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## EDITORIAL.

### FOLLY OF HOARDING MONEY.

To know how to make money and then use it wisely is a providential gift, and the man who possesses it is a blessing to the world. But the man who makes money in order to hoard it is a misery to himself and a blight upon human welfare. In the end he transmits a curse to his children if he has any, and if he is childless he usually suffers torture on account of his wealth, and then dies unloved and unwept. And worst of all, he passes out into darkness and leaves a lot of hungry claimants to strive and quarrel over his belongings. It is a pity that such a man is blessed with the gift of gathering and laying by stores of wealth. It would be better for him to have lived and died a poor man, and his condition under such circumstances would be better also for society and for the world.

Just at the present time we have an illustration in point, and as the newspapers are full of his tragic story and those connected with him, we do not hesitate to make use of it in this connection. A great many years ago, Mr. William Rice was a man in very ordinary circumstances in Houston and Galveston. But he was gifted in a wonderful degree with the money-making spirit. He and his wife were alone in the world, and they were very frugal in their habits. Early in life money began to come their way. It was reinvested with wisdom and foresight. It grew in volume as the days went by, and in course of time Mr. Rice was reputed to be a rich man. As his wealth increased, he invested it in stocks and bonds and property. He spent but very little upon himself, but used every dollar to make more dollars. So far as is known, he gave only small amounts to benevolence, and less to public enterprise. A few years ago he took up his residence in New York, but alternated between there and Houston. By this time his accumulations ran up into the millions. His wife wanted to do something with it as they began to grow old, but he stoutly resisted this effort. But the old lady saw that she was not long for this world, and without his knowledge called in a lawyer and made a will disposing of her part of the wealth. At her death, the old gentleman learning of the will, resorted to the courts to break it. It is still in litigation. Some months ago he died very suddenly in New York. Chas. F. Jones, his private secretary, and a man by the name of Patrick were suspected of having something to do with his death, and were arrested. Now Jones goes on the witness stand and confesses that, at the instigation of Patrick, he drew up a bogus will, forged Rice's signature to it, administered slow poison to the old man until he was very weak, and then followed it up with chloroform, which ended his life. So the lawyers, like hungry vultures, are fattening on the litigations in which the vast estate is now involved. For years this poor old man was harassed nearly out of his life by his efforts to hold his great properties together, and in the end was secretly poisoned to death by his trusted and confidential secretary! If during his life he had used his money

for the promotion of education, benevolence or public enterprise, he would have nothing to fear at the hands of temptation. Surface conditions do not have much happier lives than those who have nothing to affect its permanency. You can always depend upon it, and when you need it you know where to find it. "His leaf shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." The only remedy for the other sort of religion that comes and goes with conditions is to dig deeper into the great sources of spiritual power and find the inexhaustible fountain of hope and faith and love. When a man has connection with this source of help and confidence, there will be something durable instead of transient in that man's religion. The great need of this time is a religion that imbeds itself in the human heart through conviction, repentance, regeneration and adoption, and then the life will conform itself, under all circumstances, to the law of righteousness. Like the unfailing spring, it will give forth a consistent influence without interruption as the years pass by. Out of this sort of spiritual life, character is strengthened, experience is enriched, hope is inspired, purpose is deepened, and the Church perpetuates her evangelical power over mankind. At this point is to be found our greatest need.

An intermittent spring is one that gives forth water under certain conditions, but when these conditions do not obtain, then the springs goes dry. When the rain descends and the surface of the earth is saturated the water finds its way into these openings from numerous little subterranean channels, and then the flow sets in until the ground contiguous thereto is well drained, and after this it gradually ceases until the return of another rainy season. But there is nothing reliable in that sort of a spring. It usually gives out at the very time it is most needed. Only the permanent spring is of lasting value. It wells up from the great depths of the earth and sends forth its crystal water perpetually. In the rainy season and in the dry, in the winter and throughout the heated summer, there is no diminution of its flow. This same law in nature often holds good in religion. There is such a thing as intermittent religious experience. It is good while it lasts, but it possesses an unreliable quantity. When it is most needed it comes up lacking. When the revival is on and the Spirit of God falls upon the people and the whole community is stirred, a great many people come under its influence. They give promise of large results. Their hearts seem full to overflow. But when the revival ceases, and when the gracious influences of the Spirit are not so manifest, quite a number of these same people grow less responsive, and by and by there is no outward evidence of the Spirit in connection with their experiences and conduct. They remain inert and inactive until the next revival, and then they are among the first to fill up and give forth great promise again. Their religion is like the wet-weather spring. You can not depend upon them. They mean well for the time being, but they are lacking in decision of character and the matter does not get hold of them scarcely until it is gone. But the religion that roots itself in genuine penitence, deep conviction for sin, and a permanent decision to turn from a life of iniquity to a life of righteousness, has in it the elements of durability. Such a religion comes from the depths of a perennial fountain, and it will stand the test of the drouth and the protracted summer of trial and

part of the ministry was meager and inadequate. Every preacher who spoke upon the subject, or in any way referred to it, gave a very gloomy view of his financial condition and prospect. Then it was that the old Doctor took the floor and made one of his characteristic speeches. Among other things, he berated the preachers and contrasted their circumstances with those of Christ and the early disciples. And he concluded as follows: "You have no real ground of complaint. God is your Father, and he has promised to see to it that you will be fed and clothed if you do your duty. Stop complaining and rejoice in your poverty. Give the Savior praise for calling you to such an honorable and noble work. You owe everything to his Church. Had she not come along and picked you up and shaken the dust off of you and put you in good society, you would be plowing a one-eyed mule on a hill-side at less than fifty cents a day." The speech had its effect, and while it provoked much laughter, it put the preachers in good spirits and there was no further reference to the subject of hardship during the remainder of the conference.

In the position assumed by Dr. McFerrin there is much truth in so far as the Church does better in the long run for its preachers than the world would have done for them had they never entered the ministry. But there is another side to this same truth namely, The preachers have done, under Christ, a work not to be despised for the Church. They have given to it the strength of their manhood and all of the trained gifts of their hearts and intellects. In their zeal and consecration they have not labored for money, but selflessly for the good of humanity. Out of their self-denials, hardships and poorly-rewarded toil the Church has grown into its present proportions. They have conducted meetings, added members to the rolls, projected church buildings, organized enterprises, founded institutions of learning, and pushed the fortunes of Zion to the front. Of course the laymen have done their share of the work, but the preachers who a few years ago, located in order to travel, and every once in a while they leave their localities in other States, come into Texas, invade the jurisdiction of our pastors, gather around them a disaffected element, create strife, indulge in railing accusations against the authorities of the Church, make trouble for our people, but continue to hold their membership in some Quarterly Conference far away, and we are impotent in our effort to apply the discipline to them. It is in the case of such wandering stars as these that we need the change herein suggested.

### THE LAW NEEDS AMENDING.

That feature of our Church law making the local preacher wholly amenable to the Quarterly Conference in which he holds his membership needs a slight amendment by our next General Conference. As the law now stands, a local preacher can travel a thousand miles from home, through any section of the connection, and if during this time he is guilty of anything requiring the application of discipline, the complaint must be lodged with the Quarterly Conference in some distant State where he happens to hold his membership before the proper discipline can be administered to him. It is very different in our criminal code. If, for example, a man living in Tennessee comes on a visit to Texas, and while here commits some offense against the laws of this State, he is arrested in the county where the offense is committed, and he is made to answer for his conduct in that county here in Texas. This is right and proper, and the same ought to be true in the government of our Church. We have here and there a certain class of local preachers who hold their membership in some Quarterly Conference in a distant State, but they claim the privilege, as Southern Methodist preachers, of traveling throughout Southern Methodism and of working wherever they please; and some of them are not as scrupulous in their observance of the laws of the Church as their vows require. Occasionally they defy the law and the pastoral jurisdiction of our preachers, and make strife and confusion for the Church.

And it so happens that when they are excommunicated, they tell us to go ahead with our complaints; that they

### MUTUAL INTERESTS OF CHURCH AND MINISTRY.

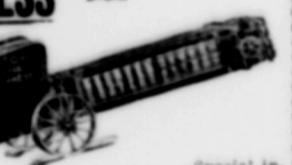
Something over a quarter of a century ago we were in attendance upon the sessions of a District Conference in the Holston country. Dr. McFerrin, the old Tribune of Methodism, was present and enlivened the occasion with his unique addresses and spiritual sermons. Those were hard times in the Holston Conference. The Church had not recovered from the effects of the Civil War, and her spiritual and temporal fortunes were very much out of repair. Circuits and stations and districts were demoralized, and the sup-

"Doubt of any sort can not be removed except by action." On which ground, too, let him who gropes painfully in darkness or uncertain light, and pray vehemently that the dawn may open into day, lay this other precious jewel to heart, which was to me of invaluable service: "Do the duty which lies nearest thee," which thou knowest to be a duty! Thy second duty will already have become clearer—Carlyle.

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## Notes From the Field.

