hospitals for dogs. Some of our anti-vivisectionists would almost emulate their example.

The Egyptians had thousands of images with representations of human bodies and heads of beasts and birds—sometimes animal bodies and human heads. Such is the Sphinx—a two-faced monster, the prototype. It would seem, of certain forms of modern men.

These few natural and historical allusions will serve to show the mysteriousness of animal being.

Our second proposition, may, at first blush, seem as untrue as the first, viz.:

The lower the man in the scale of being the harder he is to be understood. On a little reflection the reason is obvious. Such an one is controlled less by judgment and reason than by impulse and passion. Reason is calm, deliberate, comprehensible. Passion and impulse are headlong, lawless and mysterious.

In such, instinct is more dominant, as in the brute creation. As reason mounts the throne instinct fails.

The lower the man in the scale of being the less is his command of the finer speech of refined thought and cultured feeling. He cannot express himself, except, perhaps under the influence of oratorical effort; for oratory is essentially barbaric. The lower grades of men are subjects of prejudice—judgment before evidence—due to lack of breadth and a sense of equal justice. Religion and morality exercise but weak restraint over passion and prejudice which frequently lead to lynching and vengeance crueler by far than the crime they seek to avenge.

Great spirits accomplish great things with ease that is refreshing to the sociological student and is comparatively easy of comprehension. When General U. S. Grant was congratulated, after the war, on the position of his army about Vicksburg, his reply was:

"O, that was easy enough. Any one could have done that." So it seemed to him.

Perfection of language, such as characterizes the Greek, and such as the English is fast attaining, gives free expression to thought and feeling, resulting in broad culture, which

masses men; for they understand each other. Such massing of men is mightier than ethnic forces, because they speak a common language of interest, thought and feeling—because they understand and trust each other.

It is therefore plain to be seen how science, art, religion and literature bind men together so that guns, navies and armies cannot separate them. It was this spirit that maintained peace between England and the United States during the Venezuelan controversy. It is to this that our heart turns in hope of universal peace, more than to all other agencies. The cultured man is not mysterious.

This brings us to our third proposition, which, though you may not have thought of it, will appear to you to be true, on reflection.

Jesus stands at the apex of being—the summit of created existence, and is more within the scope of our study and comprehension than any other man. Not that we can fully comprehend him as man; and none will claim that as God he is at all within the scope of our understanding. "Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh."

Sin is the complicating factor in fallen human nature. It obscures, confuses, beclouds and misleads all. And none but God can comprehend the sinner; he is a mystery to him self.

There was no disguise in the nature of Jesus—no antitheses—antagonism—cross-purposes or sinful conflicts. His disposition and habits were transparent as air, the medium of vision. To look into his face was like looking into the depths of a placid stream.

His power of expression of thought and feeling has been the marvel of the world for near two thousand years.

"Never man spake like this man." "The common people heard him gladly." They could understand him. So can we. Jesus is the least mysterious human being that ever trod the earth. It is our province to study him. He is within the compass of cultured, refined thought. Studying, we may imitate him, being transformed, more and more, to his image and likeness.

"Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his."

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La Grange, Texas.

## FLASHES FROM MY FLINT MILL.

As a man reads, so thinks he.

The man who gets close to God can get close to men.

Any work is honorable that is done by an honorable man.

An idiot may put out the flame of life, but only a God can kindle it.

The gospel, like electricity, is full of power, but it works through a medium.

Religion without education is the sending of a man to take a fort with his fists.

Intellectual equipment is the sword with which I fought the battles of life, and religion is my shield.

Education without religion is the entrusting of a gallant ship to the mercy of the waves without either compass or rudder.

Selfishness is the greatest kingdom in the world. Ego mounts the throne and demands homage of all "that is in heaven above, and that is in the earth beneath, and that is in the water under the earth."

A. H. BEZZO  
Stockdale, Texas.

## IN TENNESSEE

People Know Something About Coffee.

A little woman in Rita, Tenn., ran up from 110 pounds to 135 pounds in a few months by leaving off coffee and taking up Postum Food Coffee. She had been sick for a long time; subject to headaches and a general nervous condition, with stomach trouble, caused by coffee drinking, and when she left it off and took on Postum Food Coffee she made the change that cured her and fattened her quickly. She says: "I can now do as much work in a day as I want to, have no more headaches, and feel like a new person."

People comment on how well I look and want to know what I am doing. I always say, "drinking Postum Food Coffee."

My husband has been cured of rheumatism by leaving off coffee and using Postum, and his mother, who was always troubled after drinking coffee, has abandoned it altogether and now uses Postum three times a day. She sleeps sound and says she never expects to taste coffee any more." Mrs. L. M. Edmondson, Rita, Tenn.

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ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

Pilgrimage Among People and Preachers—In Their Homes.

In one of the comfortable chair cars of the Cotton Belt, I left Mt. Pleasant (after "winding up" at Pittsburg), having enjoyed the kindly hospitality of the beautiful home of Bro. and Sister Fitzpatrick, at Mt. Pleasant, and landed in Mt. Vernon a little sooner than Bro. Morrow looked for the train. When he got home I was already at the parsonage enjoying that welcome and "make-yourself-at-home" feeling one never experiences more genuinely than in a Methodist parsonage. Sister Morrow and the children made me feel that I was indeed welcome as the representative of the Advocate. Bro. Morrow has a good charge—five other preaching places besides Mt. Vernon, the county seat of Franklin County. Our church at Mt. Vernon is a pleasant surprise to a visitor—made in the form of a Greek cross, with high ceiling, ample windows, and large and roomy. It would do credit to a town of two or three times the population of Mt. Vernon. And Bro. Morrow is held in highest esteem by the entire community and in all that section, and is much loved by his people. I predict for his charge full reports and much progress this year. He announced preaching Thursday night, and I never faced a more attentive congregation. We visited many families in town, and went out in the country among his members seeking to put the Advocate in Methodist homes where it did not go—and succeeded in almost every case. And I found out the secret of the prosperity of Franklin County, and why Mt. Vernon grows so rapidly. The farmers "live at home"—that is, they raise their own meat, bread, fruits, feed, vegetables, etc. I had the pleasure of being entertained in the homes of Bros. Clifton, Porter, Thurston, Jackson, and Anthony Johnson, north of town. They live well, and feel thankful for the year of great prosperity they have enjoyed. Sister Johnson gave me a recipe which I think will prove valuable in many Texas homes—for putting up ham: She salts her hams until they are moderately salted, then slices them as if to fry for the table, and rolls the slices in flour (though this may be omitted), then fries just barely done. She then packs the slices in stone jars as you would fruit, and pours over them the grease in which they are fried, adding enough melted lard to cover them. She seals the jars up and puts them away. In the summer when used the meat will be found sweeter and more toothsome than any ham put up in any other way, she says, and will be just done right when fried or broiled in warming over for the table. Bro. Burns, in addition to raising corn, cotton, meat, etc., on his magnificent farm, raised over 1000 gallons of cane syrup, selling the surplus and using the balance at home. Most of the farmers in this section make their own molasses from the ribbon cane—better than even maple syrup. Franklin County is rich in a productive diversity of soils, from black land to chocolate, red and sandy loam, to the richest alluvials along the creek bottoms.

Bro. Morrow is fortunate in his official board, having at each of his appointments men who endeavor to look after all the interests of the Church committed to their especial oversight. Bro. Little, at Center Point, has already raised and paid the preacher the quarterage of that Church for the entire year. As might be inferred, Bro. Little is what modern folks call a "hustler," in business as well as in Church affairs. He is in charge of a large farm north of town as manager for the owners, who want to make a contract to insure his staying for a long term of years.

The congregation to which I preached out there Monday night was large, and their attention made it easy for the preacher. Sister G. T. Creecy, one of the "long-time readers" of the Advocate, was out, even though unwell, as she said it could not be that Bro. Creecy (the other steward) and she should be absent when the Advocate was to be represented, and the grip kept him at home. She paid her subscription up for several years, and said next to her pastor and regular preaching the visits and the sermons paid and preached by the Advocate were enjoyed by them most. This seems to be the hearty expression of all who read the Advocate regularly. Bro. Creecy is the "Samuel" of that neighborhood.

In Mt. Vernon I found a most hearty welcome and genial hospitality in the beautiful homes of Dr. J. M. Fleming, Bro. J. S. Smith (the druggist) and Bro. C. L. Parchman, all stewards. Dr. Fleming is a physician whose reputation is rapidly going beyond Franklin County, and Bro. Smith is the leading druggist. His wife is a good Baptist—with all the emphasis you may put in the adjective. Bro. Parchman is a prosperous, intelligent farmer, and his two noble sons are merchants and stanch Methodists. The father is deservedly one of the leading citizens of the county. Bro. Morrow's

other stewards at Mt. Vernon are Bros. F. C. Gardner and S. D. Goswick. Bro. Goswick has only been out from Georgia a few years. He is one of the leading lawyers in Mt. Vernon. He knew Dr. Rankin at Chattanooga, Tenn. He says no wonder the Advocate is such a great paper, and also knew the Doctor before he left Georgia. He lived in Plainville, Ga., when Bro. Watts, of the East Texas Conference (now at Nacogdoches), taught school. Bro. Goswick's children going to him. He says if Watts doesn't make one of the best preachers in Texas, then one of the best teachers that ever taught in Georgia will have been spoiled.

After preaching Sunday morning to a large congregation in Mt. Vernon, Bro. Morrow and I drove out to Hopewell, seven miles south, where I found one of the prettiest, "churchiest" looking churches I have seen in any country neighborhood in the State. A good congregation listened to a fine sermon by Bro. Morrow, and I presented the Advocate to them after the services. It is worthy of note that I got the subscription of every Methodist family represented in the house. Bro. R. H. Vancey is steward out there, and he has a good corps of assistants in Bro. J. H. McNeely, Sister Kate Stanton and her two accomplished daughters, and in Sister C. E. Kidwell. The Advocate will hereafter after go into all of these and other homes out there.

The tallest man in the United States lives near Mt. Vernon. He is 7 feet 7 1/2 inches in his stocking feet! I shall probably have a good photograph and history of him to present to the readers of the Advocate before long—no pun being intended. Prolonged wet weather and grip in Bro. Morrow's family—Sister Morrow and three of the children being down at once—prevented our "taking in the circuit," but Bro. Morrow sent me out to Pine Forest to fill his appointment Saturday and Sunday. Of this more in my next.

At Saltville they call it as spelled out there, American style, and not the Spanish "Sahlto") Bro. J. T. Griffith, D. H. Agee and Walter Conley are the stewards. I ought to say that Mt. Vernon is the only charge I have visited yet where I left with the satisfaction of knowing that every steward is now a subscriber to the Advocate. Bro. Morrow has a right to expect better things of Mt. Vernon than ever. The fine new organ for the church arrived while I was there, and I had the privilege of trying it for the singers after prayer-meeting to show what a really magnificent instrument it is. They are justly proud of it—for it is all paid for. WM. A. BOWEN.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT READING CIRCLE.

Under the leadership of our presiding elder, Rev. O. S. Thomas, the pastors of this district have organized a "Reading Circle" somewhat after the pattern of the one operated in the Paris District for the last three years, which was suggested by one of the pastors of that district, and which was largely the instrument of the marked advance that district has made in the past two years. Our first meeting was held in Commerce the 1st of last month. Nearly all the preachers were present, and there were evident foretokens of blessed results in both the Reading Circle and in our Missionary Institute. The latter immediately following the former. The wisely-directed zeal of our presiding elder is quickening our pace in this part of the vineyard, and general progress will be made. The books selected for this year's course of study are Bruce's "Training of the Twelve," Trever's "Comparative Theol-

ogy" and Dr. John's "Handbook of Missions." The program arranged by the committee for our next meeting, to be held at Caddo Mills, March 27-28, is as follows: Wednesday—7:45 p. m., sermon by J. B. Adair. Thursday—8 a. m., devotional service, led by L. A. Hanson; "The Circle, Its Purpose and Possibilities," by J. J. Clark; "The Holy Ghost, the Equipment for Service," by S. L. Hall; 10 a. m., sermon by F. F. Threlkeld; 2 p. m., devotional service, led by H. K. Arvey; "The Pastor and His Work," by J. W. Hill; "What Have I Gotten from the Book?" by J. E. Roach; 7:45 p. m., "The Pastors' Duties Toward the Women's Societies," by W. H. Stephenson. Friday—8 a. m., devotional service, led by R. H. Marsland; "Early Methodism and Missions," by Dr. J. J. Coppedge; "Southern Methodism in China," by C. D. Starnes; 10 a. m., sermon by H. M. Little; 2 p. m., devotional service, led by D. L. Cole; "Southern Methodism in Mexico," by W. R. Cole; "The Spirit of Missions the Life of the Church," by P. L. Smith; 7:45 p. m., sermon by J. J. Clark. The hymns are urged to attend this conference. J. J. CLARK, Secretary.

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I want to rent a large gospel tent for the month of May. Persons having such tents please write me. REV. A. WAGNON, Pastor, Lufkin, Texas.

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A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

We have tried to be as plain and emphatic as the gravity of the subject will allow, and the dignity of a great church organ will permit.

It goes without saying that nothing gross or offensive to refined ears or in any way distasteful to the cultivated mind would be tolerated.

As some of our readers intended to be influenced to a more and useful and efficient ministerial career, might be especially sensitive to anything incompatible with their trend of thought.

While care has been taken to convey, in a general way, the existing conditions without the slightest expressed personal reference to any individual, conscience must be touched.

No, we are not laboring under the conviction that the "last end" of the local preacher in our Church is invariable, unless we determine, by our own lives, that it shall be that way.

Again and again the question comes to me: What is the object of the Local Preachers' Conference? We have so often stated in different forms our purpose that good literary taste forbids us to repeat.

Now to be a little more personal than has been our custom hitherto, we offer our counsel to such of our brethren as are wont to complain that they have no opportunity left open to them to execute the office of their commission.

a parish workhouse. They took great pains with the younger members of the university, to rescue them from bad company, and encourage them in a sober, studious life.

Some or other of them went to the castle every day, and another most commonly to Bocardo. Whoever went to the castle was to read in the chapel to as many prisoners as would attend, and to talk apart to the man or men whom he had taken particularly in charge.

Now, then, if these three school-boys could begin, continue and end their ministry without help or sympathy, with a resolution "that turned the world upside down," what can the 900 local preachers in Texas, if they have the mind, be expected to accomplish?

WHAT I LEARNED AT THE ORPHANAGE.

I have just returned from Waco, having gone there to get a little girl out of the Orphanage for a family in my charge to raise.

They seem to be under the most wholesome and perfect discipline. It is beautiful to see them all march into the dining-room and take their places and be served by those good Christian women who have undertaken their training.

It is well named, if the Bishop did make the appointment. He made them to my liking, a better, all-around set of men would be hard to find.

Our return to the district has met a warm reception from the pastors and people, and our round of quarterly meetings has been the most satisfactory I have ever had.

I found the preachers planning wisely and hard at work. There is every sign of spiritual life, and the outlook for a great revival is very fine.

No protracted meeting has yet been held, but between one hundred and fifty and one hundred and seventy-five have been received into the Church, chiefly by certificate, but twenty-five or more have been received on profession of faith.

For my own part, I am ashamed of the assessment for the Orphanage. It ought to be at least double what it is. We cannot afford to let the orphan children there suffer, nor can we ask our noble manager to sacrifice any more than he already has to prevent it.

others are like myself, and will feel a deeper interest in the institution for knowing these facts, and that is my reason for publishing them.

As I came away from Waco I fell into conversation with a commercial traveler from the State of New York, and he told me how an orphanage in his town is supported. It is kept up by three counties, and among other devices they have for raising funds is the following: Every dry goods merchant in those counties goes through his stock every three months and takes out the odds and ends, misfits, shelf-worn articles, etc., puts them off to themselves, and sells them for whatever he can get, and gives the proceeds to the orphanage.

Before closing this note I want to mention the religious attention that is being given the children in our Orphanage. The precious Christian lady who met me and gave me a seat said to me, by the time I had taken my seat, "O, I wish you had been here yesterday. Brother Hotchkiss came out and held services for us and several of the children were happily converted."

The great Methodist Church in Texas can not afford to embarrass such a man in such a work. R. C. HICKS, Roxton, Texas.

TYLER DISTRICT.

I have just closed the first round on Tyler District and am ready to report progress.

The district has eighteen charges, served by nineteen men.

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The material interest of the Church is progressing well. Thirteen of the eighteen charges raised the assessments for pastors' salaries above last year, and five paid one fourth or over, while all made good payments, so that

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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W. W. GIBSON, March 2. Our first Quarterly Conference... The ground was covered with snow, but for such had weather we had a very good attendance.

