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EDITORIAL.

THE ENJOYMENT OF RELIGION.

In the old class-meeting of the years ago the question often propounded by the leader was: "Tell us how you are enjoying religion." To the old Methodist there was something peculiarly significant in the meaning of these words. We rarely ever hear them pronounced at this time in any of our religious services. They meant then and ought to mean now that every live member of the Church is in the conscious experience of the witness of the Spirit. The experience that embodies this element is a joyous experience, for it has personal contact with the source of spiritual life and power. In that earlier day our people stressed this feature of grace more than we do at the present time. Their religion did not amount to a great deal without the personal assurance of salvation. When they gathered in their social meetings they made this part of religion one of earnest inquiry and close investigation. It was not enough to belong to the Church, attend the public services, and pay your part to the support of the current expenses, but the leader of each class wanted to know if those under his special charge had the experience of present pardon and a full knowledge of salvation, it was not thought that religion amounted to much unless this experience was paramount in these searching interviews. In other words, the old Methodists wanted a religion that they could heartily enjoy. To them the Spirit was a reality, and they communed with each other as to their personal acquaintance with God and their companionship with the Savior. They sought after the fruits of the Spirit.

It is barely possible that they emphasized the experiential part of religion to the slight neglect of the practical part of it, but we are going to the other extreme. It is only occasionally that you hear a man or a woman talking about the enjoyment of religion. We have in a large measure lost sight of this, and we are developing the external graces of religion. We are now placing the estimate upon what we are doing to the neglect of what we are experiencing. We need now to strike a happy mean. Before our spiritual life can have a beginning the very root of the matter must come into us as a result of repentance, faith, justification, regeneration and adoption, and out of these experiences "we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. But after the joy of this experience comes the working out of our salvation into life and character. The former is perpetuated and intensified by prayer, the reading of God's Word, and the communion of saints, but the latter by a consistent course of conduct and deeds of practical righteousness. This balancing of the forces of experience and practice is our special need as members of Christ's Church. In it we will find both enjoyment and useful service. But we will never outlive the importance of the old doctrine of assurance. No amount of works can possibly take its place. To have it is to keep "peace with God through our

Lord Jesus Christ." Therefore we need occasionally to ask ourselves the question, "Do we enjoy religion?" An honest affirmative answer will settle at all times the status of our relation with God.

PUBLIC PRAYER RUTS.

Methodists pride themselves in the fact that they are not bound to any specified form of ritualism, but have liberty of spirit and expression in public service. There is an advantage in this not to be gained in the repetition of forms that often grow dull and monotonous by oft reiteration. Nevertheless, there is a tendency toward falling into ruts in public worship upon the part of those who boast themselves of liberty. Take for instance a prayer-meeting service, and the majority of the brethren who lead in prayers naturally fall into the same methods and idioms of expression. The same man will pray practically the same prayer every time he is called upon, and his prayer does not differ materially from the prayers of the other brethren. They use similar words, fall into the same lines of thought, and adopt the same sort of phraseology. If their prayers were written they would not be much more stereotyped in their composition and sing-song tone or voice. This sort of prayer does not edify and inspire a prayer-meeting. It is lacking in spirit, in variety and deep earnestness. It is stilted and mechanical, because it runs in a fixed rut. You know just about how it will begin, the way it will run and the manner of its closing. It never branches out into new needs, and it never takes in the scope of larger desires for grace and mercy outside of the merely commonplace. It has worn itself smooth by months and, maybe, years of constant repetition. Such ought not to be the case. Every day brings new needs to the soul, and every service ought to bring new spheres of blessing within the range of our faith and hope. Hence our prayers have no excuse for running in the old ruts and bringing to us the same old forms of worn-out expression. They ought to take in a wider vision, be filled with a larger hope, and rise to richer altitudes as the service progresses. If they do not, then we grow lazy and dull in our part of the service, and people dread to hear us called upon to pray. They will get tired of the very sound of our voices. The resources of heaven are so varied and full that every prayer ought to be fresh, vigorous and inspiring, not only to ourselves, but to those whom we are leading in our petitions. Prayers of this sort never get dull, and they never rattle in the old well-worn ruts of uninteresting devotions.

MINISTERS OF AGE AND EXPERIENCE.