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

## LULING.

F. H. C. Elliott: Have recently organized an Epworth League, which is going to be the banner League in the San Marcos District. Last Saturday and Sunday was our second Quarterly Conference, and it was "tip top" in many respects. Our presiding elder, Bro. Sterling Fisher, has not forgotten how to preach since he became a presiding elder. He seems to be born to the place, and fits it so well that it seems as if he had always been a presiding elder. This is not "buncombe" or flattery. It simply means he is a splendid presiding elder—a real help to both preacher and people. Our old Church debt at Harwood has been paid off in full and our people there expect to look the world in the face and "own no man anything," not even the preacher. Sisters Day and Elom interested our people in refitting and beautifying our church at Luling. God bless them for their interest and zeal. The church is now nicely papered and otherwise improved, and is beautiful and comfortable; and all we need now is a good looking preacher.

## TEXAS CONFERENCE.

## WILLIS.

Fred. L. Allen, April 8: On March 30 we had a local option election in this precinct, against local option. We gave our majority of 28. We will meet the 10th to organize a Good Citizens' Club to assist our officers in the enforcement of law. I never saw a community as easily organized for a campaign of any kind as this one was for prohibition and the result is our rich reward. Our Thompsonville Church stood solidly with us.

## SHERWOOD CIRCUIT.

J. N. Broyles, April 1: Sherwood Circuit is moving on nicely. We have had small-pox in our circuit, but the excitement is about over. Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Marton and Taylor's School-house March 25. Theophilus Lee, our presiding elder was in his place in good trim, and preached two splendid sermons on Sunday. The good people of Marton and Taylor had dinner on the ground and the day was a real pleasant one, except Sister Taylor received the sad intelligence that little Lottin Henderson was very sick. So Bro. Taylor and Sister Willie Taylor had to leave us and go to see him. We all prayed that God would spare him to his friends. There was \$126 reported for preacher in charge and presiding elder, counting \$44 reported next day. Marton and Taylor, with three male members, have paid their assessment all but \$8. I have my collections ordered by the Annual Conference in cash and good subscription. We have received 31 members into the Church on the Sherwood Circuit. I have baptized 15 infants. Have organized three auxiliaries to the Ladies' Aid Society of Sherwood. They have gone to work to fix up the parsonage, a work much needed. We have a good four-room house finished. It will be a splendid home for any of our preachers. God bless our good women in this much-needed work. We have paid \$52 to our presiding elder for district parsonage, and we are praying for a gracious revival all over the circuit and throughout Methodism. Pray for us that God will give us a great meeting.

## STOCKDALE CIRCUIT.

A. H. Bezzo, April 7: Our second Quarterly Conference is passed with the preacher's salary paid nearly in full to date. Good congregations attend on preaching services, and the outlook is very hopeful, generally. We have an interesting and growing prayer-meeting at Stockdale in which the people regularly render a program. We have had discussions by the members of the Church and some others, at these meetings, such questions as the following: "What can the members do to secure a revival?" "The Sabbath: What is it for and how should it be observed?" "What is a successful prayer-meeting?" "What can I do to make our prayer-meeting a success?" etc. The church building at Riddellville has been newly painted and the aisles nicely carpeted by Bro. R. Ford at a cost of \$75. The people at Sunnyside have placed a new pulpit in our church there, and the Sunday-school at Stockdale have placed for the use of the Secretary a \$26.00 writing desk in the church, which is hard by the parsonage, and is exceedingly

## NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

## KILLEEN.

Henry M. Long, April 8: This is the pastorate of Rev. C. B. Meador, who for some ten days has been holding a revival meeting in the town of Killeen, and his labors have not been in vain in the Lord. Since conference Bro. Meador has sold the old parsonage and built a beautiful one adjacent to the church, has stood at the head of the moral forces of the community and scored a signal victory for temperance, and in this religious effort, which is nearest to his heart, he has already seen some thirty-five saved from sin, and the prospects now are that many more will follow. Twenty-three were in the church yesterday with others yet to come. The church has been wonderfully revived, men and women who were at "tent" and almost ready to despair have flung themselves gratefully to the winds and now meet each other on the broad and beautiful plains of Christian brotherhood, and are more resolved to live to nobler ends than ever before. Bruce is a "summer" (the smallest bird), and fortunate is that people who get him for a pastor.

## STEPHENVILLE.

W. J. Hearn, April 8: We closed our meeting last night. We had a fine meeting. In fact, our congregations were too large, and the meeting was embarrassed by the crowded condition of the services. It was inspiring to see the day congregations. Never in the history of Stephenville have we had such congregations. The Church has been greatly strengthened. Twenty-five gave their names for membership in our Church and about ten in other Churches. Besides a nice free-will offering to Bro. Mulkey and myself, Bro. Mulkey raised \$10 for our Orphanage at New Orleans. At the suggestion of Bro. Mulkey our Church presented wife and me with money sufficient to pay our expenses to New Orleans, and ordered us to take in the great Missionary Conference. And we are going. Thirty-two have been received into the Church this year and

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convenient for the pastor. We propose beginning our revival services at Stockdale just before the fourth Sunday in June. At this date we are out on foreign missions, domestic missions, Refuge Home, Orphan's Home, Bishop's Funds, Paine and Lane Institute and American Bible Society, besides sending \$20.00 to Bishop Candler for Cuba, to be used at his discretion. We have raised some money for the Refuge Home debt, some for District Parsonage, and \$27.00 for Twentieth Century Thank Offering. And—and—we've a new girl baby at the parsonage.

Heigho!

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## ALBANY.

E. T. Caton, April 8: Yesterday was a good day with us. It was the occasion of our second Quarterly Conference. Our excellent, faithful and devoted presiding elder, Bro. E. A. Smith, gave us three splendid, spiritual, soul-thrilling discourses. The attendance was good, and the sermons highly appreciated by both pastor and people. The love feast, in the afternoon, was well attended and a delightful service. Very fit to put in the parsonage. The stewards made a good report at the Quarterly Conference. The charge is moving on along lines which promise more abundant success in the future. Our congregations at the preaching and prayer services, have increased in both the number of the audience and interest taken. Have organized one new Sunday-school. Our Home Mission Society has about doubled its membership, and is very active in the work committed to them. As a result of their labor, we have some substantial improvements in the parsonage, with more to follow. We have quite a number of doubly diligent and faithful women in the charge. Many are the compact, contained, substantial tokens of appreciation shown to the pastor and family. In fact, we never served a pastor, more self-sacrificing or generous people. Albany may come to the front of old. So let us pray and work in.

## EASTER IN GALVESTON.

S. H. Ward, April 8: Yesterday was a busy and a blessed day. We began with a sun-rise prayer-meeting, under the auspices of our Junior League, well attended and well conducted. Leaguers and others from 5 to 50 years of age engaged in the service. It was a fitting beginning for a glorious day. Our Sunday-school was full of attendance and excellent in spirit. After the persons and some appropriate exercises, we all made an offering of more than \$100 dollars for conference collections. The congregations in morning and evening services were fine. Attention to the Word was earnest and the interest was profound. The offering was liberal, putting us well on the way toward full collections. No better Methodist church can be found than the members of Central Church. People who lost almost everything by the storm refuse to reduce their contributions for missions and other conference collections. It is a privilege to work with and for such people in the hour of their need. The Lord is with us. We take courage and go forward.

NAVASOTA.

Jim M. Adams, April 4: The union meeting lately conducted by Evangelist Fife was a great blessing to Navasota. Bro. Fife reached the men of the town. All the Churches were blessed. Our Church is wide awake, ready for every good word and work. I have received as a result of the meeting 16 on profession of faith, 5 by letter, 33 during the year, \$75 paid on domestic missions and \$43 on foreign missions. Preacher's and presiding elder's salary almost up to date. Epworth League, Sunday-school and prayer-meetings doing finely. We expect great things.

## FIRST CHURCH, BEAUMONT.

C. M. Davenport: In spite of the intense excitement incident to the phenomenal oil gushers, our work continues to prosper. From a discouraged and disheartened people, we have developed into an enthusiastic and aggressive Church. Sixty-eight persons have been added to our membership since conference, with several more in sight. Our financial condition is that could be asked for the most exacting man for providing a furnished home and fixing his duties at \$1500 the stewards have made ample provision for the temporal welfare of the preacher. The salary is equivalent to done. Yesterday (Easter) we raised our foreign and domestic missionary assessments and received five members into the Church.

## ARLESTON CIRCUIT.

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E. D. Higgins, At D. April 8: We consider the Advocate one of the very best of religious papers, and wish that it might be read by every Methodist family in Texas, as it is the main source through which we as Methodists gain a real knowledge of our Church work, and to know these things will make us better and more faithful to its ordinances. As far as we are concerned, I want to say that we have in the opinion of the very best preachers in the North Texas Conference, and in certain sections of the South, the Advocate is the best paper for us to read.

The Wednesday night meetings at the Wednesday night meetings at San Jacinto, is the largest in the city, and the lectures being taken by our young people are surpassing all.

We have a class of consecrated Christian teachers, who are laboring hard to bring the children and young people into the fold of our dear Lord and to the Church. In the meeting which we just closed there were quite a number of our scholars converted. We are looking forward to a great spiritual feast at our League Conference, which meets here on the 17th. I would suggest that more of our lay members write for the Advocate.

the general condition is encouraging. Gretna is loved and praised throughout the city, and other pastors are often kindly mentioned. I think I will be endorsed this year. Have conference collections in full and Twentieth Century subscription also

## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

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## NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

## COMMERCE MISSION.

R. B. Moreland, April 8: Our first quarterly meeting embraced the fourth Sunday in March. Rev. O. S. Thomas, presiding elder, was on hand looking well to the interest of the new work.