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A. A. WAGNER, Feb. 27. We are glad to report that the contract for our new church has been let, and work will begin just as soon as the material can be put on the ground.

SAN AUGUSTINE AND CHIROQUI.

J. M. FERRY, We began the new year and new century in a new thing, with new resolutions... We will try to do better than we did last year.

that we felt like giving all we had and our notes for the balance.

Yes, we moved out the fence that night, and what better can we do than spend all our time and strength in that one work? One great man has said that working up the waste places in Zion pays better than anything we can do except suffer martyrdom.

MORE ABOUT MOVING OUT THE FENCE.

In a former article, I called attention to the fact that Methodism had lost materially by not moving out the fence. It is a fact that is too plain to be denied that Methodism does not at present push out and look after the neglected regions as she once did.

Ask some preachers, "Why don't you circulate our books and Church papers?" the reply is, "It would be lowering the standard of my ministerial dignity to do such work."

In conclusion, let me say that I verily believe that the most neglected people to be found are out in the rural districts, cut off from preaching, Sunday-school, prayer-meeting and other religious influences.

the societies are quite ahead of this time last year, and the stewards are in fine spirits.

Three new churches have been built since conference and two more are in process of erection, while others are being repaired.

Athens purchased last year a beautiful and centrally located lot, and Brother Fowler and his brave congregation are fully expecting to build a handsome up to date house. They will succeed.

Godbey and the Marvin people are in high feather over the continued brightening prospect of wiping out the last cent of the debt on their stately building which is almost sure to be done before conference meets.

But the most encouraging feature of this quarter's work was the pastors' conference in Marvin Church... I called a meeting of all the pastors in the district to meet on the above date.

We then took up the discussion of a further and more vigorous campaign of our Twentieth Century Movement, which we believe will result in reaching the amount apportioned to us.

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"MOVING OUT THE FENCE."

Under this title a recent issue of the Advocate had a very suggestive article, and with your permission a word of exhortation will be added.

When the Montgomery Conference met in Jacksonville, Ala., in December, 1886, Dr. J. B. McFerrin was in charge of the Missionary Anniversary, and well did he magnify his office.

LOVING WORDS.

Rev. J. J. Clark, the former pastor of Lamar Avenue Methodist Church, was to our Church the steward of God; the messenger of mercy; the Scripture his armor; righteousness his vesture; truth his girdle; salvation his helmet, and faith his shield.

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

March 7, 1901.

Secular News Items.

The British Foreign Office regards the Chinese backdown with some suspicion.

An effort will be made to teach the Irish language in the national schools of Ireland.

A movement has been started at Ruston to erect a cotton factory to cost \$100,000.

Cuban Independence Day was celebrated on Sunday at Havana and elsewhere on the island.

The North American Trust Company of New Jersey has absorbed a number of other trust companies.

Big mass-meetings were held in the Philippines on Sunday for the furtherance of Protestantism.

Thousands of people are dying of hunger and disease in the Russian Provinces of Kheroon and Bessarabia.

The Empress of China has issued an edict suspending civil service in Provinces in which foreigners are not protected.

Str Robert Hart, Chief of the Chinese Imperial Customs, has protested against the seizure of his property at Peking for legation purposes.

Senora Chan, whose entrance to a Jesuit convent was the signal for the religious rioting in Madrid, has been returned to her mother by the civil authorities.

The national present for Queen Wilhelmina, which had hitherto been kept a secret, will take the form of a new crown and \$2,000,000 (\$200,000) has been subscribed.

According to the best information available, 128 lives were lost in the City of Rio de Janeiro disaster off the Golden Gate, including Consul-General Wildman and his family.

The full court at Winnipeg, Manitoba, February 25, killed the prohibition law, finding it unconstitutional in almost every point. The law covered the entire Province of Manitoba.

A special committee of the Illinois House of Representatives has been created to investigate Zinn. Management of the Zion City Bank is the special object of inquiry named, but the resolution is so drawn that the committee can look into all of Zion's affairs.

The parties interested met in J. P. Morgan's office Saturday and perfected the final details for the mammoth steel combine. The new combination is to be known as the United States Consolidated Steel Company, and will be capitalized at \$1,300,000,000.

It is assumed that the sentences of banishment, suicide and death against the boxer leaders were executed on Sunday, except in the cases of Ying Nien and Choo Shu Chiao, when the Japanese held, and whose execution was postponed to permit the Foreign Ministers to have representatives present.

In the House of Commons the War Secretary, discussing a motion to publish the proceedings of the courts of inquiry, said it was the purpose of the Government to make a general inquiry into the conduct of the war in South Africa when the war was substantially ended. No one could say the war was substantially ended while 250,000 men were engaged in military operations.

The dam in the River Nile, that an English company has been working on for some time, has been completed at a cost of \$2,000,000, and is one of the great engineering feats of the age. It will create a lake 114 miles long, with a storage capacity of 1,900,000,000 tons of water, which may be discharged by sluices capable of carrying 900,000 tons a minute.

Thomas O'Donnell, Nationalist member for the West Division of Kerry, addressed the House of Commons in the Irish language February 15. The Speaker called his attention to the fact that he was using a language with which he (the Speaker) was not acquainted, and asked him to speak in English, as he doubtless could do as eloquently as in Irish. The Speaker added that for 60 years no member had addressed the House otherwise than in English.

For twenty months the town of McKenzie, Tenn., has been without a saloon. As an effectual reply to the reports of neighboring towns to the effect that drunkenness was as common as it previously was in McKenzie, a committee of reputable citizens, among them members of our own Church, lately examined the Mayor's docket, with this result: During

the twenty months without saloons there have been twenty-eight arrests for drunkenness, only eleven of the number in the year 1900; whereas for the twenty months previous to the closing of the saloons the arrests for drunkenness were 128. The same Marshal has served for the entire time. Facts are stubborn things, and figures constitute the most effective answer to falsehood.

Vienna cables the report that Mgr. Martinelli will be succeeded as papal delegate to the United States by Mgr. Falcono, a naturalized citizen of this country, who is now papal delegate to Canada.

A Chinese newspaper is to be started in New York. The new paper will be largely filled with news translated from the metropolitan dailies. At present the only way in which the vast majority of Chinamen can hear the news is by paying from 1 to 5 cents each night at some informal club, while a professional reader translates extracts from the daily papers. The editor has imported from China a font of type which consists of 12,000 characters.

Christian Science is having a disturbing experience in the courts in various parts of the country, and on a variety of charges. Among their offenses is the refusal of some of these so-called scientists who deny the existence of disease to placard their houses when either real or imaginary scarlet fever and other contagious diseases attack their families. Whatever they think as to the existence of disease, they are learning that the strong arm of the law is not a myth.

Owing to the failure of crops, much sufferings exists in large sections of Russia. The Government has sent 1,500,000 roubles to the relief of the sufferers, and it estimates that 5,500,000 roubles, or in United States money upwards of \$1,000,000, will be needed to meet the requirements. It is not unlikely that the conditions in the famine sections are worse than the Government cares to admit. However that may be, it has appealed to private charity through the Minister of the Interior to assist in the work of relief.

According to District Judge D. M. Date, of Wichita, saloons, although illicit, are entitled to the full protection of the law. So Mrs. Nation and three other women, charged with malicious destruction of property, will be inevitably subjected to a trial. The Kansas Legislature passed a bill last week, declaring any place, consigned to the illicit dispensation of intoxicants, a nuisance. The case of Mrs. Nation was postponed. Meanwhile the heroine of the crusade remains in prison, having refused innumerable offers of assistance.

The Toledo (Ohio) Blade is authority for the statement that there are in existence to-day in the city of Chicago twenty saloons which make special efforts to attract children, boys and girls, to their patronage. Candied preparations are furnished, it is said, saturated more or less with liquor, and are used for the express purpose of creating a taste for liquor in those to whom they are given. In the light of such appalling declarations as this, is it any wonder that mothers arm themselves with hatchets and go forth to destroy so monstrous a menace to the home?

Commercial failures in the United States during the month of February numbered 1024, against 1212 in January, and aggregate liabilities were \$11,297,211, against \$11,220,811. Of the month's total, 212 were manufacturing concerns, with an indebtedness of \$4,298,741, and 757 were traders, for \$1,441,871, while brokerage, real estate and transporting defaults numbered 55, and were \$2,443,597 in amount. Banking and financial concerns are not included with commercial failures, and of these there were seven disasters in February, with liabilities of \$152,132 in February, with eight in January for \$1,976,987.

Thirteen States have prohibited the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, and twelve others have the matter under consideration. Last week the postoffice authorities at Chicago declared against the employment of any young men who did now use, or who had in the past been addicted to the habit of using cigarettes. Very soon public sentiment will have been so aroused that it will be a little short of disgraceful for anybody to be seen with a cigarette in his mouth; yet there are people who profess to believe that the world is growing worse.

As a result of the threat of Gen. Walderssee to march at the head of an allied force to the Chinese capital, Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have received telegraphic instructions from the court to notify the Ministers of the powers that an edict has been issued regarding the punishments of Chinese officials, confirmatory of the demands made by the

Ministers, as follows: Gen. Tung Fuh Sian, to be degraded and deprived of his rank. Prince Tuan and Duke Lan, to be disgraced and exiled. Prince Chuang, Ying Lien and Chao Shu Chiao, to commit suicide. Hsu Chen Yu, Yu Hsien and Ki Hain, to be beheaded." This is not exactly what the Ministers demanded, but it is considered advisable to agree to it, as the demand for lives has been agreed to except in the case of Gen. Tung Fu Sian, whom the court is powerless to molest. There is a private understanding that his life will be claimed when it is possible, but no one believes he will ever be punished.

Indiana last week hung, shot and burned another negro. It occurred at one of their leading towns, in broad open daylight. He had committed a nameless offense, and there is an unwritten law up North as well as down South that when a fiend does an act of this sort he shall die without law. The North can not throw stones at the Southern people for lynch law visited upon brutish negroes. It is done up there with a great deal of promptness and dispatch.

A Board of Engineers has just submitted a plan to Gov. Odell, of New York, for a wonderful system of State canals, to be built for \$2,000,000 less than the \$2,000,000 estimated by the Canal Commission appointed by Gov. Roosevelt. This system provides for boats 150 feet long, 25 feet wide, with a draft of 15 feet. The boats are to travel in fleets and to be run by electricity or steam. It is estimated that during a season of seven months the canal will carry 13,000,000 tons of freight. The Board of Engineers submits the following figures: "For building an Erie barge canal on the route favored by State Engineer Bond, \$9,990,000; for deepening the Oswego Canal to 5 feet, \$58,925; for deepening the Champlain Canal to 6 feet, \$5,472,000; total cost of canal improvements, \$15,520,925."

Influenced, doubtless, by the menace of renewed hostilities by Field Marshal von Walderssee, the Chinese plenipotentiaries consented to the infliction of penalties upon the guilty officials. Straughtation instead of decapitation was requested for two of the leaders, and the envoys agreed to this. They also agreed to allow the Imperial court to commute the sentence of decapitation to that of life imprisonment in the cases of Prince Tuan, Duke Lan and Gen. Tung-Fu-Hsiang. This left six to suffer the penalty of death, either by execution or self-inflicted—a penalty that was executed on Tuesday. With this agreement the first stage in the negotiations has been reached, and the German expedition has been abandoned. While this submission has been sought in Peking, this country has undertaken and carried through successfully an arrangement with the Powers whereby it is agreed that no one of them shall obtain from China any concession of land or other special privilege without concurrent consent. This does away with any fear of private land-grabbing, and will go far towards allaying distrust and jealousy among the envoys at Peking.

The report of the joint commission appointed two years ago to survey the boundary line between the United and British America in Alaska has been completed. The commission was unanimous. It has erected substantial monuments at frequent intervals along the line described in the treaty with Russia, which they found to be clear in almost every case. There is nothing further to be done on this subject until both Governments agree to a permanent survey, for this was understood to be only temporary. It is probable, however, that its accuracy will never be questioned, and it probably will stand indefinitely. The United States gets about nine-tenths of the disputed territory, but by the terms of the treaty "Americans who live north of the line suffer no diminution of the right and privileges they now enjoy." The Chilkoot and White Passes are the actual or practical boundaries. The Canadians claimed the whole of Lynn Canal. The United States disputed their title, and asserted that the line ran around the head of that body of water. The new survey not only justified the contention of this Government, but take the boundary twenty-five miles north of the canal and above the canoe navigation.

President McKinley recently nominated Gen. Nelson A. Miles Lieutenant General in the regular army. The following officers were named for Majors General in the regular organization: Belg. Gen. Samuel B. M. Young, Col. Adna R. Chaffee, Brig. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, Chaffee and MacArthur are both Majors General of volunteers, but their rank in the regular army establishment is as given above. To be Brigadiers General in the regular army the President sent in the following nominations: John C. Estes, Second Infantry, U. S. A. (Major General, U. S. V.); Col. Lloyd Wheaton, Seventh Infantry, U. S. A. (Major Gen-

eral U. S. V.); George W. Davis, Twenty-third Infantry (Brigadier General, U. S. V.); Theodore Schwan, Assistant Adjutant General, U. S. A. (Brigadier General, U. S. V.); Samuel S. Sumner, Sixth Cavalry, U. S. A.; Leonard Wood, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A. (Major General, U. S. V.); Robert H. Hall, Fourth Infantry, U. S. A. (Brigadier General, U. S. V.); Robert P. Hughes, Inspector General, U. S. A. (Brigadier General, U. S. V.); George M. Randall, Eighth Infantry, U. S. A. (Brigadier General, U. S. V.); Maj. Wm. A. Kobbé, Third Artillery, U. S. A. (Brigadier General, U. S. V.); Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, U. S. V.; Capt. J. Franklin Bell, Seventh Cavalry, U. S. A. (Brigadier General, U. S. V.).

The Congress of the United States has adjourned sine die. Greatly to the regret of all Texas, the Rivers and Harbors Bill was defeated the last moment. This bill contained a great many items for the improvement of our waterways, and much was expected from its passage. But it died as the result of a little strategy upon the part of the Republican Senators. Following the adjournment of the Congress was the inauguration of William McKinley as President of the United States and Theodore Roosevelt as Vice-President. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Fuller amidst an immense concourse of people and with much popular enthusiasm.

The President has signed the army bill which contains the provisions relating to the relations of the United States with Cuba and the government of the Philippines. The latter are contained in what is known as the Spooner amendment, which is as follows:

"All military, civil and judicial powers necessary to govern the Philippine islands acquired from Spain by the treaties concluded at Paris on the 10th day of December, 1898, and at Washington on the 17th day of November, 1900, shall until otherwise provided by Congress, be vested in such person and persons and shall be exercised in such manner as the President of the United States shall direct for the establishment of civil government and for maintaining and protecting the inhabitants of said islands in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property and religion. Provided, that no sale or lease or other disposition of the public lands or the timber thereon or the mining rights therein shall be made, and provided further that no franchise shall be granted which is not approved by the President of the United States and is not in his judgment clearly necessary for the immediate government of the islands and indispensable for the interest of the people thereof and which can not without great public mischief be postponed until the establishment of permanent civil government, and all such franchises shall terminate one year after the establishment of such permanent civil government."

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MARRIAGES.

Helms-Waley—February 17, 1901, at the home of the bride's parents, near Leander, Williamson County, Texas, Mr. S. O. Helms and Miss Alice Waley, Rev. J. A. Bittick officiating.  
Murray-Platt—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Plano, Texas, January 9, 1901, Mr. T. O. Murray and Miss Maude Platt, Rev. D. J. Martin officiating.  
Rouch-Coker—At the residence of J. H. Carpenter, in Plano, Texas, February 25, 1901, Mr. R. G. Rouch, of Oak Cliff, and Miss Pearl Coker, of Plano, Rev. D. J. Martin officiating.  
Fields-Fields—At the residence of W. B. Anderson, Marshall, Texas, February 23, 1901, Mr. Wm. A. Fields and Mrs. Kate Fields, Rev. Geo. E. Parsons officiating.  
Matthews-Cunningham—At the home of the bride's father, February 17, 1901, by Rev. B. W. Dodson, Mr. Edgar Matthews and Miss Belle Cunningham, both of Graham, Texas.  
Collins-Terry—At the parsonage at Wilho, Montgomery County, Texas, by Rev. Fred L. Allen, Mr. Reeves Collins and Miss Lizzie Terry, both of Conroe, Texas.  
Nicks-Woods—At the residence of the bride's parents, Alamo, N. M., February 15, 1901, Mr. Claborne G. Nicks and Miss Alma K. Woods, Rev. W. A. Dickey officiating.