Some time ago we called attention to the fact that ministers of age and experience need to be held in high esteem as preachers and pastors, and we gave a number of reasons for this position. The subject has met with favor in various quarters and we are disposed to follow the matter up with a few more remarks. And just here we want to say that there is no necessity for mental decay on the part of ministers until their physical powers are exhausted and the body is no longer able to furnish blood supply to

the brain. A man ought to remain vigorous and efficient, and even grow more so as he increases in years, until his natural forces are abated. He really does not know how to do his best preaching and put forth his best pastoral effort until he reaches middle life; then from that time on he is capable of his best service. Hence our preachers ought to all acquire the habit of study and persist in it perpetually; and along with the studious habit the pastoral instinct ought to be developed by systematic exercise. These two traits in a minister make him indispensable, and such a man ought always to be in demand. Our list of supernumeraries in every conference is too large. Men help to make up these lists who ought to be doing their very best work. Sometimes it is the fault of the men themselves. They do not persist in the habit of study and they cease to be acceptable as pastors. Then again it is the fault of the people. They get the foolish and deceptive idea that young blood is essential to a successful pulpit and they clamor for young men. This is placing a discount upon the best resources of the ministry and it discourages our preachers as they begin to take on age. We were really pleased the other day to read where one Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church had been petitioned for a preacher of age and experience. It was Bishop Goodsell at the Wilmington Conference. The petition read in part as follows: "Send us an aged minister, one who can be a father to us. Do not send us a ministerial saw-bow, to practice upon us." This is so rare that it is refreshing to find one congregation of Methodists who want age and experience in a pastor. It is a good omen. Would that we had hundreds of them; it would be better for all of our preachers and people. Were it understood that when a man becomes a pastor his best work is expected at the last, his effort would be enhanced a hundred-fold.

THE OIL CRAZE SPECULATION.

The great oil fields of Texas recently discovered in the Beaumont region are attracting the attention of the whole country. Well after well is being sunk with the result of great gushers, the like of which there is nothing to be found in America. People are flocking by the thousand to that section and every available inch of land in the vicinity is being leased or bought at fabulous prices. Great stock companies are being organized, representing millions of money, mostly on paper. Flaming advertisements are filling the columns of our dailies, and people are becoming wild in their efforts to invest. Nearly every man and woman who can get a few dollars together are purchasing stock with a view to becoming rich in the near future.

That this oil discovery is perfectly wonderful no sane man can doubt for a moment, and that it will prove a luxuriant source of wealth is equally true; but it is well enough for people to bear in mind the fact that when any sort of industry reaches the speculative period it is the wise thing to go slow in making investments. A great many of the stock companies now being organized have but little in them except the stock which other people are being

induced to buy. This money will be taken perhaps and spent in prospecting for oil, and in many instances no oil will be discovered. The result will be that many people now buying this stock will lose all that they invest in it. Some, however, will realize good returns, but the stock companies will have the best opportunity to become the beneficiaries of the wild rush to make investments. A great deal of the stock is not worth the paper upon which the terms are written. It is an oil boom, akin in its speculative phases to the late real estate boom which swept over this country and left thousands of our people in financial ruins. We therefore advise our readers to be very cautious in their ventures in oil stock, otherwise many of them will come to pecuniary grief. Only a few will make the money, and the many will be stranded. If you are well acquainted with the men who compose the company and know them to be honest and thoroughly responsible, then, if you are disposed to risk an investment, perhaps you will not make a serious mistake to go into the venture. But the most of these companies now flooding the markets with their stock and offering great inducements to purchasers are not worthy of your serious consideration. These things contain no fabulous wealth for the masses; hence it is to be hoped that our Methodist people will not throw away their heads in this mad rush to get rich in a day. Their dreams will not be realized and it will take the rest of their lives to repent in private over their disappointments as all speculators. In conclusion, we offer this word of admonition to our preachers. Keep hands off of this oil boom. Stick to your legitimate work—preach the gospel, visit your flocks, and attend to the duties of your ministry. The provocation to invest a little of your want savings in this oil movement will be rather great, but resist it and adhere to your one loved employ. Preaching the gospel is the best work this side of the sky to engage the head and the heart, and the time and the talent of the earnest and consecrated minister of Jesus Christ.