He began Wednesday night and preached at all the appointments in the work except one, being prevented there only by rain. The conference was a success all round. The stewards reported the assessment for the ministry one-fourth paid. The Orphanage and foreign mission assessments are paid in full, and there is good prospect of paying every claim against this charge. The work is growing, the people are pleased with the arrangement of the work, and this preacher is happy in the service of his Master. We are taking steps to build a parsonage; we hope to build one or more churches and have a gracious revival over the entire circuit.

## COMMERCE STATION.

Jas. E. Roach: We are moving on well in this charge. The second Quarterly Conference has been held. The finances are well advanced. The Orphanage assessment is paid, and by the first of May the foreign mission assessment will be paid in full. Commerce Station expects to meet every claim this year. Our spiritual state is above the average. Large congregations wait upon the ministry of the Word, and sinners are interested about their souls. There are signs of a good revival in the near future. We have had a net increase of 37 members since conference. The old church puts on a new Easter dress, and the young ladies will furnish us a new silver communion set. The brethren will be glad to know that the health of Bro. Clinton is good, and that he is preaching most every Sunday. Bro. Smith is doing well regarding his health, and preaching as often as health and opportunity allow. These brethren are fathers to me and help me a great deal. God bless them.

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E. D. Higgins, At D. April 8: We consider the Advocate one of the very best of religious papers, and wish that it might be read by every Methodist family in Texas, as it is the main source through which we as Methodists gain a real knowledge of our Church work, and to know these things will make us better and more faithful to its ordinances. As far as we are concerned, I want to say that we have in the opinion of the very best preachers in the North Texas Conference, and in certain sections of the South, the Advocate is the best paper for us to read.

The Wednesday night meetings at the Wednesday night meetings at San Jacinto, is the largest in the city, and the lectures being taken by our young people are surpassing all.

We have a class of consecrated Christian teachers, who are laboring hard to bring the children and young people into the fold of our dear Lord and to the Church. In the meeting which we just closed there were quite a number of our scholars converted. We are looking forward to a great spiritual feast at our League Conference, which meets here on the 17th. I would suggest that more of our lay members write for the Advocate.

## A Good Impression

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## The Home Circle

### A PRAYER FOR THE PASTOR.

Rest him, O Master! Thou didst send him forth With great and gracious messages of love. But thy ambassador is weary now, Worn with the weight of his high embassy. Now care for him as thou hast cared for me In sending him and cause him to lie down. In those low postures by thy streams of peace Let me lay hand be now beneath his head And those upholding right encircle him. And underneath the everlasting arms Be left to fall support. So let him rest. Hushed lies a little child, without one care. And so close the blessed sleep to-night Rest him, O Master! He hath pour'd for us The wine of life, and we have been restored to strength. Now all his choices give him sweet new thoughts Of life and love, with thine own hand be thou His comforter to-night; draw very near. In all thy tenderness and all thy power O speak to him! Then knowest how to speak A word to sooth to thy weary ones. And he is weary now. Then lovest him. Let the divine beam upon the breast And bring gain new strength to "rise and shine."

Rest him, O living Spirit! Let thy calm Fall on his head to-night. O holy Dove! Spread thy bright wings above him, let him rest Beneath its shadow, let him know afresh The infinite truth and might of thy dear name—*"Our Comforter."* As gentlest touch will stay The strong vibrations of a jarring chord. So lay thy hand upon his heart, and still Each overstraining throat, each pulsing pain. Then, in the stillness breath upon the strings, And let the holy music overflow, With softening power, his listening resting soul.

Frances Price Hayes.

### SOME REDEEMING TRAITS IN MANKIND.

The man who sees people's faults seemed to be having a particularly hard time of it. Everything we mentioned from the government of his country down to the small poodle dog in the next house was all wrong and without a redeeming trait. Someone said to him that he was in a particularly pessimistic humor.

"No, I'm not," he replied, "but when you see the sort of people there are in this world, I don't see how you can help feeling bad and discouraged. It seems to me that we are pretty far gone."

"We're bad enough and no mistake," replied Uncle Ben.

"Nothing short of the cross of God can make us fit creatures to live in decent society, so I have to say nothing of human and yet when you come to get right down to the facts in the end there are a whole lot of people in this world who have not sold their bodies and souls to the devil—a whole lot of them."

"While perfection doesn't exist on earth, it's a blessed consolation to remember that absolute baseness doesn't either. Satan never gets things entirely his own way. There are always a few faithful ones who will not bend the knee to him. There never was a crime so black that somewhere about it there was not a little light."

"You don't believe that? Take the blackest crime, the foulest stain upon mankind—the murder of Jesus of Nazareth in Jerusalem 1900 years ago. He was falsely accused and unjustly condemned. He was put to death in the most horrible, revolting manner that men steeped in cruelty could devise. He was jeered at, and mocked and reviled. While he was dying the soldiers about him gambled for the very clothes upon his suffering body. All this suffering all these indignities and insults were piled upon the meekest, the gentlest, the most loving and most lovable being who ever trod the earth. Can you conceive of a blacker crime than this murderer?" And yet even the crucifixion of our Savior, the contemplation of which must move the heart of every man who is other than a beast—even this dark hour in the race's history is relieved by a few faint gleams of light.

"Although betrayed by one of his

disciples and denied by another, he was not entirely deserted in his hour of trial. John, we know, was near him; the three Marys and other women were there; probably the other disciples were not far away.

"When Jesus cried out in agony, one of the soldiers ran to give him a little drink—a slight cooling of the awful thirst.

"Amid all the jeering and reviling a common criminal—a thief suffering a deserved penalty of death—turned to his mocking companion with a rebuke for his insults flung at the Lord, and then begged remembrance of Christ when he should come to his kingdom."

"When darkness fell upon the land, the centurion in charge of the soldiers, turned over in his mind the occurrences of the last few hours and said, 'Surely this was a righteous man.'

"When finally it was finished, and the Savior was dead, a rich man, a Jew of the Jews, a member of the Sanhedrin, the court which had condemned Christ, begged the privilege of laying the body of Jesus in a new tomb.

"Nothing can make the crime of the murder of Christ less revolting to humanity, and yet these things—the offer of the drink, the brave sympathy of the women of Galilee, the repentance of the crucified thief, the open mind of the centurion, the burial by Joseph all stand out as hopeful signs to keep us from despairing of the race."

"Christ died to save us, and I don't believe He made that awful sacrifice for a race not worth saving. I don't believe God would make a mistake of that kind. I don't believe that Christ's death is to go for naught. So when I see things going in a way I despise, and think the entire country is going to the devil, I try to remember that it's the Lord God of Hosts, strong and mighty, who rules the Universe and that he is not going to let things go to smash, just yet awhile."

"Besides, I just believe he values very highly the fears we shed over the world's wickedness unless we are trying to make it better.

"And I don't believe we will ever make it better by sitting down and scolding about it."

"We may not be called upon reform the world with a club or a pitchfork, or even a hatchet, but I don't think a sharp tongue or a whining tongue is any better."

"Joseph of Arimathea, stands out as a noble man among the Jews of his day. He didn't waste time railing over the degeneracy of the people of his age, although he might have been excused if he had; he didn't sit around denouncing the Sanhedrin; he didn't do as Peter, take his little sword or hatchet and fight about it. He turned to the Christ and did what was required; showed what little honor and respect he could."

"Let's stop our whining. If we believe Christ died to save the world, let's stop talking as if we thought the devil had captured 99 out of 100 of our fellow creatures. If we believe Christ's death was not in vain, let's follow the example of Joseph of Arimathea and do something. Let's carry the Christ to the tomb from which He may arise anew—the tomb of the human heart."

"This is a work which is far nobler than to sit still and complain because the world is not reformed in an instant. Let us do something."

"Let's"—Johnstone Murray, in Ram's Horn.

### THE FEELING OF CHILDREN.

Children are queer little beings, and deserve an amount of study and sympathy which they do not always receive, says a writer in the Christian Intelligencer. A recent story by Stephen Crane in Harper's Magazine throws a sort of a flashlight on that mysterious realm untraveled by older feet, in which children dwell. A little fellow whose parents are away from home is provided by a rough and ill-tempered cook with a couple of hastily-made sandwiches, which she crams for him into a tin pail. Thus provided, the child goes off happily enough to join a picnic to which other children, accompanied by grown people, have gone with their nicely filled baskets and bags of luncheon. Somebody sends up a shout as the little child approaches. "Jimmy Trescott's brought his picnic in a pail!" Other children take up the cry, and the small boy is presently a parish. Hovering on the edge of the throng, utterly humiliated and wretched, but for the kindness of a young lady who takes pity on him and shares with him her dainty luncheon, the boy's day would have been spoiled.