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Notes From the Field.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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We have a goodly number of members there. We had not been here long before one of the stewards of that place rode up to the parsonage and left some money with the preacher, and made special inquiry as to whether we needed any corn or feedstuff of any kind. Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Chiseno, February 23 and 24. Bro. Weeks was on hand, with an optimistic smile and a kind word for us all. His presence did us good. It is needless for me to state how well he presides over a Quarterly Conference, after "Uncle Dick" told you how he presided over the District Conference at Garrison last year. Our Quarterly Conference was not largely attended by the official members. I suppose this was because of the very cold weather. We had a light snow at that time. It was decided not to assess the salary for the pastor until the second Quarterly Conference, on account of the small attendance of the official members. But notwithstanding this fact, they paid nearly a hundred per cent more for the support of the ministry than was paid at the first Quarterly Conference last year. Bro. Weeks' sermons were edifying to us all. He is an humble man and a great preacher. We are happy in our new charge, and intend to strive to do good work here.

HARRISON CIRCUIT.

G. E. Parsons, March 4: Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone, and one long to be remembered on account of the many good things done and said. Our presiding elder, Bro. C. R. Lamar, was present and preached with power. I have served under nine presiding elders, and good ones, too; but Bro. Lamar exceeds all. There is not an enterprise of the Church but what he is looking after. He is a model presiding elder. We had the best attendance that has been for several years in the past. They made a very liberal assessment for us—\$800—and paid over one-third of it, which is the best record in the district. As says the presiding elder, we have 60 per cent of all our collections in cash and good subscriptions. The good Lord is blessing us wonderfully, spiritually and otherwise. It has been one continual pounding since I landed on the work at Marshall. It comes by flour, lard, and Methodist chickens, etc.; and it still comes. And it is not counted as quarantaine, either. It's a free donation. Harrison Circuit is coming. Ninety per cent of our members take the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. I give the sacrament at every church on the work during the quarter. We are gathering the young people and children, as well as the old, and getting ready for revival work. We are expecting great things of the Lord this year.

DAINGERFIELD.

R. J. Smith, March 4: We were sent to this charge. We were not sent among strangers, as I had preached at five of the six appointments before we were sent here. We were very kindly received. Our first Quarterly Conference was held March 2 and 3. Dr. John Adams was on hand and preached to the delight of the people. The stewards raised the assessment to \$50 for the preacher, and paid over one-third of the same. I have been in the homes of 50 of the members. I have received twenty-five members into the Church and baptized seven infants. Our W. H. M. Society has grown from five to twenty-two members. We have organized one Sunday-school of seventy-eight pupils. We now have four Sunday-schools doing tolerably good work. We have begun a church building at Hughes Springs. Part of the frame is up. The brethren have collected some \$20 or \$30 on the building. We will build an \$800 or \$1000 house. Our principal effort shall be to try to get all of the sinners who reside on this charge to be saved.

KILGORE.

T. T. Booth, March 4: The Kilgore people are still pounding away, and the preacher pounds and gets pounded. After they pounded Uncle Hall, they jumped on the P. C. and my wife; they came thick and fast—pounded and pounded until the P. C. and wife, who were away from home at the time, on their return home found so many eatables and other tokens of good will that it made us feel more ways than we have the tongue to express. Therefore, the kind donors and all others concerned will please excuse us from making the attempt for fear we spoil a good thing by speaking as did the poor Irishman who, after the death of his wife, said, when asked how he felt about it, "I feel mighty shame." May the Lord bless all the people and help us to lead them aright.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

LEONARD.

S. L. Ball: The first Quarterly Conference of Leonard Circuit was held March 2 and 3, and was a great success. Rev. O. S. Thomas, our new presiding elder, together with his excellent wife, came Friday and stayed with us till Monday, visiting more or less from house to house. Bro. Thomas preached four sermons in Leonard and one at Orange Grove, which will bear fruit to the glory of God and for the good of men. Had a most excellent Quarterly Conference, an unusually good official attendance, and good reports. Expended on parsonage \$28.60, and \$7.50 by the ladies furnishing the parsonage, and \$26 raised for the support of the ministry. We greatly appreciate what has been done, and we are hoping and praying that many souls may be converted during the year.

COOPER.

L. N. Cooper, March 4: One of the most wonderful revivals ever known in Cooper closed last night. God has certainly been good and gracious to these people. Bro. Spurlock was assisted by Bro. W. H. Brown, of Whitesboro. The results of the meeting were seventy-one professions of faith—some of them remarkably bright and clear conversions and some eight or ten reclamations. They came from all

classes and professions. The Church has been marvelously strengthened and established, and the building was crowded nightly to overflowing. Men stood in every available place, and the line extended out through the door to the sidewalk, all anxious to hear the gospel preached. The day meetings were especially prolific of good to the Church. At nearly every one of these, there was much rejoicing and manifestation of the Spirit. The outlook for the Church here is very bright indeed. All things are working together for good. The parsonage has been greatly improved—papered, carpeted and a splendid new chimney built. The first Quarterly Conference has been held and one quarter has been paid. Bro. Brown greatly endeared himself to the people of this place. His preaching was accompanied by the power of the Spirit. He has left behind him a fragrance that all realize. Bro. Spurlock is an able, concentrated and conservative man—full of energy, fire and faith. No preacher ever came here of any denomination, who has been more universally loved. Nor should the fact be overlooked that Mrs. Spurlock, by her quiet, concentrated and pious life, has compassed upon the hearts of all. The people give all the glory to God for this unprecedented outpouring of His Spirit here.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

PARSONS.

W. A. Massie, March 1: The conference at Georgetown sent us Rev. R. T. Dunn as our pastor for this conference year. To say that we are pleased does not explain it. He is our Bro. Dunn for this and three more years. The same conference sent us Rev. James Campbell as our presiding elder. Bro. Campbell is our presiding elder for this and three more years. So the Northwest Texas Conference need not trouble about these two preachers till the time limit is out. Lastly, the grand old Texas Advocate is ours, always has been and always will be. As it gets older it gets better. Hurrah for the editor, the publisher and the whole force of the grand old advocate of right!

HUTTO.

S. J. Vaughan, Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Robinson Chapel. This is the most elegant country church I have ever seen belonging to our Church, and is well furnished. The first time I walked into it I gave thanks to God for the men who had put their money into it. Bro. Neime is just up from a severe case of la grippe, but was able to be on hand. It is always a joy and help to be in one of his Quarterly Conferences, and to hear him preach the Word of life. The salary of the pastor was raised from \$90 to \$95, and a little more than one-fourth is paid. Hutto has pounded the pastor's family again, and added some furniture. The Quarterly Conference proceeded to build a parsonage at Hutto, which we expect to do at once. It was a great pleasure to me to meet Sister Norman at the chapel, who used to entertain my father in Alabama more than fifty years ago. Her children are devoted Methodists. I have also met some others who sat under his ministry and loved him. They will meet again.

COLDWATER MISSION.

W. E. McKeown, March 1: Some one described this new appointment as a large blue green and a barrel required to be built. There is labor much in serving it. A brother said to me, "Your home now is where night comes on and your office is in your buggy. I go out first Sunday to my nearest appointment, and return Monday or Tuesday. Then I leave home Friday following to be gone three weeks. The favorable winds has enabled me to do much preparatory work, so that the work is now as far advanced as I expected to have it by May. I think I can begin this month to organize Churches—putting hoops on the barrel. Many families are moving into this country now—almost a rush. Two things contribute to do this: First, the seasons have been better the past three years. Then the Rock Island Road is being extended from Liberal, Kansas, through this country to El Paso, Texas. Nearly all the school lands in these upper counties have been taken in the past eight months. Much building is going on, and the families are moving in. This will require the greatest diligence of the pastor to bring these new families into the organization and prevent their regarding the country as settled mainly by an educated and enterprising class of citizens, and a preacher to hold them must be able to preach. I have four of the counties pretty well worked. There are two others into which I have not yet gone. The field is white, and truly the harvest is plenteous and the laborers are few.

ITALY.

J. D. Odum, March 1: Our reception has been all that heart could desire. These Italians are an appreciative and mighty clever people. The pounding given us was an occasion of pleasure and real profit. It did not cease with that pleasant evening, but has been continued up to this good hour, which is duly appreciated by the inmates of the parsonage. The outlook for a successful year is hopeful. We are hard at work and happy. Two quarterly meetings have been held this quarter. Dr. Bishop enters into his fourth year under circumstances favorable to success. He has contributed very largely to the making of these circumstances the past three years. He is much loved by our people. Our work is well organized and moving along delightfully. The Church is paying the salary monthly. They are now more than a month ahead. The presiding elder is paid in full at each quarterly meeting. Secured our conference collections early in January. Have raised \$200 on the Thank-Offering, which is more than \$1 per member. During the three months since conference we have raised, in cash, for all purposes, over \$200. This is a fair showing for a little station of less than 200 members. Our Sunday-school work will compare favorably with the best. The Junior League is fine. Our children are doing splendid work. The Senior is good, but not what we desire. The Woman's Home Mission Society deserves special mention. It is growing in interest, numbers and good works. We expect soon to have the banner society of the district. We attend all these societies, and contribute all we can to their success, but always feel that we get more than we

give. Our prayer-meeting is good and growing. We have a Church Conference each month and receive reports from all the societies and the Treasurer of the Church and Board of Stewards, etc. A report of our work, in its various departments, goes upon the Church Conference record month by month, and comes before the Church as often. Our congregation is large and attentive. We need a revival. Have announced our meeting for the third Sunday. The Missionary Institute meets with us the 20th and 21st. We hope the brethren will come praying for a great meeting.

FIRST CHURCH, WEATHERFORD.

Hubert D. Knickerbocker: We are beginning our third year here anxiously and encouragingly. At the beginning of the year we thought we would have no extra work to do. This because we had finished all necessary improvements on parsonage and church in the other two years. But soon the Lord led us to lay out some extra work for the good of the cause. It was to raise One Thousand Dollars above our assessments during the year. I write that One Thousand Dollars with capitals because that's a "mighty sight" of that kind of money. I proposed to divide the thousand between foreign missions, home missions and the "old preachers." The foreign mission amount we were dubious about. But last Sunday week we preached on Foreign Missions, I write that with capitals because it is the grandest work of the Church and took a special collection for our work in Cuba. I got over Four Hundred Dollars. Am confident now I will get the rest of my thousand on the other causes. We all feel good over it. This excess thousand will not interfere with our regular assessments, which have been regularly increased and regularly "raised" ever since I've been here. They are nearly two hundred dollars more than they were three years ago. Our congregations are very large, and there are manifestations of the Spirit's presence at nearly every service. We have had a number of conversions and accessions by faith in our regular services since conference. We call penitents every Sunday night. "We thank God, take courage and press on."

MILLSAP.

M. W. Clark, March 5: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Mt. Vernon on March 2 and 3. Bro. Jno. R. Morris, "our beloved," was on hand and did us good service. Bro. Morris is not only a preacher of great ability, but is one of the best executives we have ever seen in the presiding elder's chair. On Sunday at 11 o'clock he preached a great sermon that afterwards netted 1 for I. C. 514. In the afternoon we came to Millsap, where he addressed our League in his humorous, logical and encouraging way, which brought sunshine, determination and aspiration to every one, and we hear many inquiries from the young people of "When will he visit us again." At night he preached another soul-thrilling sermon from II Cor. 5:1, and dedicated our church at Millsap. This, besides baptizing one babe and administering the sacrament twice, was the work of a day. We all enjoyed. We are getting on nicely with our work. The stewards have made the same assessment as last year for the preacher, which is \$50, and there is a "day-in-fall" sentiment among the stewards and many others that encourages and gladdens our hearts. We paid our collections in full last year, and now have one-third of our assessments in cash and more than half in good subscriptions for this year. Will soon have the whole secured. We expect to report some nice response improvements soon. We have twenty-four subscribers to the Advocate and ten to Epworth Era in the charge, and are in every way on the up-hill run. We are planning for our revival meetings, and are working and praying and expecting that God will give us at least one hundred conversions this year. Will every one who reads these lines pray to our Heavenly Father that he grant us this request.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

MANCHACA.


W. W. Horner, March 1: The first Quarterly Conference for Manchaca charge was held at Moore's School-house, February 22 and 23, and we had a good and profitable meeting. Our dearly beloved presiding elder, Dr. E. S. Smith, was with us, and preached two most excellent sermons. The one at 11 Sunday, on "The Reign of Christ," was simply grand, and our people were delighted with it. This is the third time Bro. Smith has served the Austin District, and he is deservedly popular here with the people, and his preaching long may his bow abide in strength. The stewards made a good report, and paid \$425 this quarter, which is a little over one-fourth of the assessment for pastor and presiding elder. Of the above amount Moore's School-house Church paid \$2; Manchaca E. Pleasant Hill \$2; Carl \$1; and Thomas Springs \$2. Besides this, we raised \$2 for mis-

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# The Home Circle

### WHAT IS LOVE ?

For others' sake to longer wear  
The garments old that they more bare  
May feel the warmth of robe you give,  
And have a heavier heart to live;  
Nor show that you yourself deny  
By any haughty or proud sigh—  
Herein I think is love.

For others' sake to seek to bear  
The heaviest part of all life's care;  
For others' sake to dry your tears  
And keep unsoaked all your fears;  
For others' sake to be heart strong  
When sure he's free and wrong—  
Herein I think is love.

For others' sake to make life sweet,  
Though thorns may pierce your weary  
feet;

For others' sake to walk each day  
As if he helped you all the way,  
While in the heart may be a grave  
That makes it hard to be so brave—  
Herein I think is love.

For others' sake—this brought to  
earth  
The benediction of Christ's birth;  
For others' sake to suffer all  
That into human life can fall,  
For others flowed the crimson tide,  
For others He was crucified,  
Herein I think is love.

### REST IN JESUS.

A poor English girl in a home in  
Paris, ill in body and hopeless in  
spirit, was greatly affected by hearing  
some children singing: "I heard the  
voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and  
rest.'" When they came to the words,  
"Weary and worn and sad," she said:  
"That's me! that's me! What did  
he do? Fill it up, fill it up!" She  
never rested till she had heard the  
whole of the hymn, which tells how  
Jesus gives rest to such. By-and-by  
she asked: "Is that true?" On be-  
ing told, "Yes," she asked: "Have you  
come to Jesus? Has he given you  
rest?" "He has," raising herself, she  
asked: "Do you mind my coming  
close to you? Maybe it would be eas-  
ier to go to Jesus with one who has  
been before than to go alone." So say-  
ing, she nestled her head on the  
shoulder of her who watched and  
clutching her as one in the agony  
of death, she murmured: "Now, try and  
take me with you to Jesus." Their  
voices joined in prayer, the presence  
of Jesus filled her heart, and she had  
rest and peace.

### THE HOLLAND HOUSEWIFE.

Many pleasant and excellent things  
are said about the Holland housewife.  
Not the least of these is, that she is  
"absolute mistress of her own house,"  
without the fear of her servants before  
her eyes. She takes the liberty to  
visit her kitchen whenever she feels  
inclined, whatever the objections of  
her cook in the matter. If too em-  
phatically expressed, either in word  
or deed, the servant departs forthwith,  
while the mistress remains serene and  
unvanquished.

The Dutch kitchen is neat beyond  
comparison with those of other na-  
tions. It has the "drosser" of the  
American kitchen, every shelf with a  
white linen lace-edged cover, and not-  
withstanding constant putting in and  
taking out of dishes and utensils in  
daily use is wholly without spot or  
crease. Metal saucepans, kettles, etc.,  
shine like silver, and order reigns  
supreme, testifying to the very best sys-  
tem of management on the part of the  
mistress and the faithful performance  
of duty by the maid. The dinner hour  
is six o'clock, and promptness in the  
service of the meal imperative. The  
family are by no means exempt from  
rules; to be late to a meal is inex-  
cusable, unless circumstances compel.—  
Table Talk.

### "POWER BELONGETH UNTO GOD."

When as Christian workers we come  
to the place where we will understand  
that no earthly "power" or "might"  
can avail the least in bringing men to  
Jesus Christ and building up his king-  
dom, then will we be on the highway  
to success. The "power of the Spirit"  
is our one dependence, and when in  
our weakness we cast ourselves upon  
the promise of his presence and aid,  
we begin at once to abound in  
strength. It is not hard to understand  
how the "foolish things of the world  
confounded the wise" and the "weak  
things" the "mighty," and the "things  
that are not" bring to nought the  
things that are, when we remem-  
ber that the resistless spirit is  
in the "foolish," the "weak" and

the "despised," and uses them to  
bring to pass the will of God. Church  
machinery and organization are good;  
eloquence and learning in the pulpit  
are good; energy and consecration in  
the management of Christian enter-  
prises are good; but all of them are ab-  
solutely helpless in doing the work of  
Christ without the presence of the  
Spirit. Not one of them, or  
all of them together, can re-  
generate a soul. All the "might and  
power" of the world must stop help-  
less at the initial step of a soul's sal-  
vation. The power which converts  
must get inside the heart, and only the  
Spirit can go there. The sooner the  
Church realizes that its services, or-  
ganizations, societies and boards are  
valueless save as channels for the op-  
eration of the Holy Spirit, the better  
it will be for its progress and the sal-  
vation of souls.—John A. Marquis,  
in Presbyterian Banner.