In nearly every congregation there are members upon whom the pastor can rely with implicit confidence. If he wants help in his prayer service, or aid in his Sunday-school, or a contribution for special benevolence, or a little advice in some delicate and perplexing emergency, he always knows where to find it. The faithful few are his helpers and they never fail him. Were this not true his courage would often run low and his enterprises stop short of success. Such people are the salt of the earth and the hope of the Church.

It often occurs that in every congregation there are a few people who make it a point to antagonize the pastor in all of his efforts to move the Church forward in matters of needed progress. They are the brakes upon the wheels of Zion. He can do nothing to please them. It makes no difference what he undertakes, he can always count upon these folks to put a damper upon his effort. They are not willing to step aside and let the work go on without them, but they seek to put obstacles in the way and to bring other

members into their state of chronic dissatisfaction. The pastor has to endure despite them.

The congregation is exceedingly fortunate if it is free from a class of persistent grainers. Their presence and influence make up a sort of constant irritation. They find fault with everything. Either the preacher does not visit enough, or he runs round entirely "by the book." Then again, he preaches too long, and he shows more attention to some people than to others. And if he is so fortunate as to escape their criticisms, then his family will come in for their share of complaint. His wife dresses too fine, or she is inclined to be shrewish, or his children are too worldly-minded. Such people are bound to have something about which to complain. It is their normal state of mind and they would not be happy without indulging it. It may be that the Lord knows how to get along with them and make allowance for their capriciousness, but they are a thorn in the flesh of any industrious pastor.

AMONG THE EDITORS.

Nashville Advocate: If the Methodist Church had held all the people that have been converted at her altars the number of her adherents would probably have been doubled. There is not a Church in the land that is not largely in debt to her for reinforcements. We can not say that we are very sorry for the fact. When an organization is vital enough to keep on growing at a rapid rate, and yet furnish a constant stream of ministers and laymen to other denominations, there is not much prospect of its speedy decay.

New Orleans Advocate: Local attachments are sometimes very strong. It is all right except when such attachments stand in the way of progress. We have known people to hold on to their "home" year to year to an old dilapidated church, instead of membership without a Sunday-school, prayer-meeting, and with preaching only once a month, simply because the grave-yard was close by. The removal of the church a mile and a half in a given direction, and the building of an attractive house, would have resulted in renewed life and activity. Sometimes the consolidation of two weak Churches would have the same effect, but local attachments kill the project, and the cause suffers. Such attachments without reason are obstructive and fatal.

Chamberland Presbyterian: When the home is right there will be little that is wrong anywhere else. Let every home in America become truly Christian and America will be safe—politically, socially, morally, religiously safe. If we preached more and practiced better on behalf of that training school for life, the home, we should need to preach less to sinful men and against public evils. But are we not neglecting the home? In this too many world are not men particularly, and alas! often women also, allowing the home to be overshadowed by the cares of business and the exactions of social life, the club, the lodge, the public duties which clamor for attention? Are we not rather letting our children grow up instead of being reared? Or have we not committed too much the almost unpardonable sin of bringing up our children by proxy? God's plans are always wise, and God's first plan for our race was for the family, the home. Suffer the warning which this article was written to utter—We are in danger of neglecting to put first things first, for the home is first, and he who makes domestic duty secondary to even Church work is likely to learn that foundations have been left out while capstones were being placed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE HEATHEN AT OUR OWN DOOR.

Such are the times called who in our own country do not attend church. The purpose of the present writing is to call attention to some of the reasons...

So the Conference Mission Board is confronted with a grave situation. To withdraw from the field is to sacrifice what has already been done...

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THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION.

The attention of the public has been directed afresh to the Westminster Confession of Faith by the effort being made by the Northern Presbyterians to revise the same...

A Moderator of a Presbyterian assembly once preached a strong sermon on Calvinism, in which he made a memorable declaration to this effect: "Calvinism as a logical system is encircled by hands of steel that human ingenuity can not break..."

We conclude in the language of the New Orleans Advocate: "The Presbyterian Confession of Faith has remained unaltered since it was framed about two hundred and fifty years ago..."

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Our financial report was decidedly in advance of the year before, as the following will show: Year before last we collected for the pastor, presiding elder and conference collections \$104.50, while the past year we collected for the same objects \$223.55...