The incident is true to life. We cannot deny the fact that there is a vein of cruelty in childhood, and that children are often the most heartless little brutes imaginable. Then, too, we find by talking with those who remember their own childhood vividly that there were experiences which they had, bitter and desolate enough at the time, though they seem trivial in after



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life. An elderly woman recalls going to a picnic when a child, and taking with her as part of her luncheon, some bread rolls split in two and buttered. When they were produced, another child said scornfully: "See, Hester has brought such funny cakes of bread." The other girls laughed, and Hester's mortification was complete. A little girl, whose mother was a generation beyond her time, was obliged one winter to go to school wearing a cane manufactured at home out of the old-fashioned blanket shawl. In these days we would call it a golf cap, and it would be in the height of fashion, but poor little Miltida was singular in wearing it, and suffered much distress, going around by back ways and hiding her face the whole season through.

### BE GREATER THAN YOUR POSITION.

Barton M. Barch, in Success, gives the following sound advice to young men:

"A distinguished theological professor once said: 'If I had a son, I should tell him many times a day to make himself as big a man on the inside as possible.'

"Young men too often want to be big men on the outside, to occupy positions which fit them as a turtle's shell fits a clam."

"Never mind your position, young man, whatever it may be try to fill it. The duties which you have to perform may seem trifling; but because it is a small position to no person who you should be a small man. You may be the last, you know, if you are small outside."

"The young man who applies himself to internal growth, as it were, is bound to find a place where he will be able to use every power he possesses.

"At any rate, better be a big man in a small place than the opposite. A person of power in a small cartridge can make a deal of noise and drive a half a long way. What can it do in a Krupp gun?"

### A FOUR PENNY TURKEY.

He was a bouncing big turkey and they hung him up by the heels, so his nose almost touched the walk outside the butcher's shop. A little girl was standing there watching it. You could see that she was a hungry little girl, and worse than that, she was cold, too, for her shawl had to do for hood and almost everything else. No one was looking, and so she put out a little red hand and gave the great turkey a push, and he swung back and forth, almost making the great iron hook break he was so heavy.

"What a splendid, big turkey!"

The poor little girl turned around, and there was another little girl looking at the turkey, too. She was out walking with her dolls, and had on a cloak with real fur all around the edges, and she had a real muff, white, with little black spots all over it.

"Good morning, miss," said the butcher man. You see he knew the little girl with the muff perfectly well.

"That's a big turkey, Mr. Martin."

"Yes," said the poor little girl, timidly. "He's the biggest I ever saw

in my life. He must be splendid to eat."

"Pooh!" said the little girl with the muff. "He isn't any bigger than the one my papa brought home for Thanksgiving to-morrow, I know."

"Could I have a leg, if I came for it to-morrow?" asked the poor little girl, softly.

"What, haven't you a whole turkey?"

"Never had one in my life," said the poor little girl.

"Then you shall have this one," said the little lady with the muff. "Mr. Martin, I've got some money in my savings bank at home, and my papa said I could do just what I wanted to with it, and I'm going to buy the turkey for this little girl."

The poor little girl's eyes grew so very large you wouldn't have known them. "I shall love you always so much; so very, very much; and I'll go home for Foxy to help. Foxy is my brother, and I know we can carry him."

I haven't room to tell you all about it; but the poor little girl got her turkey, and papa his bill.

"What's this?" said he, "another turkey, eighteen pounds, \$2.60."

"That's all right," said the little girl with the muff. "I bought him, and gave him to a poor little girl who never ate one; and the money is in my iron bank."

The bank was opened and there were just four big pennies in it.—New York Tribune.

### SELF-PITY.

Self-pity is a deadly thing. Whatever crosses our life may hold whatever unwelcome tasks, uncongenial associations, griefs or burdens are ours, let us not fall into the habit of self-pity. It is a habit easily almost unconsciously formed, and it will grow until it crowds out courage, usefulness, and sometimes even reason itself. The soul brooding over its own bitterness loses all power of discrimination, and sees all things in a distorted light. Every commonplace happening becomes a peculiar misfortune and trouble, which are indeed "the common lot of all," are regarded as unique and unusual. Face your trials honestly, call them by their names, but utterly refuse to sit down with them as Job did with his friends, for any long bemoaning. Suffer you must, but you need not groan. Give your sympathy to others, but fight as for your life against the luxury of self-pity.—Forward.

**A ROYAL ADVOCATE OF TEMPERANCE.**

The young Queen of Holland, says the Christian World, of London, England, is distinguished among European sovereigns as a total abstainer, and is an ardent worker in the temperance cause. She has made a convert of her great friend, the Princess Paulina, of Wurttemberg, and both royal ladies actively use their influence on the side of temperance in their respective circles. Queen Wilhelmina is patron both of the Total Abstinence Society of the Netherlands and of the Women's Social Purity League.

The indications are that upon the

death of Victoria, Wilhelmina will succeed her in popular estimation as the best beloved and most influential Queen of Europe, and her attitude toward temperance is therefore most significant.

Total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors will not only be popular at her own court, but it will be at least respectable at the courts of other European sovereigns. It will also negative the plea that wine is necessary at state banquets given by the President of the United States because it is the required beverage at foreign courts and its absence would be a discourtesy to the representatives of foreign sovereigns. Mrs. Hayes, when as the first lady of this land, was refused to set wine before her guests in the White House, for which action she was contemptuously criticized by many, set an example which may yet be commendably followed by her successors.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

### A PATHETIC PRAYER.

Miss Mary P. Lord, a teacher among the Sioux Indians, relates the following touching incident in the Christian Press:

An Indian baby was dying. It lay in its father's arms, while near by stood another little daughter, a few years older, who was a Christian.

"Father," said the little girl, "little sister is going to heaven to-night. Let me pray." As she said this she knelt at her father's knee, and this sweet prayer fell from her lips:

"Father God, little sister is coming to see you to-night. Please open the door softly and let her in. Amen."

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Ft. Worth, Peach St., Ft. Worth	April 16
Bowie, Wichita Falls	May 1
Dallas, Lewisville	May 8
Terrell, Rockwall	May 15
Beaumont, Alice	May 22
Corsicana, Van Zandt	May 29
San Marcos, Williamson	May 12
San Antonio, Prospect Hill, S. A.	May 17
San Angelo, Sweetwater	May 24
Paris, Brownwood	June 1
Beaumont, Lufkin	June 8
Georgetown, Marble Falls	June 15
Vernon, Childress	June 22
Clarendon, Plainview	June 29
San Augustine, Lufkin	June 26
Executive, Lovelady	June 27
Waco, Moody	June 27
Dallas, Rising Star	June 27
Gateville, Lampasas	June 27
Llano, Llano	June 27
Pitman, Gilmer	June 27
McKinney, Blue Ridge	June 27
Marshall, Beckville	June 27
Brownwood, Goldthwaite	June 28
Athens, Midland	June 28
Bonham, Llano	July 4

Lent has been a time of fasting and self-denial with a goodly number of very excellent people who claim to be religious. During those forty days they have put off their fine clothes, placed themselves under very rigid dietary rules, gone to no hilarous parties, and attended the services of the Church with great regularity. Well, as far as these things go, the experience is beneficial. It is better to be very religious during forty days than not to be religious at all. For the time being the heart is made better, the health improved, and a general toning up takes place. We are glad that Lent comes, even once a year.

If it is a good thing to be strictly religious for forty days, why not extend the experiment to three hundred and sixty-five days in the year? If during a short period people get great benefit out of this experience, we do not see why larger benefit would not come by the observance of religious duty a longer period of time. Forty days make only one-ninth of a year, and this is a very limited period to give out of the whole to the special service of God. It seems that he is entitled to more of our special effort in the direction of religion than this little segment of the year.

THE CITY POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION.

Now that Lent is over, a great many people will return to the belligerent elements of the world. The termination of this period was celebrated by an elaborate dress parade at the public service, and now the season of hilarity is in full blast in many communities. Card parties, dances, big suppers, late hours and the like make up the order of the nights. Such excesses will tend very materially to offset the beneficial effects of the Lenten exercises. But such is life with a great many fashionable people. Christ did not encourage such a mixture of the world and the Church during his life. And that sort of thing did not follow his crucifixion and resurrection. His followers had something more serious to engage their attention. They gathered themselves together in an upper room, prayed earnestly for ten days, and then the Holy Ghost came down with power, and they went out, not to dance and play cards and frolic but to save the world from sin. Let all true Methodists take note of these things and govern themselves accordingly. We need more of Christ and less of the worldly spirit. Our Lent ought to last through the whole year and through the whole life.

## EDITORIAL BIRDSTORY.

A smart man is sometimes a fool.  
Anger is no advantage to any cause.

A good character is its own sure defense.

A lie is occasionally so big that it refutes itself.

The Bible as a perfect science of righteousness is unexcelled.

It requires neither sense nor piety to offend the taste of a gentleman.

There are but few men whose lives meet the exact standard of the Golden Rule.

A great many people who are conspicuously present at the Sunday service are conspicuously absent at prayer-meeting.

The mind that doubts the promises of God and quibbles over the divine nature of Christ is abnormal in its processes.

## JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Foreign Missionary Society of our good women has charge of the juvenile department of our Church. This includes the organization of Missionary Societies among the small children.