### "CAN YOU DUST?"

The National Rural contains the fol-  
lowing good advice on the importance  
of dressing well:

"A shabbily dressed young man ap-  
plied to the manager of a big depart-  
ment store for employment.

"What can you do?" asked the man-  
ager.

"Most anything," answered the ap-  
plicant.

"Can you dust?"

"Yes indeed."

"Then why don't you begin on your  
hat?"

The fellow hadn't thought of that.

"Can you clean leather goods?"

"Oh, yes."

"Then it's carelessness on your part  
that your shoes are not clean."

The fellow hadn't thought of that,  
either.

"Well, can you scrub?"

"Yes, indeed," was the reply.

"Then I can give you something to  
do. Go out and try your strength on  
that collar you have on. But don't  
come back."

While a neat attire is not always an  
index to good character and ability,  
the fact remains that of two applicants  
the business man will always employ  
the well-dressed, attractive-looking  
boy rather than the one who is care-  
less in his appearance. The reason is  
obvious. The boy who is particular  
in regard to the details of his dress  
will be careful in his work, and thus  
command the respect and confidence  
of his employer.

To be well dressed is not to have ex-  
pended a great deal of money on your  
clothes; on the contrary, if your gar-  
ments are neat in appearance, and  
whole; if your collar is clean, and  
neatly fastened; if your shoes  
are polished and pants carefully  
pressed, the care and thought displayed  
in these small matters will more truly  
reflect character than the richness of  
the material of your clothes.

Muddy shoes can reflect nothing!  
Neatness and cleanliness, as well as  
a little style are important recom-  
mendations, and are within the reach  
of every boy seeking work.

### GRANDMA'S NEW GAME.

"A story, Grandma, or something  
new! We've played ourselves out, and  
know you can help us pass away the  
rest of the evening," and Ned, the  
spokesman, ushered four eager, expect-  
ant children into the light and warmth  
of the dear old-fashioned room.

"No, not a story, my dears, but a  
game I have planned for you—for I  
knew you would be coming—and we  
will call it 'The Unspeakable Things of  
History' or, in other words, its noted  
episode's birds or trees."

"O Grandma!" cried Polly. "That's a  
game. I didn't suppose they had such  
things in your day."

"Well, let's be in right off," said  
Alice, clapping her hands with delight.

"I don't understand just what you  
mean, Grandma, but you'll soon teach  
us, I know. Now, let's be quiet and  
hear what she has to say."

"I will ask the first question," said  
Grandma, "and you are to take turns  
in guessing the answer. What bird  
accompanied our soldier in the Civil  
War? It is also known as the sacred  
bird of the Hindu god, Vishnu, and in  
Scandinavian mythology it is called  
the bird of wisdom. Ned shall have  
the first guess."

"I know, I know," shouted Polly.  
"It's—"

"Just wait and give a fellow a chance  
to think, won't you?" broke out Ned,  
looking a bit dangerous. "The sacred  
bird of the Hindu Vishnu—a bird that  
fought in our Civil War, did you say,  
Grandma? Please give me just one  
more helper."

"No, no, don't. I'm just dying to  
tell!" cried Alice.

"Be quiet, my dear. Ned must have  
a fair chance," said Grandma, gently.

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"I will give him a few more hints,  
though I am afraid they will not help  
him very much. A double-headed bird  
of this kind was used by the Byzantine  
emperors to indicate the claim of the  
empire both East and West. It also  
appeared on the arms of Russia, and—  
this is the broadest hint I can give—it  
is the emblem of the United States."

"The eagle! the eagle! Old Abe! I  
saw him at the State house in Madison  
last summer," shouted Ned. "This is  
a fine game. How on earth did you  
think of it?"

"Why, Grandma got it out of her  
dear head, where so much of our fun  
comes from," quickly responded Alice.

"Now it's my turn, and Polly shall  
answer. What noted tree held a very im-  
portant document?"

"Ho! that's easy enough," rather  
scornfully answered Ned. "I had to recite  
yesterday about the Charter Oak."

"But, brother, it isn't your turn, and  
if you break in this way you'll spoil  
all our fun."

"Anyway," persisted Ned, anxious to  
tell all he knew, "it was the Charter  
Oak, and when Andros tried to take  
away the charter, in 1662, the lights  
went out in some large buildings and  
some one hid the paper in the tree. My  
dear, I wish I'd been there!"

"No, I don't believe you do," said  
Grandma, "for if you had, you'd have  
died 238 years ago. At which the chil-  
dren all laughed, and Ned looked  
sheepish. "You may ask another ques-  
tion, Alice, and this time Sam may  
answer it. He's been unusually quiet  
this evening."

"Very well. What noted something  
has been standing for ages, and was  
our forefathers' stepping-stone?"

"To higher things?" added Grand-  
ma.

"Plymouth Rock" was the quick an-  
swer. "Give a fellow something hard-  
er than a rock."

"Some one else has come very near  
punning, if I am any judge," said Pol-  
ly. "Now I have one for Grandma, and  
she will have to think hard, I know.  
What wooden horse caused more harm  
than any live one has ever done?"

"Was it the horse in Noah's Ark?"  
asked Grandma, knitting her brow and  
pretending to be very much puzzled.

"Grandma doesn't know!" Oh Grand-  
ma doesn't know!" laughed the chil-  
dren in an ecstasy of delight.

"Oh, do let me tell! Please let me  
tell Polly," begged Alice.

"No, let Grandma guess again," re-  
plied Polly, looking very important  
and further explaining with her recit-  
ation air: "It was put inside the  
walls of a great city and some thought  
it was dangerous and advised the peo-  
ple to have nothing to do with it; but  
it was allowed to remain over night,  
and in the morning something great  
happened."

"What was it?" said Grandma look-  
ing still more confused.

"If you really give it up I suppose  
I'll have to tell you. It was the wood-  
en horse that saved Troy!" exclaimed  
Polly triumphantly.

"I've got one for you all to answer"  
cried Ned. "What horse is noted for  
the gallop he took at midnight?"

"That isn't half a hint," objected  
Sam. "You might mean Sheridan's  
horse or half a dozen other horses."

"Are you sure Sheridan took a mid-  
night ride?" asked Alice, critically.

"What have you heard about the  
"eighteenth of April in Seventy-five?"  
asked Ned, ignoring Alice's question.

"Oh, it was the horse of Paul Re-  
vere. That's right as sure as you're  
alive," cried Sam, all excitement.

"I have in mind a two-headed dog,"  
interrupted Alice, "and his work was  
not very pleasant."

"A two-headed dog!" chimed the  
children, in a derisive chorus. "Who  
ever heard of such a thing?"

"You needn't smile so loud," said  
Alice. "You are not far enough  
advanced to study mythology."

"Is it a dog in mythology?" inquired  
Polly, eagerly. "Thank you for the  
suggestion. Does he guard the gates  
of Hades and prevent the dead from  
coming back, and is his name Cer-  
berus?"

"Why, Polly Drew, where did you  
learn all that? You couldn't have said  
it better if you'd have been in my class  
at school," was her sister's warm com-  
mendation, as she patted her on the  
back in a superior way.

"And now," said Grandma Drew. "I  
have in mind a very tall, bent man  
with an iron-glass and a scythe."

"Oh, you mean Father Time," said  
Ned; and, quick to take the hint, the  
children one by one kissed Grandma  
good night.—Myra Baldwin, in Zion's  
Herald.

"Yes," said the statesman with the  
kindly eye, but firmly set mouth. "I  
like to read about Noah and the Ark."

"What brought them to your atten-  
tion?"

"Nothing in particular. I couldn't  
avoid being struck by the manner in  
which Noah and his sons went to work  
and carried the enterprise through  
without asking a penny's assistance  
from the Government. But, of course,  
those were primitive days."—Washing-  
ton Star.

### A CRAVING.

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TO-MORROW.

To-day I stand on the wreck-strewn strand Of the ocean of human unrest...

Oh! my soul's carrier-birds! Put your wings north my words, And bear them out over the waves...

But the mist and the spray of the ocean to-day Are lifting and drifting from view...

Though the tempests still boom with the thunders of doom, There are whispers of peace and of calm...

All the yearnings of years, recompensed for their tears, I shall see, I shall hear, I shall know

Only surface is stirred; mighty laws undisturbed All the spheres as they circle and sing...

Give the orbit of being its swing! Roll ye waves, mountain high! Dash your foam to the sky!

And I wait through the storm for that glorified Form That will walk on the waters to me

GOD'S PLEA FOR A HOLY LIFE. God takes up this tremendous fact, and uses it as a plea and argument for a holy life...

Maybe you are wondering how you will shield him from temptation out in the world. The greatest dangers are those which confront him before he reaches the world...

One morning while on a train which was about to pull out from Washington City, I sat in a seat next to that occupied by a middle-aged man and a twelve-year-old boy...

out on the platform, at the car window, the man lingered. Again he took some money from his purse...

Father, your boy will be taking the train some day. You can not keep him with you always...

Or will you send him out with a taint in his blood? After awhile you will be wondering why he made such a poor journey...

God is calling you in the voices which prattle around your table; in the little tots who climb upon your knee...

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By a patient and loving endurance of annoyances are we preparing ourselves gradually for the discipline of trials...

There is no sense in always telegraphing to heaven for God to send a cargo of blessing...

I have often heard it said, "I am not afraid of death for myself, but I dread it for my loved ones..."

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### DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Ft. Worth, Peach St.	Ft. Worth	April 16
Dallas, Lewisville		May 1
Bowie, Wichita Falls		May 1
Paris, Blossom		June 5
Vernon, Chillicothe		June 25
Clarendon, Plainview		June 26
Falesine, Lovelady		June 27
Waco, Moody		June 28
Dublin, Rising Star		June 28
Gatesville, Lampasas		June 28
Llano, Llano		June 27
McKinney, Blue Ridge		June 27
Pittsburg, New Boston		June 27
Marshall, Beckville		June 27

### GALVESTON CHURCH.

In response to appeals made through the Advocate, we report the following:

E. Barnes, Florence, Texas	\$ 5.00
Mrs. S. J. Perry, Dublin, per Rev. H. A. Boaz	1.00
Mrs. D. M. Ferebee, Thalia, per Rev. C. E. Lindzey	.50
Mrs. M. A. Huff, Whitesboro	1.00
Mrs. H. V. Neely, Whitesboro	1.15
Mrs. M. J. Haynes, Canton, per Rev. H. B. Urquhart	1.00
W. D. Van Eaton, Kopperl, Texas	20.00
Lorena Church, per Rev. C. E. Gallagher	11.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39.65</b>

Kopperl, Texas, March 3, 1901.

L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas: Dear Sir—You will please find enclosed check for \$39.65 for the M. E. C. S. at Galveston.

W. D. VAN EATON.

Lorena, Texas, March 5, 1901.

Dear Dr. Rankin—Dr. Ward asked me to raise for our Galveston Church at least \$50. I presented the matter to the Lorena Church last Sunday and send you herewith \$11 as the result. Please forward it to Dr. Ward. Yours truly,

C. E. GALLAGHER.

Canton, Texas, March 4, 1901.

Dear Bro. Rankin—I hand you by the hands of Bro. Blaylock \$1 for the Galveston Church, the contribution of Sister M. J. Haynes, a widow. Yours, etc.,

H. B. URQUHART, P. C.

Read the appeal in behalf of the Orphanage in another column by Rev. R. C. Hicks and then proceed to act upon his suggestions. We have no worthier enterprise than this and it needs our constant co-operation. Therefore let no preacher overlook the Orphanage.

### BROTHER J. S. TERRY.

Brother J. S. Terry, an old and honored citizen of this city, died at his home on South Harwood Street last Friday. He had been in poor health for some time, but his death was nevertheless a sorrowful event to his many relatives and friends. For a great many years he was a consistent member of the First Methodist Church, and he was a faithful Christian man. He was always present at the public services, and he never failed to bear his part of the burden in the support of the Church. Quiet, unobtrusive, invincible, deeply pious and spiritual, his presence and sunny face will be greatly missed at First Church.

### BROTHER E. T. GLENN.

E. T. Glenn, of this city, died the first day of the present month at the home of his father in Auburn, Ala. He had been a citizen of this place for a number of years, but his health failed him a few months ago, and while on a visit to his old home he passed away. His remains were brought back and interred here by those of his late wife. Bro. Glenn was a member of First Methodist Church, and no better man was ever enrolled in the membership of this congregation. For quite a while he was one of the stewards of the Church, and he was loved and highly esteemed by all who knew him. His remains were buried from First Church last Monday morning.

### EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

Paul had many discouragements.

Christ was frequently alone in this world.

No one man suffers all of the sorrows of life.

A great many people wear bright faces, but carry sad hearts.

Stoicism is no evidence of a deeply consecrated life and spirit.

The most delightful part of religion is found in its experiences, but its greatest value is seen in its practice.

It is better to suffer in silence than to carry your grievances from ear to ear and make a perpetual exhibition of them.

A half hour devoted to prayer, one hour given to the reading of the Word of God, and a little sympathy toward a brother in need, make a sure recipe for people who are troubled with the blues.

The man who attends all of the services of his Church, keeps up family prayers and does his part of the paying, is entitled to the privilege of making suggestions to his preacher occasionally.

### A SUNDAY IN WHITESBORO.

Last Saturday I boarded the Katy for Whitesboro, a town about seventy miles north of this city. During the run I put in the time reading Bishop Fitzgerald's latest book, "Sunset Views." It is entertaining from the opening to the closing chapter. The Bishop is now an old man, and he has had a varied experience during a long life in the itinerant ministry. He has met the great me in the Church and mixed with the rank and file. The book touches upon these characters and the stirring incidents through which he has passed. In this little volume he takes a survey of these men and matters from his present point of view. This is why he calls his book "Sunset Views." Our preachers and people will find in it much that will interest, instruct and exhilarate them.

When I reached my destination I was met at the depot by Rev. J. F. Alderson, who took me in charge. Rev. W. H. Brown was also there, just back from a great meeting at Cooper. I was soon domiciled in the elegant parsonage. This was rebuilt and renovated the last year of Bro. Gober's pastorate, and it is an excellent two-story house, well arranged. The business portion of the town is back some distance from the railroad. I went round the square and mixed a little with the business men and the country people. As it was Saturday, there were a great many of them there with their produce purchasing their supplies. The streets were crowded and the order was perfect. I did not see a man under the influence of liquor, neither did I hear an improper word spoken. The behavior was as perfect as though it were Sunday. I was not surprised at this when I found out that Whitesboro is a prohibition town and the law is well observed. Sometime back I was in a town of no larger population than this one, and drinking and swearing were the order of the afternoon. The saloons were crowded and the people were spending their hard-earned money for liquor. Not so in Whitesboro. Here they have twelve hundred people, with good schools and good church buildings and no saloons. When the country people come here they sell their produce, buy their groceries and go home happy. And the town is prosperous, too. It is located on the Katy and the Trans-Continental Railroads. The Gainesville branch of the Katy makes off from the main line at this point to Gainesville and

Wichita. So the people have fine advantages in this respect.

We have good church property. The house is a wooden structure, worth at least \$3,000. It is modern in its architecture, well furnished and in good repair. It has a beautiful carpet on the floor, and this gives it a very cozy and home-like appearance. As soon as I looked into the auditorium I knew that congregation had in its membership a number of cultivated and tasty women. The touch of their hands was very perceptible. I looked in upon the Sunday-school. It is a good one. Bro. Hampy Abney is the superintendent, but he tendered his resignation last Sunday, as he is moving to Sherman. He is an attorney and wants to locate at the county site. But, Bro. Alderson's loss will be Dr. Bogg's gain. At the morning service the house was filled with an attentive and an interested congregation. I preached to them the best I could and we had a spiritual service. The people are responsive and it is an inspiration to minister to them. At the night service the congregation was large and the service was helpful to the preacher, and I trust to the people also. I had the pleasure of dining, along with the pastor's family, with Bro. and Sister H. H. Robertson. They know how to dispense Methodist hospitality, and it was a delight to be with them. Of course I met the omnipresent East Tennessean. This time he was Bro. J. S. Means, originally from Blount County. He has been in and near Whitesboro several years and he is prosperous; but he is now arranging to move to Midland. I met that staunch old layman, Bro. W. H. Marshall, and many others too numerous to mention. During my stay my home was in the parsonage, and the visit was to me a delightful one. There is no social life that excels the home of a Methodist preacher. Bro. Alderson is now in his first year at Whitesboro. He has made a most favorable impression on his people. They think that he is the best preacher in the conference. Well, they are not far wrong. He is a man of fine natural endowments, well trained, and above the average in his powers of thought. He gives his people well prepared and thoroughly wrought out sermons. He has ability to fill any appointment in the conference, and with it all he is spiritual and unobtrusive. The ministry of such a man is a blessing to any community. To know him is to love and appreciate him. If he does not have a fine year at Whitesboro, then all of the signs will have to fail. My stay with him and his good family is a memory that I will cherish henceforth.