We had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the First Church Juvenile Society meeting last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Dr. Thruston is the capable lady manager, and she has the work well in hand. Miss Mamie D. Oxford is the President; Miss Lucile Perkins, Secretary, and Master John Zang is Treasurer. These young people conducted the business with dispatch and order. Their reports showed good results. They were organized on the day that Miss Laura Haygood died in China, and they are preparing to commemorate their anniversary. Their funds go toward helping to erect the Laura Haygood School in Soochow. "The Little Worker," published at Nashville, is their organ, and it is devoted to the children of the Church. Each issue has a prepared program with an order of service for each of these meetings. If our auxiliary societies of our women would organize in all of our charges these juvenile societies and teach them method in mission work, like this one at First Church, then in the coming years we would not lack trained workers in missionary enterprise.

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dispatched by Mr. Miller when it reached the Senate. When the matter was before the House, Mr. Lively made an eloquent speech against the Commission, in which he made assertions that the facts fail to bear out. In his contention he turned his back upon the business and moral elements of the city and gave his support to the other class of people. In this respect he has made for himself a record, and the good people of the city and county will know exactly where to place him. It is a pity that a promising young man, with laudable ambition, will thus throw away the opportunity of a lifetime and totally ignore the very class of people who have made Dallas what it is to-day, and throw the weight of his influence in favor of putting us back under the domination of the slum and slime of ward politics. At the very time when he ought to have shown himself the friend of the material and moral progress of the community, he made a stupendous failure. Hundreds of good and true people who voted to send him to Austin exceedingly regret his course in this matter. They justly feel that in his attitude toward this question he did not represent them in the Legislature. Nevertheless, we were not without friends in that body, and the Commission still lives to give to us an impartial and wise administration of our laws. The effect of Mr. Lively and his colleague failed, and Mr. Miller and Judge Strother are entitled to the thanks of the better class of people of this city and throughout Dallas County.

## INDIAN-OKLA MAILING LIST.

Awhile back we explained why the Texas Advocate had not become the organ of the Indian Mission Conference, and we made reference to a private transaction between Dr. Palmore and Rev. J. J. Lovett. Now Rev. T. F. Brewer of the Indian Mission Conference, comes out in their "District Advocate" and makes a few revelations with comments. This statement of Bro. Brewer throws light upon a question that is now being very generally discussed in the Indian Mission Conference. From this statement it appears that when it comes to driving a bargain where private advantages are possible, Dr. Palmore is hard to turn down. He is a great stickler for open and fair dealing in other people, but he slightly limps when he applies the same rule to himself. We confess that in matters of this sort the Texas Advocate is no match for Dr. Palmore. But read the statement.

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"2. That the Publishing Committee make the best possible arrangements with the St. Louis or Texas Christian Advocates for a conference organ until the remainder of this quadrennium.

Without any option in the matter, the Publishing Committee was instructed to "make the best possible arrangements," etc.

I think the committee ought to meet and carry out the instructions of the conference. If they demand the mailing list from the former editor and he fails to surrender it, it will be their duty to so inform the conference.

In the discussion of the resolutions passed by the conference, it was not only intimated, but positively stated, that the conference would, most likely, resume the publication of the paper at the end of this quadrennium.

If I have been correctly informed, Dr. Palmore submitted, or proposed to submit, a proposition to the committee to buy the list. If the Doctor recognized the ownership of the conference, then why did he afterwards buy it from Bro. Lovett?

Heretofore he has been so decorous to our conference, I am unwilling to believe he has intentionally overlooked our rights in this case.

THEO. F. BREWER.

Vinita, I. T.

## ROUTES TO THE NEW ORLEANS CONFERENCE.

From Texas there are but two routes direct to New Orleans, and both of these offer about the same rates and they reach New Orleans about the same time. If you go over the Texas and Pacific you will leave Dallas at 10:30 a. m. on Tuesday, the 23d, and go to Marshall on chair cars, and from thence you will get a sleeper at \$2.50 extra and reach New Orleans between 7 and 8 next morning, in time to locate your boarding place and attend the opening session of the conference. If you go over the Central and Southern Pacific, you will leave Dallas at 8:25 a. m. on chair cars, get to Houston at 6:10 p. m., leave there at 6:35 p. m. on a sleeper, and reach New Orleans next morning at 7:30. Sleeper on this route will be \$2 extra. So both of these roads make just about the same time and offer the same inducements. The 50 cents difference between the sleeper fares of the two is found in the fact that you take the sleeper on the T. & P. at 4:30 p. m. at Marshall, whereas you will take the sleeper on the Central route at Houston at 6:25 p. m. Both roads will be well equipped and offer fine service. They will leave nothing undone that will be necessary to the comfort of the patrons. The part of the trip passed over at night going can be traversed in the day time returning. All in all, it will be a delightful trip over either road, and a fine time is anticipated.

We have received the following letter without signature, with \$1 in silver inclosed. Will the person who sent it please supply the signature at once?

Venus, Texas, March 23, 1891.  
To the Texas Christian Advocate.

Kind Sir—My subscription ran out October 28. I will send you one dollar to pay for six months' subscription.

## TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. L. W. Carlton, of Ferris, makes a good report of his work.

Bro. F. C. Powell, of Shelbyville, was in the city this week and made us a visit.

Bro. Ed A. Christian, one of our good laymen from San Marcos, made us a pleasant visit recently.

Rev. L. W. Clark, of Dallas, will preach the commencement sermon for Polytechnic College on May 15.

Rev. L. A. Barton and his people will begin their protracted meeting next Sunday, and it will continue for several days.

The revival services at our Oak Cliff Church continue with interest. The meeting is having a fine effect upon the spiritual life of the membership.

Rev. T. J. Duncan, of Ennis, made the office a pleasant visit the other day, and had things to suit himself. He found his card on our desk, and this is why we know he was here.

Rev. J. F. Webb, of the Beaufort District, sends us a handsome program of their approaching District League Conference, to be held at Alice 9-11 next month.

Prof. Evans, of Whitwright, did the singing at First Church during the revival services. He is gifted in work of this character, and his singing is a great help to our people engaged in protracted services.

The protracted services at First Church closed last Sunday. While the meetings were not so largely attended as they ought to have been, yet at every service the membership was well represented, and the preaching of Rev. L. W. Clark, together with that of Rev. J. L. Pierce, was good to the use of edifying.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Rev. J. F. Riggs, of Marshall. He is now about 80 years of age, and ready for his departure. Many years ago he belonged to the traveling connection in Missouri, but for quite a while he has been a most useful local preacher, and his home has been in Marshall a long time. Bro. Riggs has made many excellent contributions to the columns of the Advocate, and his very name is a fragrance to Texas Methodism.

Wanted, the address of Mrs. J. H. Cathey, who wrote to us March 28 without giving her postoffice address.

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## Sunday-School Department.

SECOND QUARTER LESSON 2, APRIL 21.

THE WALK TO EMMAUS.  
Luke 24:13-35.

We take the following from the Bible Reader and Sunday-school Magazine:

While Mary Magdalene was hastening to obey the command of Jesus, as contained in the 17th verse, the Roman soldiers who had been stationed at the tomb were on their way to the chief priests to report what had occurred. The chief priests and elders conferred together at once, and concluded that they would create a rumor that the disciples had stolen the Lord's body. To protect the soldiers from punishment for sleeping on duty, the chief priests assured them that Pilate would be bribed. (Matt. 27:12-13.) This was the fourth occurrence.

12. One of the disciples was Cleopas (verse 18). The other is supposed to have been the author of this gospel. The location of Emmaus is uncertain, but it must have been about a mile from Jerusalem. They had attended the Passover, which was still in session, and were either on their way home or going to their place of entertainment.

14. These men were not apostles, but disciples. They were attached to the Master the same as we ought to be. They were conversing upon the death, burial and resurrection at the time our Lord overtook them.

15. The two principal words of the verse indicate that they sustained an animated conversation. The verse is to the imperfect tense, which indicates that Jesus was already walking with them when they discovered their unsought companion. Jesus had come from Jerusalem and joined the travelers from the rear.

16. The account gives no explanation for the failure on the part of the two disciples to recognize their Master. We may infer—1, they were not expecting to meet him; 2, his appearance may have been changed; 3, he may have presented recognition; 4, his purpose of meeting them would seem to imply the necessity of avoiding recognition.

17. Jesus begins conversation with the two disciples by asking them a question—not that he did not know what had transpired, but to procure the way of imparting information. Luke says that they stood still looking sad. They were almost disconsolate on account of what they considered a disappointment.

18. Cleopas (John 19:25) asks Jesus, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who has not heard the great occurrence during the past three days?" The fact that all the details of the event are described in favor of the opinion that Jesus is the other Jesus.

19. The question of Jesus commanded the response. The dialogue concerning Jesus of Nazareth which was a moment ago so closed before God. It is a good rule never to say anything of a person at his back, that we could be unwilling to say at his face. They had no reason to doubt Jesus' event in the highest terms, but the fact that they did was an example of the wisdom of Jesus.

20-23. These verses contain the substance of the last lesson. They described the order and facts in perfect harmony with the other gospels. What a wonderful series of evidences we have to sustain our position.

24. Jesus' conversation to the two disciples thus continues: "O foolish men, how slow of heart to believe!" Because of lack of understanding.

25. And, according to Moses'—Acts 7:51-52; 1 Cor. 12:2-3; 1 Cor. 14:1-34. Now, according to the prophet—Isa. 7:11; Jer. 23:29; Ezek. 24:25; Mic. 3:6-8.

26. Arriving at Emmaus, they take the evening meal together. In the course of the supper Jesus reveals himself and vanishes out of sight. The two disciples hasten to Jerusalem to inform the others what had occurred. As we shall see, however, Jesus, the Master made no great appearance on this his resurrection day. It was to those ten in the upper room. No one can tell the fact that the little company felt when they were convinced that it was true of Jesus. We should have no less joy than they. He is living in glory now. He is our risen Savior.

## Epworth League Department

April 21.—"Walking with Jesus."—Col. 2:6, 7; Gal. v. 16-26. (Topic outlined in Era of April 1.)

Reference Word: Walking. Luke 1:6; Acts 9:31; II John 4. Daily Bible Readings: S. P. Bush Walked with God, Gen. 3:21-24; Num. 11:5, 6; M. How Noah Walked, Gen. 6:1-9; Heb. 11:7; T. Harmony of Songs, II Cor. 6:14-18; W. A Delightful Walk; Luke 24:13-22; T. Walking in Newness of Life; Rom. 6:1-11; F. Led by the

Spirit; Rom. 8:1-18; S. Walking with Jesus; Col. 2:6, 7; Gal. v. 17-26.

Who has not sometimes wished that he could have been a disciple of the Lord when he was upon the earth? How delightful to sit at his feet, with Mary, to lean upon his breast, with John, to walk with him and the other apostles through the green fields and over the mountains of the Holy Land! We can have the higher privilege of accompanying him in the spirit. Every Christian is by profession a companion of Jesus. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." (I John 2:6.) The Scripture allusions tell us.

## WHAT IT IS TO WALK WITH JESUS.

1. It is to receive him as the Lord, to accept him as our Savior. He will have nothing to do with us if we insult him by discrediting his mission and doubting his character as the Son of God.

2. It is to have vital union with him. "Rooted and built up in him." Conversion is the being in Christ. (II Cor. 5:17.)

3. It implies faith in him, as both able and willing to save. "Established in the faith." From this conviction no storm should blow us. (Rom. 8:25-29.)

4. It is harmony with him. Amos (7:13) asks: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" No friction must disturb the flowing serenity of spirit, thought, and word between Jesus and his companion.

5. It is to be led by the Spirit. He is Christ's representative, and wages war against the flesh, that seeks to intrude upon our companionship with Jesus.

6. It is to crucify "the flesh with the affections and lusts." Self-denial is a condition of service. If we are carnal Jesus can not walk with us. The engine will die rather than drags its beautiful robes of white with pitch; as soon as we bring forth the works of the flesh mentioned in verses 19-21, Jesus deserts from us. When sin comes in, the holy Guest goes out. Christ can not associate with Belial.

7. It is to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Nine specifications are given in verses 22, 23. Jesus illustrated every one of them. If we yield this "peaceable fruit of righteousness," he will join himself to us in a deeper sense than to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus the day of his resurrection. They did not know it was he although their hearts burned within them as he walked with them by the way.

Our hearts shall burn within us with an intense fervor and love; because we shall know that it is he, our Savior, our Friend, the best and noblest Companion that ever accompanied with human beings. As Ray Palmer sings:

Jesus these eyes have never seen  
That radiant form of thine;  
The roll of some hands dark between  
Thy blessed face and mine.

I saw thou not; I bear thee not;  
Yet art thou off with me,  
And earth has never seen a spot  
As where I meet with thee.

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DISTRICT LEAGUE AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The West Texas Epworth League and Sunday-school Conference was held in West, Texas, March 29-31, 1901. The conference was opened on Thursday night with a sermon by Rev. J. W. Felt of Whitney.

Most of the delegates having arrived the night before, quite a number were enrolled at the opening session of the conference.

The papers and addresses were spirited and very interesting on Leaven day. Almost every pastor reported a League organized and in fine condition.

During the day Rev. J. M. Barcus of Cleburne was announced, and gave some very interesting talks. Bro. Thompson, a very old resident of West, was introduced to the conference as "a man who had shaken hands with a lady who once entertained John Wesley."

Sunday-school day found more delegates on the ground and more interesting discussions. The debates on this day were really more interesting than the ones on Friday.

The very inclement weather prevented a great many from attending the conference. The church was about filled at every service, notwithstanding rain and cold.

West is a growing little city, with its new cotton mill now nearing completion, new residences and new business enterprises, also a telephone system and an electric light plant. It can well be called a city.

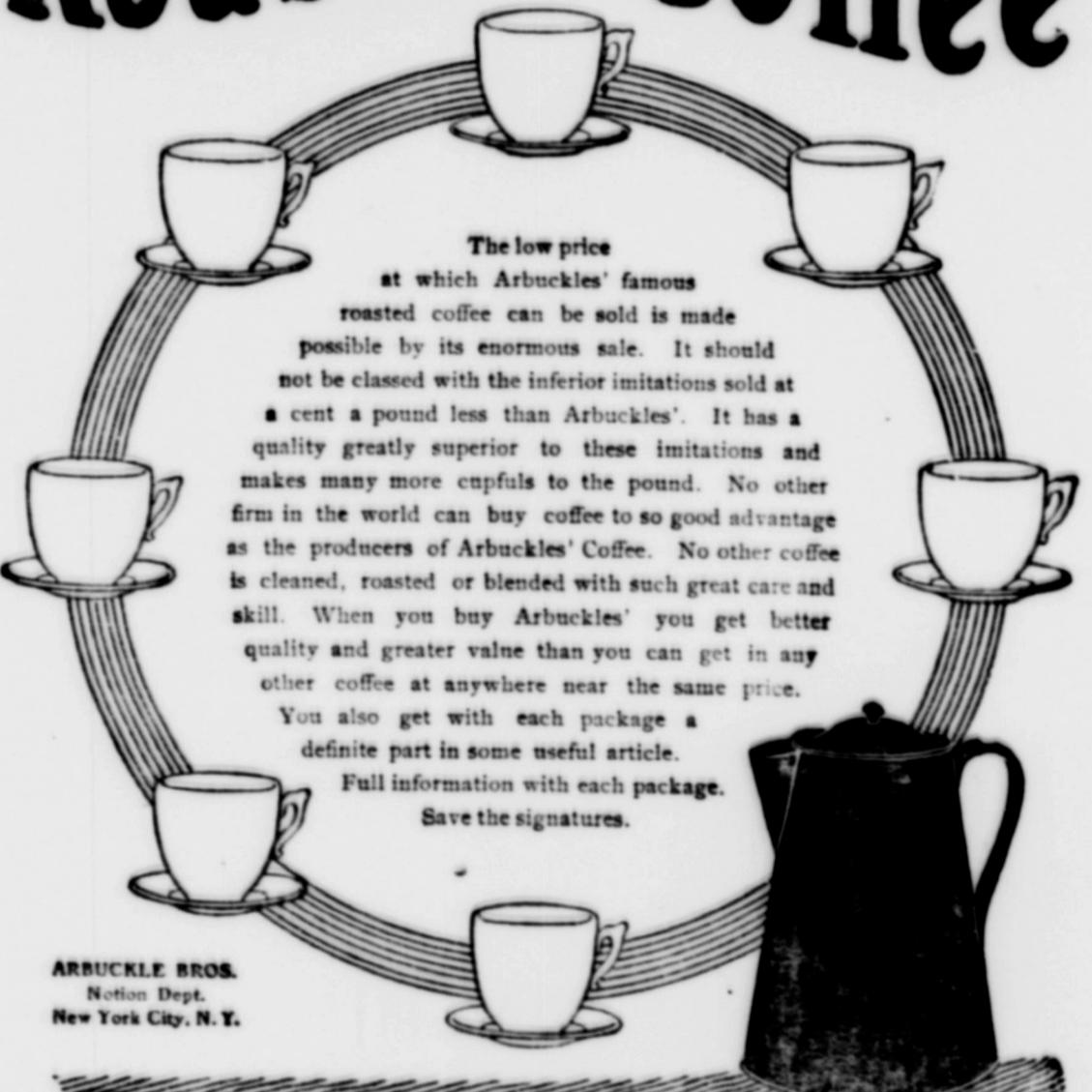
Bro. Barcus and wife were able to entertain their friends during the conference in a new, up-to-date parsonage.

People were so kind in entertaining the delegates, and they did it so royally that I think the conference would have liked to return to West next year but Whitney had the first choice.

Bro. Barcus is to be congratulated on having such a willing people, and the people are to be congratulated on having such a competent pastor.

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## THE OLD GUARD.

Call out the old guard!  
Although there be few  
We went to the front.  
The last to leave,  
By appointment of Heaven  
In the rear always  
Took charge of the transports,  
With bayonets fixed.

Call out the old guard!  
They have passed to review,  
Though their knapsacks are empty,  
And bayonets, too.  
But their arms are intact,  
Their powder kept dry;  
They are ready for service—  
To preach, suffer or die.