G. C. R.

### REV. B. CARRADINE AT DENTON.

For some time it had been announced that Rev. B. Carradine, of St. Louis, would conduct revival services in the Northern Methodist Church at Denton, Texas, beginning March 12. Mr. Carradine is a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at First Church, St. Louis. Soon after the announcement was made our pastor at Denton, Rev. C. M. Harless, in accordance with Section 201 in our Book of Discipline, notified Mr. Carradine that the meeting which he proposed to hold in Denton was in violation of this plain law of the Church. But he came on to Denton notwithstanding to open the meeting. Bro. Harless met him at the train and placed a written protest in his hand. Mr. Carradine explained the matter in the Daily News, claiming that he did not receive the notice until he arrived in Denton, and asserted his purpose to go forward with the meeting. The official board of our Church stood by their pastor and Mr. Carradine was brought to terms. After preaching a few times he announced that on account of the protest of Rev. C. M. Harless he would not conduct the service

further. Mr. Carradine knew very well when he agreed to come to Denton that he was invading the pastoral jurisdiction of our Church, and doing it in the face of law. He also knew that his coming to Denton was aiding in the work of disturbing the peace and unity of our Church organization. He furthermore knew that he was contributing to the interest of another Church organization that was doing all in its power to grow and increase in numbers at the expense of our Church. Therefore he ought to have kept away from Denton and not put our pastor and people to the necessity of appealing to law to prevent his effort from injuring our work. If he wants to help Northern Methodists, let him go up North and do it to his heart's content; but if he proposes to force himself into Texas to help them, let him join the Northern Methodist Church and then he can get in his work and nobody will object. But our people have a right to enter their legal protest against Southern Methodist evangelists coming into Texas at the invitation of Northern Methodists for the sole purpose of creating discord and strife in our congregations in order to promote the interests of the former. We hope, therefore, that Mr Carradine will leave Texas a wiser man. When the real Methodism of the State needs his services the invitation will be sent to him through the proper channel.

### MORE ABOUT GALVESTON.

In a few days' sojourn in Galveston the past week, I availed of the opportunity to look well over the field of Methodism. I found that the minutes of the Texas Conference for 1899 show a total membership of St. John and St. James to have been 256. Dr. Ward reports the membership of Central Church (St. Johns and St. James consolidated) at about 350. The question is often asked: Is it worth while to rebuild the church in Galveston? Dr. Ward answers this question in the Advocate of February 7, when he says: "Let timid souls take due notice that if Galveston ever blows away, a Methodist church and some Methodist preachers will go with it." The people of Galveston have secular interests—the result of a life's work—which they can not abandon. They will continue to live there, storm or no storm, and Methodism must stay with them. The loss to the Church by death and removal has crippled them so that it is impossible for them to do much. But they are ready and willing to do their level best. Texas Methodism could raise within the next sixty days at least \$5000, and never miss the money. Providence has smiled on Texas the past year. We owe much to the Lord. Shall we fail to help our Church in this calamity?

The money which has heretofore gone to Galveston has been spent in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. Very little has been contributed to rebuild our church there. The recent appeals sent out through the Advocate are bearing fruit. Dr. Ward reports the receipt of funds from various sources. In our columns this week will be found additional reports. This is encouraging. It is only necessary that the preachers and membership of Texas learn the necessities of the case for them to act. In conversation with Dr. Harris, pastor of the Baptist Church, I learned that that denomination will not entertain a proposition for a church to cost less than \$25,000 or \$30,000. Their church will be built by contributions from abroad. Can Methodism do less?

L. BLAYLOCK.

### TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. J. D. Odom, of Italy, made us a cheerful visit recently.

Rev. H. H. Goode, of White Bend Circuit, Indian Mission Conference, called to see us recently.

Rev. D. J. Martin, of Plano, was in the city the other day, and brightened the office with a pleasant visit.

Bishop Key has returned from his tour of the Mexican Conferences. He stood his trip finely, and his health is good.

Rev. R. J. Birdwell, of the Northwest Texas Conference, was recently in the city, and made the Advocate a pleasant visit.

We were delighted the other day to have a visit from Bro. J. H. Dickey and his son, Hubert, who live in the country near Joshua. We knew this good brother

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chair and even the pulpit steps being pressed into service... On the morning of February 22... Bishop H. C. Morrison will preach the commencement sermon...

FROM CHAPPELL HILL. I have just visited Chappell Hill, and I found Prof. Landon Smith and our college in a flourishing condition... CLAIMS SETTLED. To Texas Epworth Leaguers: It is with keen pleasure I announce to you that the last claim against the State League has been settled...

Rev. W. A. Bowen has made quite a literary hit in Youth's Companion... Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Govette, of Cochran and Caruth charge, brought their baby, Paul, to see the Texas Advocate folk last Monday...

METHODIST NEWS.

Bishop Warren Candler is on a tour of inspection in Cuba... The Methodist Churches of the United States are said to be worth \$131,000,000... Dr. A. Coke Smith, of Virginia, is forced by ill health to spend the remainder of the winter further south.

BOOK NOTICES. This week we call attention merely to the following books sent to us for review... 'Sunset Views.' This is Bishop Fitzgerald's recent book... 'The D. L. Moody Year-Book' This is a book gotten out by Emma Moody Pitt and published by Fleming Revell Company...

UNANSWERED LETTERS. Feb. 25 and 26—J. W. Fort, sub. A. O. Evans, sub. G. M. Fletcher, sub. N. B. Read, sub. T. R. Hillborn, sub. L. M. Fowler, a. k. C. J. Oxley, has attention... Feb. 27—J. R. B. Hall, change. S. W. Turner, sub. J. A. Travis, sub. E. L. Shettle, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, has attention...

MANY STUTTERS CURED. Drs. Randolph & McCollough. St George Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Dear Sirs—It affords me great pleasure to recommend your treatment for stammering and stuttering... I stammered from childhood, but after taking your treatment, two months ago, I can talk as well as any one...

Spring Medicine. Is of the greatest importance. This is the most critical season of the year, from a health standpoint. It is the time when you imperatively need Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will give you a good appetite, purify and enrich your blood, build up and steady your nerves, overcome that tired feeling, give mental and digestive strength—in short, will vitalize your whole being, and put you in perfect health.

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FIRST AID TO THE INJURED POND'S EXTRACT. FOR BURNS, SPRAINS, WOUNDS, BRUISES OF ANY SORT OF CAUSE. Used Internally and Externally. CAUTION: Avoid the weak water which has a reputation, represented to be "the same as" Pond's Extract, which is easily sour and often contains "wood alcohol" an irritant externally and, taken internally, a poison.

White Head Conference, called at Plano, was in and brightened its visit. The Northwest recently in the create a pleasant other day to H. Dickey and in the country his good brother



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... coughs, hoarseness, bronchitis, headache, rheumatism, asthma, sprains, etc.

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**MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AND PREACHERS' CONFERENCE.**

In obedience to the call of our energetic presiding elder, Bro. G. A. Le-Clerc, the preachers of Houston District met on February 29 and 21, at Shearn Church, Houston, to discuss the subject of missions and other subjects closely related to the life-work and usefulness of a preacher.

After devotional services, Dr. Seth Ward led off with a discussion on "The Ground of Missionary Obligation."

The battle was now fairly waged, and by the time the smoke from the heavy artillery had cleared, and the rumbling in the distance had ceased, the smaller arms were whizzed into line, and at 2:30 in the afternoon session the non-commissioned rough-and-ready soldiers were commanded to fire.

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Bro. E. L. Inerum read us a good, solid paper on "The Sunday-school as a Missionary Organization."

The conclusion reached by the conference for the solution of our foreign problem is the only true conclusion possible, as old as the Church of Christ, as old as the policy by which it has ever been able to win a widening way—"a deep, abiding interest, an un-failing love."

In this way the first day's regular work was brought to a close. By a quarter to 8 o'clock a congregation had gathered in the chapel, and this scribe tried to preach.

The second day was entered upon with ever more enthusiasm than the first. The weather was ideal, and all the preachers were in the finest spirits.

Bro. Willis showed us the "Sources and Elements of a Preacher's Power" in an official, forceful manner, worthy of himself and the occasion.

sell; "The Preacher's True Mission in the Pulpit," by Bro. Green; "The Preacher Planning and Conducting Revivals," by Bro. George; a most excellent paper by Bro. Bryce on "What Special Equipment is Needed by the Christian Ministry in the New Century," and lastly, Bro. Thomas spoke to the subject, "The Preacher's Relation to Public Evils."

This closed the Preachers' Conference. It was altogether an intellectual treat. Then, too, the brotherly association was most helpful.

Bro. Le-Clerc is making things move apace on Houston District. We have problems and difficulties before us, to be sure, but we are addressing ourselves to our tasks with resolution and hope.

**URGENT AND IMPORTANT.**

To Our Friends: The negative work along anti-caution lines by this Congress has been splendidly done. We are now aiming to be practical.

In other words, can we not make the post exchange so attractive and so conducive to the comfort and enjoyment of the men that they will prefer to spend their time there and not be led into habits of drinking elsewhere?

After careful consideration we favor an amendment to army appropriations bill giving one and one-half cents per day per enlisted man to improve the post exchange and increase and extend its benefits in the establishment.

Nothing will stand in the way of securing this but the fear of large appropriations at this session. Such an appropriation is justifiable from every point of view.

It ought to be a popular expenditure. We owe it to the soldiers, and it will pay the people! What is now needed is to make it popular. This will go to friendly persons and papers, to our superintendents and workers.

Commend the work already done by Congress and urge that it now be buttressed in this way, and especially show that the people will applaud such a use of their money, and do all you can to make it popular. What is done needs to be done at once.

Sincerely and truly, E. C. DINWIDDIE, Legislature Superintendent American A. S. L.

**A TEXAS WONDER.**

**HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY.**

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women.

**Read This.**

Weatherford, Texas, Jan. 27.—For seven years I was suffering with kidney troubles and found no permanent relief.

He who lets the flying basket go by may have less cause to blush than he who tries to make a nickel ring like a dollar.

**A Cup of Good Coffee**



To get a really good cup of coffee you'll have to start back of the actual making; you'll have to look to the roasting and the grinding.

**Arbucksles' Roasted Coffee**

for it is actually less expensive than the cheap kind; goes further—besides being better flavored, more satisfying.

You will find a list of useful articles in each package of Arbucksles' Coffee. A definite part of one of these articles becomes yours when you buy the coffee.

ARBUCKLE BROS. Notion Dept. New York City, N. Y.

Salt is a great natural remedy. A weak solution of salt and water is one of the best remedies for imperfect digestion; and for a cold in the head there are few things better; snuff up a little from the hollow of the hand.

Severe pains in the bowels and stomach are often speedily relieved by the application of a bag of hot salt.

"A good mother, when her son was leaving the home of his childhood and going out into the great world, knowing that he was ambitious, gave him this parting injunction: 'My son, remember that, though it is a good thing to be a great man, it is a great thing to be a good man.'"

**The Natural Laws Governing the Action of His Physical Organism GIVES MAN IMMEDIATE POWER OVER DISEASE.**

Mrs. Prof. R. A. Long, Terrell, Texas: "From the age of 5 to 25 I was a confirmed invalid, suffering with nearly all diseases common to women. I tried the ablest physicians and most highly celebrated medicines with but little benefit."

my case incurable. Seeing Natural Law Discovery as highly recommended, I decided to try it. It gave me immediate power to rid myself of my ailments. I improved twenty-five pounds in weight, and since then have had no return of a return of my troubles. Mrs. S. A. Hawkins, Wills Point, Texas: "My case is known to me as reliable. I served on her mother 250 years." J. H. Myers, Terrell, Texas.

H. C. La Grone, Deadwood, Texas: "Natural Law Discovery has saved my son, Child La Grone, curing him of heart disease. Seems like a miracle, all treatments of celebrated physicians having failed." (Above party is reliable—Pub.)

"For fourteen years I suffered with inflammation, ulceration and falling of the womb, and heart and nerve troubles. Six of our ablest physicians had pronounced...

Address, M. A. SIDES, Llano, Texas.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 125 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

A PRAYER.

O God, in whom alone our hearts are satisfied, help us so to live that we may find our rest in thee. Out of our imperfection bring to light the glorious perfection of thy grace. Pardon the sins of thought which we are slow to recognize and make us clean. Guard our way upon the right hand and the left, that we may not be tempted above that which we are able to endure. In all simplicity of thought and outward order of holy life may we be faithful to the trust committed to our care. In patient endurance and purity of heart, by ready sympathy and devotion to the needs of others, help us to bear our faithful witness to the risen and ascended Lord. In the hour of swift temptation hold us back from falling into sin. In the day of our impenitence be thou our rest, and in the darkness of our restless ignorance make the shining of thy light appear. And thine shall be the glory evermore through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—Selected.

THE MISSIONARY TOMATO.

Again I announce the peach tomato seed for sale. To any one sending me a dime, I will send the seed out of three tomatoes. Please send on your dimes and get in return a fine kind of tomato, and thereby help an old woman to get her missionary money.—Mrs. M. A. Earnes, Bluffdale, Texas.

A GOOD SHOWING FOR PARIS AUXILIARY.

The following letter was received from Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, of Nashville, by the ladies of Centenary Church of Paris. All such work done by the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South, has to be reported to Mrs. Yarbrough, and this letter is in reply to the report sent by this home Church.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 31, 1901.—My Dear Sisters:—Thank you very much for such a good report. You now stand on my looks as follows:

Paris, Texas, Centenary Auxiliary—1 box, value \$50; third quarter; fourth quarter, 1 box, value \$50 and 1 box at \$5. The latter two sent to Galveston, one box, value \$40, sent to the Rescue Home at Dallas. Making in all boxes valued at \$250, more than any Church in the South. Some single boxes are valued as high as \$250, but no society has sent supplies as valuable as yours. Make it complete by sending one to a needy preacher's family, and come out victorious on all lines.

MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH.

The ladies last Monday decided to send a box to a needy preacher, probably on the frontier, or maybe in the Indian Territory mission field.

MRS. A. F. BOYD.

RUSKIN TO GIRLS.

John Ruskin was a very strong man, famous for both thought and deeds; and what he said by way of advice to girls is sure to be prized.

Here is one of his pieces of advice to the girls of the High School at Cork, which young and old would do well to cherish:

"The chief danger for young girls in this great 'to-day' of their own and the world's age is the temptation of restlessness, whether in curiosity, pleasure or pride. I want them all to be earnest, thoroughly, thoughtfully intelligent of what is close to them and under their care-happy, not in one day as the happiest of their lives, but in the daily current of their time, and proud in rightly knowing what they have joy in knowing and rightly doing whatever they are called upon—not by fame, but by love—to do for any who love them, for all who are dependent upon them."—Children's Visitor.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Our societies of the Oak Cliff Church were late observing the Week of Prayer, but the five services held were well attended, pleasant and profitable. Our pastor prepared the way by preaching on the Sabbath beforehand a missionary sermon, which those who heard it will not soon forget. Both societies united in all the services, but Monday and Tuesday were devoted to foreign missions and the remainder of the week to the home mission cause. The decorations of pot plants and pretty "drawn-work" indicated that the occasion had been planned for with loving thoughtfulness. The Committee on Music had selected familiar hymns, taking care that they suited the topic discussed, and had arranged for an appropriate solo for each afternoon. The work in general was first presented, then those par-

ticular causes—the mountain work, Cuban work, our own Mission Home, etc., familiar to our members, but little known of, perhaps, by many present. As original papers and selected articles were read, and as fervent prayers were offered, there was a feeling that it was good to be there. With emotion, the President told how she had shrunk from the responsibility of conducting the meetings, but that so many had come and so much interest had been felt that it had been made easy. Some of the visible results of our services were a thank-offering of about twelve dollars, five members added to one society, and increased attendance and earnestness of purpose in both.

FLORA THOMAS, Secretary, Oak Cliff, Texas.