Call out the old guard!  
Their armor is all right—  
The sword of the Spirit  
Anchored in the bright,  
The helmet and gauntlet  
Their strength to increase,  
Being shod with the preparation  
Of the gospel of peace.

Call out the old guard!  
They are ready to come  
At the sound of the bugle,  
Or tap of the drum,  
With bayonets fixed  
And muskets that shone  
Gave the order on the right  
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P. W. GRAVIS

## THE FLOWER GARDEN.

"The German professor, Beckman, in his research of the history of inventions, could not discover with certainty if the Greeks and Romans loved and cultivated flowers; at least nothing indicates that they had gardens, destined expressly for that purpose; nor does it appear that they tried to improve their wild indigenous plants, nor that they had brought plants from foreign countries. We can consider the description of the garden of Alcinous only as the effusion of poetic fiction; and the gardens of Cicero and Pliny as no more than vineyards, in which were grottoes, groves, bowers, grass and arbors. It is not more than two hundreds years since our own gardens were little better arranged than those of the Greeks and the Romans, and since which we owe to foreign lands, in a great part, our embellishments, as the flower gardens, shrubs, arbors and greenhouses.

"In modern times the taste for flowers prevails in China, Persia and Turkey. The vegetables of the East were brought to Constantinople, from which they passed into Italy, Germany and Holland, and from Holland into England; and since that, botany became a science and has put the world under contribution for trees, shrubs and flowers, which we have learned to make, not only indigenous, but we have improved their beauty and their vigor. The passion for flowers preceded that of ornamenting gardens, which, at this day, are very imperfect and devoid of taste.

"The Hollander surrounded them with straight alleys, inclosed by very high hedges—the yew and the holly having the preference everywhere; and the tulips, the hyacinths and other flowers are surrounded by groves walks of boxwood, cut and trimmed with the greatest care. Everywhere nature is cut off and is forced to bear only the ornaments for which we have a taste. The one who succeeded better than others, to lead us to this point of culture, was Kent.

"From him came the taste for parks, walks and alleys; the distribution and the choice of trees, shrubs and ornaments in our gardens gradually increased. Indeed, in the country existed a predilection for such or such plants, and the care with which they cultivated them caused the neglect of all others. In Turkey, for example, they preferred the rose, the running plants and the tulips, which are the most esteemed. These last grow in the forest without culture. This superb flower was cultivated first in Italy, about the middle of the sixteenth century, under the name of tulipa, which came from tulband, which signifies the turk—a turban.

"It is known that in Holland the tulip became, towards the middle of the sixteenth century, the object of a commerce both speculative and very unique. From 1634 to 1637, all the inhabitants of the great cities of Holland were infected with tulipomania.

"One single bulb of the species, named vice-roy, was exchanged in a manner which characterizes the spirit of Holland. They gave in exchange for one bulb two lasts (4000 pounds) of wheat, four lasts (8000 pounds) of rye, four fat oxen, three fat hogs, twelve fat sheep, two barrels of wine, four barrels of beer, two tons of butter, 1000 pounds of cheese, one bed complete, one suit of new clothes

complete, one silver goblet; all being estimated at 250,000 florins.

"These tulip bulbs were afterwards sold by weight. Four hundred perits (a little less than a grain) of the species named 'Admiral Liefkin' cost 4400 florins; 440 of 'de l'Admiral Vander Eyke,' 1620 florins; 106 perits schilder, 1615 florins; 290 'de Semper Augustus,' 550 florins; 410 'de Vice-roy,' 2000 florins. The Semper Augustus was often sold for 2000 florins. It happened at one time that there existed but two bulbs of this species in Holland—one at Amsterdam, the other at Haarlem. One amateur was found who for one of this species gave 4800 florins, silver, and in addition he gave a new carriage, two good gray horses and new harness. Another gave twelve acres of land for a single bulb.

"Those who had no money continued to offer their lands, their houses, their furniture, their merchandise, their animals, and their herds and their clothing. It was not only merchants who mingled in this commerce, but gentlemen, lawyers, citizens of all classes, of all conditions—laborers, journeymen, workmen, farmers, servants, hucksters and laundresses, footmen, mariners and chimney sweeps—took a very active part. Some among the poorest classes gained in some months, houses, carriages, horses and made a great show. They chose in each village or city a hotel, as a rendezvous to inform them when the money, or any one of rank, should come to buy flowers. The market was closed by a magnificent and very costly banquet. These societies made forms of laws, and had their notaries and clerks.

"W. Beckman observes that these flower merchants cared nothing for what they possessed. No one thought of sending or going to Constantinople to seek rare bulbs—as Europeans do when buying rare stones, who go to the mines of Golconde or Vishapur. There were in the depth of complete stock-jobbing. They offered the tulips at different prices, and their bulbs were divided in small lots, called perits. Finally the poor as well as the rich could speculate; there was no question as to the amount of tulips for sale; this was only a bagatelle, of which they took not the least note. They offered them as a means of speculation, as the English did their funds in the stock market.

"During this tulipomania, a speculator often offered to pay a great sum for one bulb, to the amount of 2000 florins, which he never received, and which he did not wish to receive. Another sold bulbs which he had not, and which he knew he could not get. A gentleman often bought of a chimney-sweep, to the value of 2000 florins, which he sold to a farmer, yet not one of the three had a single bulb. Before the tulip season had passed they had bought and sold, bartered and promised to deliver more tulips than there were in Holland. When they could procure no part of the Sumner Augustus, which happened twice, it was bought and sold the oftener. More than 10,000,000 florins were disbursed in this commerce in the space of three years; and that in one single city of Holland.

"This mania at last was urged to such a degree, and the evil resulting from it so great, that the State's General felt itself compelled to join in it. The buyers, then, became alarmed, the illusion vanished, and the sad reality pierced only too clearly that all was only a chimera. Almost all of these speculators lost more or less, as was the case with the famous Miséclée Company, under the reign of Phillips of Orleans of France, where the best families were ruined."

C. L. SPENCER  
(Translated from the French.)

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## A WOMAN'S CONTENTION.

In last week's issue of your paper (March 28) a little piece appeared, "The Woman Who Ought Not to Marry." Surely you want to deal fair with us. Now, won't you be kind enough to publish the following:

## THE MAN WHO OUGHT NOT TO MARRY.

The man who is so full of self, that he says he would not be President of the United States if he could.

The man who won't work for \$50 a month because he thinks his services are worth \$75.

The man who spends 25 cents a day on cigars and tobacco and thinks he spends every cent he makes on his family.

The man who thinks a woman ought always to be neat, yet he never puts on his collar and tie in the morning until he starts to town, and sits around all day Sunday in his shirt sleeves, and sometimes sits at the dinner table without his coat on.

The man who thinks it is cheaper for the barber to shave him than to do it himself.

The man who thinks it is cheaper to have the boot black shine his shoes than for him to do it at home.

The man who thinks it is cheaper to let his wood cut than to take any chance of a chip hitting him in the eye.

The man who never sees that the water bucket is empty, or there isn't any wood in the wood-box.

The man who cares more for the style of his horse than for the style of his wife.

The man who never opens the door for his wife or notices the fact that she is sitting in the best chair, perhaps the only one in the room.

The man who expects some token of love three times a day, but never takes a sack of oranges or bananas home with him.

The man who has all his own clothes made to order, but thinks his wife should make her own dresses—he considers that an accomplishment, etc.

(MISS) L. WATERS

If you look at a dozen common lamp-chimneys, and then at Macbeth's "pearl top" or "pearl glass," you will see the differences—all but one—they break from heat. Macbeth's don't; you can't see that.

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## WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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## W. H. M. SOCIETY.

I mean to accept your kind invitation to the societies of the Church to use your names to report their work. While the Home Mission work is said to be languishing on the Terrell District, the reverse is true of Terrell Station. We hold our meetings every Monday, excepting the summer months, the Foreign Missionary meets. Our meetings are spiritual. We usually devote one-half hour to the devotional exercises, often calling for verses from memory from every one present, using this as our title reading. It has proven a means of grace to us. I think I never saw such harmony and love as exist in this society. Last year we carpeted our fine new church, put in, jointly with the Foreign Society, a beautiful memorial window costing \$250. That the church might be dedicated free of debt, we assumed \$250 of the church debt. Have about secured the whole amount. And yet we have not worked for home missions. We sent to Mrs. Vaughan for the little orphans, a box valued at \$25; to a sick minister's family at Decatur, a box valued at \$5; to the Galveston sufferers, a box valued at \$25; and this week we are preparing an Easter box for Bro. Vaughan's orphans. We love the work. Our ladies are loyal and true, doing whatever their hands find to do."

In conclusion, I will say what I suppose I should have said at the beginning. We have fifty-six members; we look out for the strangers, invite them to our church, and welcome them after they come. We would like to hear from other societies.

PRESIDENT H. M. S.  
Terrell, Texas.