An executive meeting of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, was held Saturday, the 24 inst., at 2:30 p. m., in First Methodist Church, Dallas. Three of the executive officers were present—the President, the Treasurer and Recording Secretary (the Corresponding Secretary being detained at home by illness in her family)—and two District Secretaries were present, for Terrell District and Dallas District. The time for holding the next annual meeting of the Conference Society was discussed, and the time was fixed for May 8-12, opening at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, May 8, closing on following Sunday night, the 12th. Other items of business were discussed and arranged, looking to advancement of the work of the society and providing for the program of the approaching annual meeting, to be held in Bonham, Texas, at date named.

- Paris District—Second Round. Clarksville sta. March 2, 5; Lamar Avenue. March 9, 10; Centenary. March 10, 11; Blossom, at Birdtown. March 16, 17; Clarksville ch. at Bethel. March 23, 24; Emberson, at Bethel. March 23, 31; West Paris. March 31, April 1; Marvin, at Rockford. April 6, 7; Powderly, at Palestine. April 13, 14; Rosalie, at Bethel. April 20, 21; Deport, at Williamsboro. April 27, 28; Annona, at Williams' Chapel. May 4, 5; White Rock. May 5, 6; Maxey, at Direct. May 11, 12; Woodland, at Woodland. May 18, 19; Detroit, at Red Oak. May 19, 20; Roxton, at Elm Grove. June 1, 2; District Conference will meet at Blossom June 5, at 8 p. m. Opening sermon by C. A. Corry.

- Bowie District—Second Round. Wichita Falls. March 9, 10; Iowa Park, at Waggoner. March 10, 11; Benavanne, at Willow Springs. March 16, 17; Beardsley. March 17, 18; Bellevue, at Stoneburg. March 23, 24; Boyd, at Ansonville. March 24, 25; Archer City, at Kickapoo. March 30, 31; Holidays, at Dundee. March 31, April 1; Pruitland, at Dry Valley. April 5, 6; Bowie. April 7, 8; Post Oak, at Hicks S. H. April 19, 20; Decatur ch. at Oak Grove. April 22, 23; Paradise, at Rosenville. April 29, 30; Gibbstown, at Willow Point. April 29, 31; Blue Grove, at Friendship. April 29, 31; Crafton, at Newport. April 29, 31.

- Alvord, at Pleasant Ridge. May 4, 5; Bridgeport, at Pleasant Valley. May 11, 12; Chico, at Sand Flat. May 12, 13; Bryson, at Oak Glen. May 16, 17; Jacksboro. May 18, 19; Greenwood, at Rush Branch. May 25, 26; Rhode, at Rhode. May 26, 27; District Conference will meet at Wichita Falls, May 7, 9 a. m. Preaching Monday evening by W. M. P. Rippey; J. M. Peterson, P. E.

- Houston District—Second Round. Tabernacle. March 22, 24; McAshan. March 23, 24; Central Church. March 23, 24; West End. March 30, 31; McKee Street. April 6, 7; Washington Street. April 7, 8; Wharton and Hungerford, at W. April 13, 14; Cedar Bayou, at Alexander's. April 20, 21; El Campo, at Ashby. April 27, 28; Angleton, at Sandy Point. May 4, 5; Columbia and Brazoria, at B. May 11, 12; Rosenberg, at Modena. May 18, 19; Alvin. May 25, 26; Richmond. June 1, 2; Matagorda, at Bay City. June 8, 9; Dickinson. June 15, 16; Shearn. May 15; Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

- Huntsville District—Second Round. Montgomery ch. at Price's Chapel. March 9, 10; Courtney and Plantersville ch. at Lytle Grove. March 16, 17; Waller ch. at Mink's Prairie. March 23, 24; Hempstead sta. March 25; Bryan sta. March 26; Millican ch. at Millican. March 27; Navasota sta. March 21, April 1; Madisonville ch. at Midway. April 6, 7; Anderson ch. at Roan's Prairie. April 13, 14; Huntsville sta. April 21, 22; Willis sta. May 12, 13; Prairie Plains ch. at Union Grove. May 18, 19; Zion ch. at Sulphur Springs. May 25, 26; Dodge ch. at Old Waverly. June 1, 2; Cold Springs ch. at Shepherd. June 8, 9; Conroe. June 15, 16; Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

- Palestine District—Second Round. Crockett sta. March 24, 25; Jacksonville sta. March 28; Rusk sta. March 29, 31; Elkhart ch. at O'Neal's. April 6, 7; Palestine. April 7; Wells mts. at Fairview. April 13, 14; Trinity and Lovelady, at Glendale. April 21; Alto ch. at Mt. Zion. May 4, 5; Hubbard ch. at Taylor. May 11, 12; Jacksonville ch. at Frenchtown. May 18, 19; Brushy Creek ch. at Pace's Chapel. May 25, 26; Groveton ch. June 1, 2; West Palestine. June 8, 9; Grapeland ch. at Hay's Springs. June 15, 16; Crockett ch. June 22, 23; The District Conference will be held at Lovelady June 27-30; W. F. Davis, P. E.

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REV. D. W. TOWNS.

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He was our pastor on New York circuit for four years, and lived within 200 yards of my house, and we were very intimate with each other. He was a safe man in the friendships of life, and in the management of the affairs of God's Church, and while not profound in pulpit ministrations, he was zealous in good works, and led the flock as a prudent shepherd with good convenient for them. We all loved Bro. Towns, and regret to learn of his death and are pained to see no further account of his last illness and death. Will not some brother familiar with his last sickness, write an extended account of it for the benefit of his many friends, and as a just tribute of respect to this good man.

His success while with us as pastor and preacher was over an average, and as a policeman, father and keeper, none have equaled him. In the sick room, and social life, he ever carried the aroma of grace, truth and righteousness, and all who came under the magnetism of his spirituality felt that they had been with a man of God.

The tear of sorrow falls as we read his death, and the prayer of faith ascends for courage to press on and meet him in the better land. DR. HALL.

NIXON.—The sweet little girl, "Dolly," of Dr. and Sister U. H. Nixon was called to rest on February 15, 1901. She only lived in bright this Christian home a little over five years. She was one of those sweet little girls that everybody loves. She was kind and loving to other children, and as obedient to parents as she was kind to others. She was sick only a few days, with that dreadful disease, spinal meningitis. It was hard for parents and loved ones in part with her, but they held out as those who have no hope. "Dolly" may go to live with God, and some sweet day we shall go to meet her. Earth seems darker, but heaven is brighter. Heaven never seems so near until we have ties over there. Let us live to meet her. G. BRUCE MEADOR, P. C.

PERVEY.—Corney Deway, whose maiden name was Wright, was born at Waco, Texas, January 23, 1846, and died in Mount Pleasant, Texas, December 22, 1899. She was wife of Jas. H. Pervey, and the mother of five children, all of which live to mourn her death. The younger children are in the hands of relatives who will care for them. Sister Pervey was a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Mount Pleasant. As a wife she was particularly to look after the best interests of her husband. As a mother she was kind and attentive to the children. As a neighbor she was obliging and much loved, and as a Christian she was consistent in life and character. Her life and influence abide upon her loved ones, and all who know her. May these make an unbroken family circle around the throne of God. G. F. BOYD.

McKINNEY.—Mrs. Lincy T. McKinney (nee Shepherd) was born in Marshall County, Miss., November 1, 1828. She died at her daughter's, near Yantis, Texas, December 15, 1898. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church at the age of 16, January, 1852. She was happily married to T. A. J. McKinney; was left a widow, with nine children to care for and train, November 8, 1872. She was afflicted for a number of years, but not a morbid was ever heard of escape her lips; always ready to do good and bless those in need. She was a mother to the orphan and friend to the poor. When death came she said all things were ready. She left five children to mourn their loss; but our loss is her gain. We mourn not as those without hope. Dr. A. Thomason preached her funeral from the text, "If a man die, shall he live again?" She was buried at Pine Forest beside her husband to await the resurrection morn. HER SON.

CARLISLE.—Capt. John H. Carlisle was born in Wytheville, Va., January 8, 1814, moved to Missouri in early life, and on March 23, 1867, was married to Miss Annie E. Thornton, daughter of Dr. Thornton. He moved to Texas in the spring of 1877, and died at his home in Italy, Texas, February 13, 1891. Bro. Carlisle was converted June 19, 1861, and joined the M. E. Church, South, and to say his conversion was bright, and that he truly fought the good fight of faith would indeed be expressing the truth. He was a man of strong character and sterling integrity, and one among the truest men I ever knew. I always prized his friendship very highly, for he was pure gold to the center. He was a kind, loving husband, a tender father and a true friend. Every impulse of his noble heart was to be true to all those who were depending on him. He enlisted in the Civil War at 18 years of age, and went through the entire war. No man ever made a better soldier of the Lost Cause than he. Having been wounded two or three times. He was always in the front of battle, where only the brave could follow. He was with Gen. Cockrell in the famous charge on the battery in the Lost Creek at Franklin, Tenn., and bore Gen. Cockrell off the battlefield. He had such influence with Cockrell and his men they looked upon him as the truest of the brave. His war record will

ever remain as part of the history of the Lost Cause. But the best of all, he was a Christian soldier, and fought the good fight of faith through to a triumphant death. His last sickness was protracted and his sufferings were great, but he bore it all with Christian fortitude and patience. If the inevitable why ever entered his mind, he never complained. He talked about the great future as though he were going on a pleasant trip home, exhorting wife and children and friends to meet him in the better land. His children, five boys and two girls, were all present except his son Emmette, who is in the army at Manila, and is Sergeant of the Signal Corps. The writer, assisted by Bro. J. D. Odum, the pastor, preached his funeral to a large congregation at the Methodist Church, after which we laid his body away in the cemetery at Italy to await the morning of the resurrection. May the blessings of God rest upon the bereaved family, and may we all meet him in the bright world beyond. JAS. A. WALKUP.

HEFLIN.—Miss Gayton Heflin, daughter of Jas. L. and Francis Heflin, was born January 4, 1881, professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, under Bro. Moses' ministry in Limestone County, Texas, in which church she lived a faultless life until God called her home on February 7, 1899. As the end, so visible to her, drew near, she would sing and talk of God's wonderful power to save, singing "We will know each other when the mist is cleared away." She was the first flower to be plucked from the large cluster. Seven children and the father and mother have been members of our Church at Horn Hill for nine years. There were nine of this family down with la grippe, and four cases ran into pneumonia, which ended this pure life. JNO. A. TRAVIS, P. C. Thelma, Texas.

PRATT.—Sister Elizabeth C. Pratt (nee Kay) departed this life February 4, 1901, being 35 years of age last November. She was born in Anderson County, S. C. in 1846, she was married to T. Pratt, who survives her. They moved to Mississippi in 1863 and to Texas in 1868, and settled in Navarro County, and from there to Bellevue, Clay County, in 1880, where they lived till her death. Sister Pratt was baptized in infancy, converted when 12 years of age, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She was a devoted Christian—for a long time teacher of infant class in our Sunday-school. A faithful wife and loving mother, her life was not in vain. Yes, we all miss her, but thanks be to God for the hope the faithful have in Christ Jesus. Her resurrection. We know how bereaved to find her. While the church and community are sustaining a loss, while husband and children mourn her absence, heaven has gained another jewel. Father, teach us to say, "Thy will be done." W. T. HARRIS, Pastor.

HEFLIN.—Jas. L. Heflin was born in Mississippi, April 25, 1812, married Francis Bryant, December 15, 1830, moved to Texas about ten years ago, and settled in Limestone County, where he died February 15, 1891. He was the father of nine children, seven of whom survive to mourn their loss. Two daughters had only a few days preceded him to the glory land. Brother Heflin professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 18, in which he lived to his death. He has been a member of the Amosco order since 21 years of age, and was buried under the auspices of that order at Horn Hill, Texas, February 15, 1891. He was also a member of the L. O. O. F. Thus you can see the esteem in which he was held, but you can not know the loss of the family, community and Church. When told that his oldest daughter was dead he said: "Mamma, let's not grieve, they can't come to us, but we can go to them." He was the third one of this family to die with pneumonia since February 7. How rapidly the family has decreased on earth! In the same proportion it has increased in heaven. May the God of all grace heal the broken hearts, is the prayer of their pastor, JNO. A. TRAVIS. Thelma, Texas.

LONG.—Bro. John H. Long, son of James F. Long, of Gordon County, Ga., was born March 21, A. D. 1841, and died February 1, 1891, in the faith and hope of the gospel, at Orlena, Cooke County, Texas. He married Miss Eleanor E. Wood March 17, 1861. This happy union was severed by her death, February 15, 1872. But to them were given four children. After her death he was again happily married to Miss S. H. Crowder, of Talladega County, Ala.; came to Texas and stopped in Montague County in 1867, in 1887 came into Delaware Bend, on Red River, in Cooke County, August, 1888, he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which he was a devoted member at the time of his death; was filling the office of steward at this time. He left evidence that he was going to rest. He impressed the people with whom he came in contact, that he was a man of God. Many of his neighbors attended his burial. A good man, devoted husband and father has left us. Our loss is his eternal gain. We will see him again by and by. L. F. PALMER, Pastor.

GARNER.—Sister Alice M. Garner, daughter of C. P. and M. C. Owen, was born in Athens, Tenn., August 29, 1818; moved to Alabama in childhood; was twice married—first to Dr. T. A. Hubbard, March 1, 1861. Three years later he died. Second, to F. Garner. She bore a daughter to each husband. Again she was left in widowhood. But, with her home and great energy, she reared her daughters to be worthy and estimable ladies, who love and fear the God of their mother—viz., Mrs. Edgel and Mrs. Dr. Haney, of Millsap, Texas. Sister Garner moved to Millsap from Alabama in 1891; died at her home, with Dr. and Mrs. Haney, January 25, 1891. Sister Garner had her troubles in this life, but meekly hid them behind the cross. Constantly she was giving out to others her sympathies, love, cheer and kindness. No one here has more friends than she. She had charity for the vilest. Her life was one of faithful service to her children, her neighbors and her God. She was reared a Methodist, and was a faithful member until death. Her sister, Mrs. Douglas, says: "Sister was a serious child, always religiously inclined, and was brightly converted at the age of 14 years." Sister Garner was unconscious a great deal during her illness, therefore did not plainly demonstrate that she thought the end was near, yet she said many beautiful things. She sang "Leaving on the everlastingly arms," spoke of the "green mountain and bright jasper walls." "Ah! well we know one who lived such an exemplary life as she has entered into the joys of her Lord." Truly it seems that one of our brightest stars has gone down. But, as has been said of other departed saints, "a new star now shines in heaven." Yes, we know that tears unbidden start as daughters, grandchildren, ever behold the vacant chair and "sigh for the tender touch of mother's hand and the sound of the voice that is still the sweet, second-hearted ones, with the sweet assurance that she is not lost to you, but is beckoning her dear ones to a home where partings are not known. May God soothe your sorrows with the oil of his love, and may each of you, after a life of service to God, be reunited to your treasured one in heaven, in the prayer of those who loved her and miss her much at the parsonage. M. W. AND TINE P. CLARK.

HEFLIN.—Miss Emma Heflin, daughter of Jas. L. and Francis Heflin, was born January 5, 1871, and fell on sleep in Jesus February 9, 1899. Miss Emma was the oldest daughter, and a lovely, Christian girl, a sweet sister and a devoted child. She loved everybody, exemplifying in her life the true characteristic of a true Christian. She was the second flower to be plucked from this cluster, and following so soon her sister that it was a heavy burden to her family and many friends; but the evidence she left us makes the burden light. She shouted the praises of God to the last breath. She called for the family to kiss her good-bye, and when told that seven of them were sick and could not come she said: "Mamma, I leave a kiss for each one. You kiss me for them, and tell me each time which it is for." So her wish was complied with, beginning at her father and ending with the youngest one that was sick. During this time and all through her sickness, her favorite song was, "Thou art gone, my precious darling." She asked her brother to raise her up, telling him: "I know you don't want me to die hard, brother. Please raise me up." And after he raised her up she fell in her mother's arms, and the soul that had been nine years anchored in the haven of rest, winged its way to the God who gave it. Glory to God for sustaining grace in the hours of trouble and death. JNO. A. TRAVIS, P. C. Thelma, Texas.