## FROM THE TEMPLE AUXILIARY, W. F. M. SOCIETY.

Whereas, In the providence of an all wise and gracious Heavenly Father Judge S. S. Munger, the beloved founder of our former Woman Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. M. J. Munger, has been called to his reward and immortal home, therefore, be it resolved, That we, as a society in session, under our sympathy and love to our dear sister and her family in this hour of parting,

That his deep consecration and Christian spirit has endeared him to all who knew him, and his devotion to the Woman's Foreign Missionary cause will be gratefully remembered by us.

M. A. ROBINSON, Cor. Sec.

## EASTER MEMORIES.

The holy light of another Easter shines over the earth today, and sitting alone in my little hired house, the thoughts of Easter day, so sweetly, so tenderly, away back in the "mists of time." Easter day stands out tinted with sunshine and flowers, when love and hope were such living realities that no thought came of any need of a resurrection. Then came back the perfect day, when, as a preacher's wife, I saw my husband stand amid the beautiful Easter decorations and speak with glowing face of the grand truths of the resurrection. Then comes a time when he and I learned more of its meaning, when we had laid a tender little flower away beneath the mold, to see it no more grow. The half-buried caskets, I think, of the graves of parents and brothers and sisters, away back near the old Kentucky home, that shall be the scene of the great enactment. But standing out those all Easter days with me is one six weeks ago, when I went alone to the little church in Albany, whence the body of



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my best beloved had been carried two days before to the lonely cemetery, where it rests under the sunbeams to-day. My friends thought it strange to see me at church, but it seemed to me that I, of all the town, had most reason to celebrate the event on which hung all my hopes of reunion with the one by whose side I had walked and enjoyed life's sweetest things. Oh! never was the day so precious to me! Every hope and aspiration left to me seemed to cling to it. The promise of Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life," came to me through the thick cloud of grief that no human words could penetrate. And thus animate my soul still on this precious Easter day, after these six years of loneliness, never having failed me.

There are others in our Church for whom this Easter day will have a deeper meaning, for the Reaper, Death, has gathered some ripe, golden grain from us two years ago to-day the sad news was flashed to our pastor that our brother, J. B. Baker, had died away from home. The Church had reason to bow its head in grief at his loss—one of its members, a son, a friend to every friendless one. How many have missed his wise counsel and generous help! But he left us in full hope of the resurrection.

One year ago to-day our sweet friend Mrs. M. S. Gordon, left her suffering "house of clay" just as the gray tints of dawn were stealing over the earth, and went to the land where there shall be no more pain—a true, faithful friend of Jesus and of all he loved, ever ready with a sympathetic touch and tear.

Just before she died, Sister Angel, whom it is often said, "She is rightly named, had gone from her lonely life to the full companionship of heaven; and Sister Staer, rich in many of woman's higher attributes, had been called from loving arms on earth to the "Everlasting Arms."

Neither was with us in their last days but were buried from our church.

Then Sister Davis, a true type of old-time Methodism, was called and went shouting home to glory.

All this time we had been watching the fading of another dear member—Mrs. Irene Richards. Slowly, quietly as a dower fades and falls, this sweet friend went from us, without a doubt or a murmur, and earth is less lovely without her—a pure type of gentle, retiring, sincere womanhood.

The next to go was Sister McHenry, an aged and stooping pilgrim. Loneliness and isolation had seemed for years to mark her as their own. Bereft of every kindred tie and of property, she had lived so many years alone in her desolate little house—all she had on earth dependent on the Church for all else. Feeble in body, growing feeble in mind from the weight of years and sorrow, it seemed so like our Heavenly Father to say, "It is enough, and take her to the rich rewards of an eternal life. Without a relative around her, she was tenderly nursed and laid away by Christian hands.

Scarcely had her funeral knell ceased to ring in our ears when we heard that Bro. George Griscom was dead, and again we gathered at our church to pay the last tribute to this faithful, honored member, who was always at his post of duty.

I know this day has a new significance to Sister Griscom as she sits heart-broken in her little suburban home. May her light steal in on the night of her sorrow to-day.

Then, too, I recall another member who went from us last year—Sister S. Wedley—whom I had never seen until I looked upon her in her casket, with a little dead babe by her side, while her broken-heart'd husband and children stood around.

Also, for the little orphaned children; But the inverse of her prayers and good will abide with them.

So we keep this holy day, with tender memories of all these dear dead, laid by in our hearts that we shall be brought together again, and come with them "unto Mount Zion and into the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and Church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the Blood of sprinkling that speaketh better thing than that of Abel." Then let us be comforted and seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

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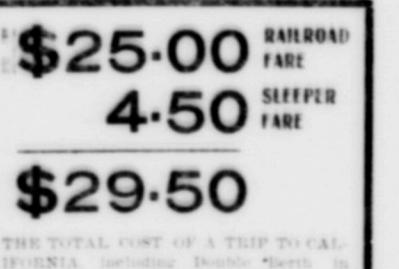
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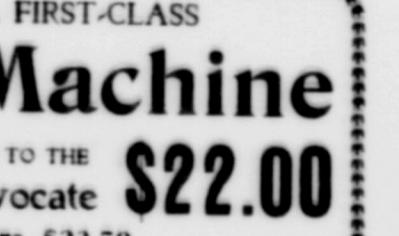
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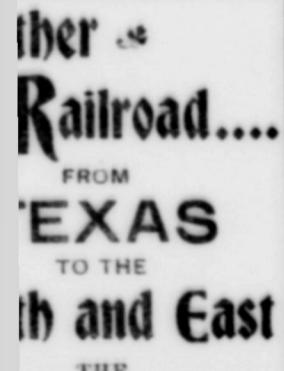
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Bells	1st Sun May
Pottsville	2d Sun May
Gordonville	2d Sun May
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## Paris District—Second Round.

Powderly, at Palestine	April 13, 14
Rosalia, at Bethel	April 20, 21
Deport, at Hainesboro	April 27, 28
Annona, at Williams Chapel	May 4, 5
White Rock	May 4, 5
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
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## Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.

Lake Creek, at L. C.	2d Sun Apr
Sulphur Bluff, at Mt. Zion	3d Sun Apr
County Line, at Bethany	3d Sun Apr
Cumby, at Oakland	1st Sun May
Ben Franklin, at Pecan Gap	2d Sun May
Winnisboro sta.	3d Sun May
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## Dallas District—Second Round.

Wheatland, at DeSoto	April 13, 14
Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at C. H.	April 20, 21
Argyle, at Argyle	April 27, 28
District Conference at Lewisville	May 1-4
Denton	May 4, 5
Fleet Church	11 a. m., May 12
Trinity	7 p. m., May 12
Grand Prairie	May 18, 19
Caruth	May 25, 26
Lewisville	June 1, 2
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## Terrell District—Second Round.

Garland sta.	April 13, 14
Crandall	April 20, 21
Tolosa	April 27, 28
Kemp	May 4, 5
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Rockwall	May 18, 19
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## McKinney District—Second Round.

Blue Ridge, at Verona	2d Sun Apr
Union and Roseland, at U	3d Sun Apr
Alien cir., at Alien	4th Sun Apr
Brenner cir., at Richardson	1st Sun May
Wayne cir., at Murphy	2d Sun May
Plano sta.	3d Sun May
Weston cir.	4th Sun May
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## Greenville District—Second Round.

Lone Oak, at Lawndale	April 13, 14
Kingston, at Ballard Grove	April 20, 21
Wesley	April 27, 28
Campbell, at Friendship	May 4, 5
Kavanaugh	May 11, 12
Merit, at Bethel Grove	May 18, 19
Celeste and Lane, at Lane	May 25, 26
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Childress, at Carey	Sat., Sun., April 13, 14
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Paradise, at Bowieville	April 20, 21
Guthro, at Willow Point	April 27, 28
Blue Grove, at Friendship	May 4, 5
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Alvord, at Pleasant Ridge	May 18, 19
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Chico, at Sand Flat	May 12, 13
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Greenwood, at Rush Branch	May 25, 26
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## Llano District—Second Round.

Gainesville District—Second Round.	
Rosston, at Hardy	April 12, 13
St. Jo, at St. Jo	April 12, 13
Era and Valley View, at V. V.	April 20, 21
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Dodd and Windom	3d Sun Apr
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Pett	1st Sun May
Ladonia	2d Sun May
Honey Grove	2d Sun May
Brookston and High	3d Sun May
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Randolph	3d Sun June
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Fannin	5th Sun June
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Georgetown District—Second Round.	
Taylor	April 18
Temple, Seventh Street	April 17
Temple, First Church	April 18
Salado	April 20, 21
Bartlett	April 21, 22
Florence	April 27, 28
Maxdale	May 4, 5
Bertram	May 4, 5
Liberty Hill	May 11, 12
Conger	May 18, 19
Hutto	May 25, 26
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## Sunday school and Epworth League Conference at Proctor, May 6-9.

Dublin District—Second Round.	
Dublin	April 21, 22
Bluff Dale, at Wesley	April 21
Glen Rose, at Paluxy	April 27, 28
Vredell, at Walnut	May 1, 2
Proctor, at Proctor	May 4, 5
Duffau, at Clarendon	May 11, 12
Carlton, at Graville	May 18, 19
Green's Creek, at Bunyan	May 25, 26
Hico, at Lanham	June 1, 2
DeLeon	June 1, 2
Conner, etc., at Jewell	June 1, 2
Desdemona	