McMILLAN.—Mrs. Sarah Catharine McMillan was born in Butler County, Ala., December 15, 1825. She came to Texas in 1858. Her husband, William McMillan, to whom she was married in 1848, died January 11, 1858. During this period she had six children. Three of them have preceded Sister McMillan into the great beyond. The three surviving are Richard M. McMillan, Mrs. W. D. Williams and Mrs. Lula Loring. Sister McMillan was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1842. She lived a loyal member of the same until from its ranks her Lord called for her on February 25, 1891. She was the first person I visited in a pastoral capacity after I came to Mason. Though feeble and an invalid, she was strong in the faith. During my last visit to her she gave me great encouragement by relating to me how God had been with her all along the line. While engaged in prayer, she joined in spirit and responded with hearty amens when we prayed for God's power to rest upon the Church. I shall be a better man through the years that come and go as a result of having been with her a few times. He of good cheer, children, mamma has gone to God, whence it is possible for you to follow. Look up through your tears and with the eye of living faith see mother and grandmamma wearing her crown and living with the redeemed. Let us live for her company in the sweet by and by. D. A. GREGG. Mason, Texas.

GORDON.—Little Annie and Alletto, the sweet babies of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gordon, died of scarlet fever at their father's home at Bonn, Texas. Annie, 3 years and six months old, died January 15, 1899, and Alletto, 11 months old, died January 25, 1899. Beautiful, lovely, bright, interesting children, too good to remain in these regions below, so God has transplanted them to blossom and bloom forever in the King's garden. But the tomb is not dark to those who have faith in Him who robbed the grave of its victory and death of its sting. The doctrine of the resurrection is full of joy to the bereaved. It clothes the grave with flowers and wreathes the tomb with unfading laurels. The sepulchre shines brighter than the sun, and death grows fairer as we see in full assurance of faith. We know that they shall rise again. Rem from the ignoble shells, these pearls have gone to deck the crown of the Prince of Peace. THEIR PASTOR.

MAJORS.—Little Ernest, son of Bro. J. L. Majors, was born September 20, 1891, and died February 18, 1891. Another one has gone to swell the number, about which Jesus said, "Such is the kingdom of heaven." Thank God, we do not part with loved ones forever, but have the assurance that, though we "can not bring them back" to us, we can be again united in heaven, where we will not part. Be comforted, dear father, though wife be gone and little Ernest be gone, yet in a few more years they will welcome you to the "mansion" prepared for you. M. W. CLARK.

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**CAVIN**—Joseph Aubrey Cavin, son of W. T. and S. E. Cavin, was born in McCulloch County, Texas, November 23, 1858, and died at the home of his parents, near Bear Creek, February 23, 1901. Joe is gone to the home of the good on high. Farewell, Joe; but not forever, for we shall try to meet him in the sweet by and by. **T. J. LASSETER.**

**PHILLIPS**—Miss Jodie Phillips was born in Mills County, Texas, November 22, 1886, was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Eolian, Texas, August 6, 1899. She was sick only ten days, departing for her heavenly home in full assurance of faith January 24, 1901. She was the daughter of J. D. and M. E. Phillips, Breckenridge, Texas. **E. V. COX.**

**BLAKEY**—Rodie Thompson was born in 1882. In 1895 she was married to E. E. Blakey. To them were given four children. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when only a small girl. She was a great sufferer, being sick some six months, but she bore it all patiently. All was done for her that could be done, but in vain. She talked a great deal of her expected death, and said that she did not fear death, but was ready when God called, so on the 12th of January, 1901, she fell asleep in Jesus. May God bless her husband and children, with father and mother and friends, to meet her in the sweet by and by. **J. A. FLEMMER, P. C. Dale, Texas.**

**MASON**—J. P. Mason was born in Franklin County, Tenn., January 1, 1847, came to Texas in 1875, was married to Miss M. E. Noah January 2, 1879, died December 31, 1900, leaving a wife, seven children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Bro. Mason was converted when young and joined the Baptist Church, but for some reason never attached himself to the Church after coming to Texas. Bro. Mason was a well-rounded citizen. No man stood higher among his fellows as a citizen, a true man, than he. As a neighbor, husband and father he was tender, loving and lovable. He gave his life for those. As a friend, you could trust him—yes, confide in him. He has gone to receive his final reward. May the Lord bless all the family. **W. N. CURRY, P. C.**

**TANNER**—R. Tanner, Sr., was born in Greene County, Ga., May 8, 1818, and died at Jacksonville, Texas, February 19, 1901, aged nearly 83 years. His parents were members of the Baptist Church, in which faith he was reared. On January 15, 1841, he was married, at Chocomahe, Ala., to Miss Mary F. Striplin, daughter of Rev. Benjamin Striplin. His wife and father-in-law being Methodists of the same religious faith, he joined the Methodist Church several years before moving to Texas. In 1857, after living in Texas some years, he joined the Methodist Church at Jacksonville, in which faith he died and was buried. His wife died in 1895, having been a member of the Methodist Church sixty-three years. They were both firm believers in God's goodness and mercy, and before dying each expressed a willingness to go and no fear for the future. **R. S. TANNER.**

**KNOX**—Lula Knox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knox, was born June 26, 1885, and died at home, near Harleton, Texas, February 5, 1901, after much suffering with black jaundice. She realized that her departure was near at hand, and called her mother and said she wished to kiss her good-bye, and then called for each member of the family for the same purpose, and then left a message for the absent one. She said, "Tell Lane I will never see him again." Lula seemed to know her suffering was almost over, as her words to her mother were evidence of the fact that her pain would be over after the hour of death. We believe that Lula's mission in life was not a failure, as she was trained by a good mother, and we do not believe she had gone out into the sinful world at this early age, as other ones have done. We trust that those brothers and sisters who are left to fight the battles of life will keep ever before them the true ideas of Christian manhood and womanhood. We know Lula will be missed at school and in the community, but not so much as in the home. But she is now in vaster realms. **HORACE W. GOBER, Harleton, Texas.**

**ASHFORD**—Mrs. Virginia I. Ashford, daughter of Thomas C. and Nancy Slaughter, was born in Wharton County, Texas, November 1, 1835. In early life she was left an orphan, and came to Columbus, Texas, and made her home with Dr. Toliver until her marriage to D. A. Sarrett, July 15, 1855, who lived but a short time. On February 8, 1858, she was married to W. E. P. Ashford, who died on November 16, 1898. To them seven children were born. Three of them died in early life. Sister Ashford died in Gonzalez, Texas, on January 1, 1901, where she had gone to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Lanikin. All of her children were present during her last illness except one, who was unable to reach her. She had been in feeble health for many years. Sister Ashford filled well every station in life in which the providence of God had placed her. Her remains were buried at Columbus. She was a kind wife, a devoted mother, a good neighbor, and had been a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, for a long time, so when death came she was ready. Four children, two grandchildren and many relatives and friends mourn her death. **F. O. FAURE.**

**BREWER**—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. D. C. Brewer, was born April 27, 1851; professed religion and joined the Church in July, 1864, and died December 18, 1900. Sister Brewer lived a consistent Christian life from the day of her conversion to the day of her death. She possessed those noble Christian graces which form a true Christian character. She was modest and unassuming, possessing that faith in Christ which makes life so free from anything like presumption. "Where duty called, or danger, she was never wanting there." She suffered much in her last illness, and was aware of her approaching dissolution, but she was patient and bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude. She exhorted those who came to see her to live Christian lives and meet her in heaven. She was especially interested in the welfare of her

children, and gave special directions concerning their training; and when the Master came she was ready to accompany him to the New Jerusalem. She had nothing to do but "lay down the armor and go home." The battle is fought, the victory won, and she has entered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. She leaves a mother, three sisters, one brother, a husband and thirty children to mourn her departure; but they mourn not as those who have no hope. They know where their loved one has gone. May the God of all grace sustain them in their sad bereavement. **J. W. BRIDGES.**

**BRANON**—Julia Tabitha Branon (nee Warner) was born July 26, 1822, in Washington Parish, La. In early life she joined the M. E. Church, South, and ever afterwards lived a noble, faithful Christian. She was married to Bro. J. S. Branon on March 5, 1846. From this union eight children were born, two of whom have preceded her to their home beyond. They came to Lavaca County, Texas, in 1857, and settled fifteen miles east of Hallettsville. Here they lived, sharing and bearing all cares and burdens together as faithful companions and parents. Their home was the preacher's welcome home. February 12, 1898, Bro. Branon departed this life, leaving Sister Branon with the children, for whom she kindly and lovingly cared until they all were grown and married off. Then some of the grandchildren lived with her until January 27, 1901. She ate a hearty supper. When it was bed-time they all retired to rest. Some time during the night she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. When the children awoke in the dawn of the morning, they failed to hear grandmother's familiar, comforting voice, and going to her bedside they learned she had gone home to God and heaven, and rested forever. She has left six children, all attended the funeral service, and thirty-seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends, mourn their loss. The Lord bless the loved ones she has left behind, and help them to live, each one of them, so that when God comes to make up his jewels not one of them be left out, is the prayer of this writer. **A. G. NOLEN, Shiner, Texas.**

**BEVEL**—R. H. Bevel, son of R. H. and Eliza Bevel, was born in Barbour County, Ala., December 28, 1862, and died at his home in Pittsburg, Texas, January 28, 1901. About thirteen months before his death he was happily married to Miss Minnie Lee Bridges, who, with their 2-months-old babe, still survive. Born of religious parents and raised in the lap of Methodism, he soon gave his heart to God. When the writer of this sketch was his pastor, near eighteen years ago, he assumed the vows, was baptized and received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which he lived a consistent member to the day of his death. He was only sick about a week, but he met death as manly as a Christian can. He told his wife "to take his little boy baby, raise and educate him, that he may make a useful man"—"that all was well with him." He also told his brother, Rev. J. F. Bevel, who was with him to the last, "that he was trusting in Jesus." His funeral was preached by his pastor, Rev. W. S. Jones, from De Witt and Reeves Chapel, to a large crowd of friends and relatives, and the remains were deposited in the family burying-ground, where his father, brother and sister also sleep. We are comforted in the hope of a sweet reunion beyond the grave. May blessings rest upon his aged mother, wife, baby and other members of the family. **J. T. BLUDWORTH, Campbell, Texas.**

**KELLAM**—Jno. P. Kellam was born September 29, 1825, at Little Rock, Ark., and died January 12, 1901, at his home, 642 Virginia avenue, West End, San Antonio, Texas. He came to Texas in 1850, and settled at Blanco, where he lived until after the war. In 1867 he moved to San Marcos, where he lived until about six years ago, when he came to San Antonio, Texas. He was a member of the Methodist Church for over fifty years. For a great part of this time, while in active life, he was an officer in the Church, serving as steward and trustee. He had been 2 subscriber to the Advocate for over thirty years. He leaves a wife and fourteen children, five girls and nine boys. All these children are members of the Church, three or four officers in the same. The above facts are worthy the life of any man. A large family and all following in the footsteps of their father, reveals the fact that Bro. Kellam was a man of great consistency and purity of life as a Christian. He was one of the purest and best men I ever knew. He was a Methodist from choice and conviction, and he lived up to the rules and regulations of the Church, and was ever ready to perform any duty imposed upon him. Honest, pure, sincere, upright, he was a man without reproach before God and man. A faithful Christian, a devoted husband and kind father, he fulfilled all the duties required of him. Bro. Kellam was a friend to the preachers. His home was their home. He was their friend and counsellor in every time of need. According to his means he was a liberal supporter of the Church and its institutions. I might say much more of this faithful and good man, but it is not necessary. His record is on high and he lives in the hearts and lives of his family, and of all who knew him. Farewell, my brother, until we meet again. Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. **H. HARRIS.**

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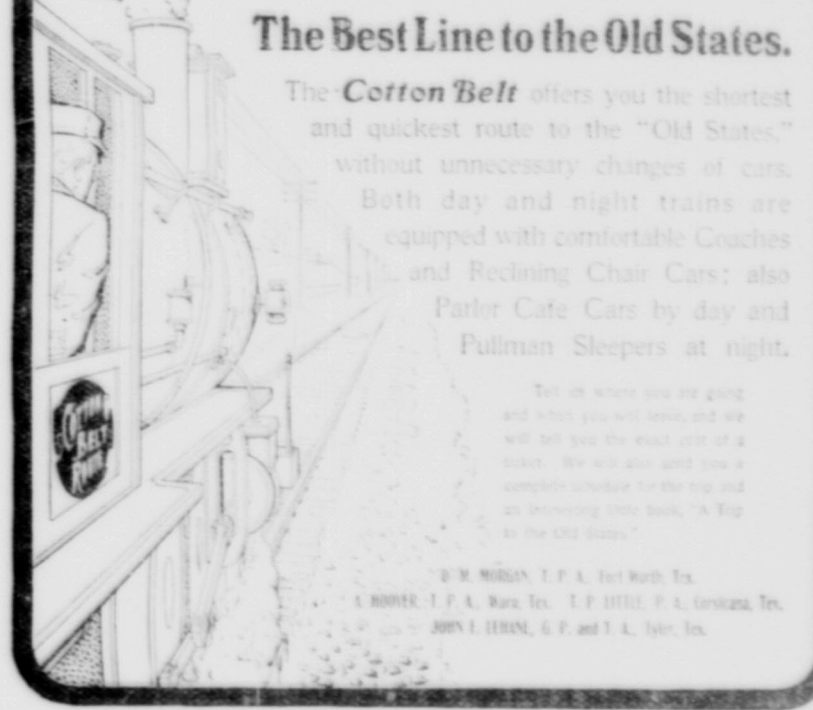


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PROGRAM NORTH TEXAS MISSIONARY RALLY.

As previously announced, the mid-year meeting of the North Texas Conference Mission Board will be held in White-wright, Texas, May 20-22. The following is the program:

May 20-8 p. m., missionary sermon, Rev. I. W. Clark, Dallas, Texas.
May 21-8:30 a. m., missionary prayer service, R. C. Dial, Greenville. 9-10, reports from missions, by missionaries of the conference. 10-10:30, "Present Achievements," Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Plano. 10:30-10:45, "Forces and Facilities," Mrs. L. H. Potts, Gainesville. 10:45-11, "The Good Samaritan," Mrs. L. S. Barton, Dallas. 11-12, missionary sermon, Rev. J. F. Alderson, Whitesboro. 2:30-3 p. m., prayer service, with special reference to the Holy Ghost in mission work, Rev. J. J. Clark, Greenville. 3-4, "Difficulties in Raising Missionary Collections, and How to Overcome Them," Rev. G. S. Sexton, fifteen minutes, followed by Revs. A. F. Hendricks, W. T. Harris, F. A. Rosser, L. S. Barton and W. M. Leatherwood, nine minutes each. 4-5, Reports from missionaries, continued. 5 sermon, or address, Rev. E. D. Moulton, Fort Worth. May 22-8:30 a. m., prayer service, Rev.

J. A. Black, Bonham. 9-9:30, "Importance of Our Domestic Mission Work," Rev. J. M. Peterson, Bowie. 9:30-10, "What Character of Men Should be Placed in Charge of Our Most Promising Home Mission Fields?" Rev. J. H. McLean, D. D., McKinney. 10-10:45, "Relations of Our Educational Institutions to the Cause of Missions," Rev. C. M. Harless, Denton. 11-12, address, Rev. J. H. Pritchett, D. D., Nashville, Tenn. 2:30-3:30 p. m., prayer and praise service, Rev. J. B. Gober, Van Alstyne. 3:30-4, "The Epworth League as a Factor in Missions," Rev. J. L. Morris, Gainesville. 4-4:30, "The Sunday-school as a Factor in Missions," Rev. J. E. Vinson, Paris. 4:30-5, communion service, led by Bishop Key and Dr. J. H. Pritchett. 5, missionary mass-meeting; address by Bishop J. S. Key, Sherman. The above program has been made out with certain specific results in view. Every man and woman on it has been written to, and consent to take part assigned has been given, with one exception—namely, that of Bro. Rosser, who is not sure he can attend. If he can not, some one else will occupy his nine minutes. It will be noticed that from 10 to 11 o'clock on the second day has been set apart to the ladies of the two missionary societies of the conference. Sister L. H. Potts, of Gainesville, arranged the program for that hour. Remember the place and time—White-wright, May 20-22. Hope presiding

elders will observe this as far as they can in arranging their District Conferences. R. C. HICKS, For Executive Committee.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT MEETING.

The Pittsburg District Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute will be held in Pittsburg, March 11-12. Every pastor in the district is earnestly requested to be present. The presiding elder will conduct the opening service on Monday evening, March 11, at 7:30. Subject, Luke 11-13. Tuesday, March 12-9 a. m., devotional exercises, G. C. Hardy. 9:30, free and easy conference on church building, etc. 10, conference on Epworth Leagues, Sunday-schools and family prayer, Stuart Nelson, R. J. Smith, W. F. Hardy, D. H. Abernathy, J. J. Bridges. 11, sermon, D. F. C. Timmons. 2:30 p. m., devotional service, S. W. Jones. 3, "The Duty of Our Preachers in Circulating Our Literature," T. B. Vinson, J. W. Downs, L. H. McGee, J. M. McCarter. 4:30, conference on a revival campaign in the district. 7:30, sermon. Wednesday, March 13-8:15 a. m., experience meeting, B. C. Ansley. 9:15, "Missions," J. T. Smith, Conference Secretary of Missions. 9:50, "The Twentieth Century Thank-offering," V. A. Godbey, Conference Secretary of Education; D. F. C.

Timmons, W. T. Ayres, G. W. Riley. 11, sermon. 2:30 p. m., devotional service, R. J. Smith. 2:50, "Bugle Call: A Revival in Every Charge," G. R. Hughes, W. W. McAnally, B. C. Ansley, R. A. Morris. 3:30, "Motto: Full Collections in Every Charge," C. A. Tower, P. A. Turner, A. C. Tisdale, G. C. Hardy, S. W. Jones. 7:30, sermon. Thursday, March 14-8:30 a. m., devotional service, D. F. C. Timmons. 9, miscellaneous. 10:30, sermon, JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

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We hereby tender our thanks to Bro. Gross and his Church for the generous pouncing which they gave us February 25. The Ardmore people have made us feel at home among them by their kindness. We are encouraged to press on in the work. Praying heaven's blessings on each donor, we are, respectfully, Ardmore, I. T. W. J. SIMS.

RHEUMATISM PAIN-CRAZED.

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When this demon disease drives his poison tipped javelins into the quivering muscles and nerves, the terrible body racking pains that follow drive the unfortunate sufferer almost insane. The pains are so intensely sharp and cutting they seem to chill the blood and stop the heart beats. Rapidly the parts affected become swollen and red, and so tender and sensitive that the lightest touch is painful. Every movement of the body adds to the agony; the nerves, too, give way under the terrible suffering, and the pain-crazed victim seeks in vain for rest and ease. Under such conditions it is not surprising that the sufferer from this torturing disease is readily persuaded to try any remedy that promises even temporary relief.

As many of the so-called cures contain a large per cent. of opium their use leads to ruinous habits, and the unsuspecting sufferer pays dearly for his short respite from pain.

There are many forms of Rheumatism, the most common being

Acute Inflammatory, which usually begins with chilly sensations, followed by high fever, a quick strong pulse, and excruciating pains shifting to different parts of the body. When the inflammation and fever subside it leaves the patient in a weak, debilitated state, and liable at any time to a fresh attack.

Sciatica is Rheumatism or Neuralgia of the sciatic nerve, and is a most distressing form of this disease; the hips and thigh being involved, the body is sometimes bent almost double and greatly deformed.

Rheumatism may be inherited like other blood diseases, and the wise parent well knows that what the child calls "growing pains" are sure symptoms of hereditary Rheumatism.

The use of Mercury, whether taken internally or used as a salve, produces a most shocking form of Rheumatism, causing necrosis of the bones, which work out through the flesh and produce the most sickening ulcers.

Rheumatism Follows La Grippe. Mr. B. F. Gregory, of Union, S. C., was long an invalid and never free from pain. S. S. S. in a short time cured the disease, and he says that his general health is better than in years.

Painful Sciatica. Mr. J. A. LeSeur, Atlanta, Ga., says if a fragment of bomb shell had passed through his hip the pain could have been no worse. He found no relief until S. S. S. was begun, and is now entirely cured.

No Use for Crutches. Sciatic Rheumatism made Mrs. James Kell, of 1711 New York avenue, Washington, D. C., a cripple, but a few bottles of S. S. S. cured her, and she has no use for crutches now.

Couldn't Dress or Feed Himself. Mr. J. O'Malley, 2135 No. Senate avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., tried fifty-two prescriptions for Muscular Rheumatism, but got no better. He took S. S. S. five years ago, and has been well and at work ever since.

Muscular Rheumatism affects the muscles and fibrous tissue, and an acute attack may totally disable one; the muscles becoming stiff and sore, and in many cases so contracted that any kind of work or walking is almost impossible.

Articular Rheumatism is attended with the most horrible pains in the joints and bones, often swelling to abnormal size and becoming permanently locked and immovable, when the crutch and stick are indispensable.

Every Muscle and Bone Ached. Mr. W. H. Settlege, Wapakoneta, O., says: "I was almost disabled by a long attack of Rheumatism. Medicines and liniments gave me little relief, and not until I began S. S. S. did the pains leave me, and I have not felt one in a year."

Had Become Chronic. Two years ago Mr. Wm. L. Hill, of Winston, N. C., was a sufferer from Chronic Rheumatism. He says S. S. S. put his blood in excellent condition, and the pains all left him.

Settled in His Bones. Mr. Earnest Dougherty, of Commerce, Mo., says the pains began in the bottom of his foot, then went to his knees, and finally it seemed every joint in his body was affected. Two bottles of S. S. S. made him all right again.

Couldn't Turn Over in Bed. Mr. Chas. Whittingham, 1212 Fetter street, Louisville, Ky., had Acute Inflammatory Rheumatism so bad he could not turn in bed. S. S. S. cured him after all other treatment had failed.



It matters not what form the disease has assumed in your case, or where located, it is caused by acid poisons that have been absorbed into the blood and deposited in either the joints, muscles, membranes or nerves, and wherever lodged, these poisons have a corrosive, irritating effect, producing intense inflammation and pain. Liniments, hot baths, the electric battery, and plasters may relieve you some, but a cure will never come from their use. While the pains may be dislodged and scattered, they soon settle in some other portion of the body; often in the region of the heart, and liable to prove fatal at any moment. It is impossible to reach the diseased blood through external or surface treatment.

S. S. S., when taken into the circulation, soon neutralizes the acids and restores the blood to a pure and healthy condition, and when strong, rich blood once more flows through the body, the little gritty particles that have been gathering in the joints are dissolved and washed out, the feverish membranes cooled and nourished, and the muscles and joints become as supple and elastic as a child's. As the system gets under the influence of the medicine the appetite and digestion improve, the pains come only at long intervals, and before you realize it your Rheumatism is gone. S. S. S. is the only guaranteed purely vegetable blood purifier; it contains no minerals whatever. Potash, alkalies and the mineral salts so often prescribed ruin the stomach and break down the general health.

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NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Brownwood District—Second Round
Burkett, at Dressy..... March 9, 10
Glen Cove, at Midway..... March 16, 17
Blanket, at Blanket..... March 23, 24

Waco District—Second Round
Asholt, at Bell Springs..... March 9, 10
West..... March 16, 17
Elm Street..... March 23, 24

Waxahachie District—Second Round
Hillsboro charge, at H..... March 9, 10
Foreston charge, at Falls..... March 16, 17

Gatesville District—Second Round
Gatesville mis..... March 9, 10
McGregor..... March 16, 17
Oglesby..... March 23, 24

Fort Worth District—Second Round
Trinity..... March 9, 10
Arlington, at Arlington..... March 16, 17

Weatherford District—Second Round
Springtown, at Knob..... March 9, 10
White and Bethesda, at W..... March 16, 17

Ablene District—Second Round
Putnam, at Cottonwood..... March 9, 10
Ablene cir. at Belle Plains..... March 16, 17

Clarendon District—Second Round
Claude, at Washburn..... March 9, 10
Catalina, at Mobeetie..... March 16, 17

Dublin District—Second Round
Lingleville, at Lingleville..... March 16, 17
Sine Springs, at Marsdenia..... March 23, 24

DeLeon..... June 1, 2
Carbon, etc., at Jewell..... June 4
Dedmonia..... June 8, 9

Vernon District—Second Round
Benjamin, at B..... Sat., Sun., March 9, 10
Granite, at G..... Sat., Sun., March 16, 17

Corsicana District—Second Round
Roane, at Hester..... March 9, 10
Kerens, at Wesley Chapel..... March 16, 17

Georgetown District—Second Round
Belton cir..... March 16, 17
Belton..... March 23, 24
Belton..... March 30, 31

Sherman District—Second Round
Whiteswright..... 4th Sun Mar
Travis Street..... 4th Sun Mar

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round
Como cir. at Pleasant Hill..... 2d Sun Mar
Tolly Springs, at Arbala..... 4th Sun Mar

Dallas District—Second Round
Oak Lawn..... 11 a. m., March 16
Haskell..... 7 p. m., March 16

Terrell District—Second Round
Terrell sta..... March 9, 10
Forney..... March 16, 17
Chisholm..... March 23, 24

McKinney District—Second Round
McKinney sta..... 2d Sun Mar
Farmersville sta..... 4th Sun Mar

Greenville District—Second Round
Commerce..... at night, March 21, 25
Floyd, at Caddo..... March 23, 24

Neola, at Meadow View..... May 18, 19
Greenville mis..... May 25, 26
Leonard..... May 25, 26

Gainesville District—Second Round
Gainesville mis..... March 8, 9
Gainesville, Broadway..... March 15, 16

Bonham District—First Round
Bonham..... 2d Sun Mar
Fannin..... 2d Sun Mar

West Texas Conference. Llano District—Second Round
Cherokee cir..... March 9, 10
Boerne cir..... March 16, 17

San Antonio District—Second Round
Moore cir..... 2d Sun Mar
Petersburg cir..... 4th Sun Mar

Beeville District—Second Round
Alice cir. at Alice..... March 9, 10
Corpus cir. at Aransas Pass..... March 16, 17

East Texas Conference. Tyler District—Second Round
Wills Point mis. at Palmer Grove..... March 9, 10

Pittsburg District—Second Round
Queen City, at Bloomingburg..... March 16, 17
Atlanta sta..... March 23, 24

Marshall District—Second Round
First Church..... 11 a. m., March 17
Northside..... 7:30 p. m., March 17

Beckville, at Ebenzer..... May 2
Henderson sta..... May 2, 3
Harmony cir. at Mt. Pleasant..... May 10, 11

San Augustine District—First Round
Carthage sta..... March 2, 3
Minden cir. at Rolland..... March 9, 10

Weatherford District—Second Round
Weatherford cir. at Weatherford..... March 9, 10
Lubbock sta..... March 16, 17

Indian Mission Conference. Weatherford District—Second Round
Arapahoe, at Arapahoe..... March 9, 10
Cloud Creek, at Cloud Creek..... March 16, 17

Waxahachie District—Second Round
Waxahachie..... March 9, 10
Noble..... March 16, 17

Duncan District—Second Round
Abolition, at Abolition..... March 9, 10
Fort Hill, at Hill..... March 16, 17

Okmulgee District—Second Round
Okmulgee sta..... March 9, 10
Lawson sta..... March 16, 17

Chandler District—Second Round
Chandler sta..... March 9, 10
Chandler cir. at North Chandler..... March 16, 17

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### MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

The last Annual Conference of Southern Methodism to hold its sessions in the Mexican Border Conference. Bishop Key read the appointments Sunday night, February 21, and Monday the preachers scattered to their new fields of labor. I do not hesitate to say that, taken all in all, this has been the best year in our history. The collections for all objects more than doubled the amounts raised last year, the most notable increase being in the amounts raised for preachers in charge and the Twentieth Century Fund. The sum total for all objects is \$11,002.24. There was a small but encouraging increase in membership of fifty, according to the minutes. We greatly appreciated the kindly advice and helpful sermons of the Bishop. He had to represent Mission Board, Publishing House, the Advocate, and every other Church interest known among us, for no other connective officer put in his appearance. Much interest was manifested by the American colony of Monterey, and a very large and representative gathering greeted the Bishop on the last night of a four-day session. The theme of the discourse was, "Ye are the light of the world," and Rev. G. B. Winton proved himself an able and experienced interpreter. Bishop Key then read the following appointments for the year 1901-1902.

#### SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

Rev. G. B. Winton, P. E.  
San Antonio—S. Tafollo.  
Austin—G. A. Velasquez.  
San Marcos—To be supplied.  
Picoso—F. Tavares.  
Tohey—C. J. Quesenberry.  
Bandera—J. P. Rodriguez.  
Corpus Christi—Pedro Grado.  
Pearsall and Cotulla—R. G. Farias.  
Del Rio—E. Chavez.  
C. P. Diaz—A. R. Cardenas.

#### TAMAULIPAS DISTRICT.

M. D. San Miguel, P. E.  
Mier and Guerrero—M. D. San Miguel.  
Rio Grande and Carmargo—S. Romo.  
Hidalgo—M. Trevino.  
Bravo—F. M. Galvan.  
Trevino and Cerralvo—L. Gomez.

#### MONTEREY DISTRICT.

J. R. Mood, P. E.  
Monterey—English congregation, W. D. King; Mexican congregation, J. Castro.  
Saultillo—B. Soto.  
Lampasas—A. Rodriguez.  
Teran—I. Escalante.  
Monclova—A. San Miguel.  
Laredo and New Laredo—V. G. Verdugo.  
Allende—L. F. Castro.  
Editor of El Evangelista Mexicano—S. G. Paz.

Rev. N. E. Joyner was transferred from the Border Conference to the Central Mexican and stationed in

charge of the American congregation in the City of Mexico.  
J. R. MOOD,  
Monterey, Mexico.

### EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

To the Members and Brethren of the East Texas Conference:

I see many of the conferences in our connection are organizing Conference Brotherhoods. Farmers, merchants, mechanics—in fact, the whole of business life—are being organized for mutual benefits and purposes except our Methodist preachers.

How often do you hear it said by some of our preachers, "If I should die, my wife would not have money enough to bury me and get home to her people?" Insurance companies, secret orders, etc., are organized and are being organized throughout the land for mutual benefits. Many of our preachers go into these and pay fabulous sums of money as assessments and initiation fees, and after a few months or perhaps years they move out of the bond or fail to pay their dues or assessments, and then lose all.

The East Texas Conference, with its one hundred members, can organize a brotherhood and save many dollars, and yet have as good protection, perhaps better, than in any of those mutual organizations in the State. Besides, such brotherhood would bind us in stronger ties of love—one great family of itinerate preachers, bound together by the holy religion of the M. E. Church, South, the vows of our ordination and the order of our brotherhood. My! what a family we are and would be! We could make the benefit, say, \$400 the first year, and increase year after year; also diminish our assessments each year.

If the brethren of the East Texas Conference would favor such organization, talk the matter up at your District Conferences, and at the Annual Conference at Tyler we can there perfect a permanent organization.

Of course, if the East Texas Conference preachers decide to organize a brotherhood, they will adopt their own constitution and by-laws.

I submit my views as to constitution and by-laws, hoping the brethren will consider at their District Conferences. Please write your views to the Advocate. I hope opinions will be expressed, whether favorable or unfavorable.

#### CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This association shall be known as the East Texas Conference Brotherhood.

2. The officers of the Brotherhood shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and an Assistant Secretary, who shall hold their offices until their successors shall be elected, who, together with three trustees, shall constitute a Board of Trustees for the investment and application of all funds that may come into

their hands. Any three of the trustees may act as an Auditing Committee to audit the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and shall have access to the books for this purpose.

3. An annual meeting of the Brotherhood shall be held during the session of the Annual Conference, at such time and place as the President may suggest, at which meeting the officers of the Brotherhood shall be elected for the ensuing year.

4. Beneficiary membership shall be restricted to the traveling and superannuate members of the East Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South.

5. On the death of a beneficiary member, each surviving member shall be assessed \$1 and each non-beneficiary member \$1, to be paid to the Treasurer within thirty days from the date of assessment. After deducting the actual expense of collecting and disbursing the mortuary benefit, the remainder shall be paid to the persons designated in the decedent's certificate of membership, in case the decedent did not direct how his mortuary benefit should be applied, it shall be paid to his widow or children, or to his legal representatives.

6. Any member who shall fail to pay any assessment due as aforesaid, within thirty days from date of notice, shall forfeit his beneficiary membership in the Brotherhood, but may be reinstated at the next annual meeting, after the payment of his arrearages. The publication of assessment notice in the Texas Christian Advocate shall be legal notice.

7. The constitution shall not be changed except by two-thirds vote of members present and voting at the annual meeting.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall sign all certificates of membership, checks and orders. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President.

2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Brotherhood and of the Board of Trustees, sign all drafts, checks and orders.

3. The Secretary shall, upon the notice of the death of a beneficiary member, communicate the fact to the members of the Brotherhood, notifying them to forward their mortuary fee to the Treasurer.

4. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in these duties, and in case of death of Secretary shall perform the duties of the Secretary.

5. The Treasurer shall receive and account for all funds coming to the Brotherhood, and disburse the same as directed by the constitution and by-laws.

6. No certificate of membership shall

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be transferred or pledged in any way as security for debt.

7. No one shall be admitted to beneficiary membership except during the session of the Annual Conference.

Now, brethren, the above is simply given as thought on the project. There will be no salaried officers, but very little expense, and the fact that we have the best class of risks known to any insurance companies will make our protection of the very lowest.

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