With this year, as you know, I close my four years on this district, which, on account of the change of the Annual Conference from October to February, gave me four years and also four months. During this time I rode in a stage or on horseback 325 days or nights...

In conclusion, let me say that the outlook in most parts of the district is promising for a forward movement this year. I can not close this report without saying a few words about our work here in Guadalajara. We must have a new and centrally located church here in this progressive city...

H. H. PIRTLE'S ANSWER

To So-Called "Scriptural Objection to Infant Baptism," by Rev. J. R. Barrett, a Missionary Baptist, of Commerce, Hunt Co., Tex.

No. 2. Bro. Barrett's next objection to infant baptism is Acts 16:14. Why did he not also take verse 15? Because he knew it would knock him high as a kite...

His next notices Act took them the same day and washed their feet. He and all his New Testament brethren said, believe on the Lord and thou shalt be saved and they spake unto the Lord and all his household...

scale they often drift off to the organizations where they find their social equals. I could stop here and give a long list of concrete cases illustrating the truth of these things...

It is not asserted that these discriminations are made against persons because they are poor. It is simply a question of social affinity. And whenever we begin to demonstrate to the non-church-goers that our religious interest in them is above our social affinities and every other consideration...

Now let us take the case of Greenville, in the North Texas Conference, as illustrating the right way of dealing with this mission home question. The one Church of a few years ago, being of a thoroughly good and true type of Methodism, hung together and grew rapidly until it became strong enough for two, and then divided, not into a First Church and City Mission...

There is one more matter that I wish to mention before I close. Like these others, it is a little delicate, but I am writing, not as representing myself, but the Board of Missions, which has to deal with all these things in the prosecution of its work. The point I notice now is in regard to the kind of man who should be placed in charge of the strong Church in a town where

there is a mission. For the interests of the mission it is well-nigh as important to have just the right kind of a man at the strong Church as to have the right one in the mission. Often, with a little effort and co-operation upon the part of the leading pastor, a mission can be raised to the point of self-support easily and quickly...

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R. C. HICKS. Ruxton, Texas.

And by the aid of the Church Extension Board a church is erected, and a few of the members go to it with their letters, organize a class and invite all who do not feel units at home in the other churches to come and join the "Mission Church." Now, this is all well enough, but what made the business of that mission church necessary? Simply this, that social distinctions have become so marked in Church life that it has become necessary to provide different places of worship for different classes of society...

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sought us, one had faith, one owned a house, one constrained us. It was one in all things till baptism; then more than one baptized on the faith of one. "If ye have judged me to be faithful." This is just like those who baptize infants, and never like those who oppose it. Those who baptize infants need the Lydia case. They practice it. Thousands of women have been baptized on their faith and had their infants baptized on their faith. The Lydia case is consistent with those who baptize infants, but not consistent with those who oppose infant baptism. If it is reasonable to say Lydia's household had an infant, then it is unreasonable to say it did not. No such case as Lydia's has ever yet been found among those who oppose infant baptism. They can not use Acts 16:14, 15, at all. It is of no account to them—a dead, useless Scripture to them. Their theory never has been known to need such case, nor to use it. They never do as Lydia did. No woman in all the world of the opposers to infant baptism has ever yet been baptized on her faith and had a set of employed hands baptized on her faith, yet this is the theory of the opposers. People would say they were gone crazy if they were to carry out what they teach on the Lydia case. Rev. Barrett ought to have told why it was necessary for God to mention the faith of one and not to mention the faith of the others, if they had faith. If Lydia had a lot of clerks baptized on her faith, while they did not repent nor have faith, then we can scripturally have our clerks and hired hands baptized on our faith. If they do not repent and have faith, and it will not work for us to do so, then opposers to infant baptism ought to hush up saying it worked in Lydia's case. He says: "When was she baptized? When her heart was opened." Then have all these young ladies Lydia had employed been baptized without the Lord opening their hearts? What a cobler he is! The truth is, she had no young ladies employed, and Lydia's little ones were too young to have faith or repent, or for the Lord to open their hearts, and they were baptized on her faith. This is the only consistent way out of it. Try it all the other ways you will, and it is con-houses and air-questles. Why do you not do like Lydia? Your theory won't let you in why. I would just an old human theory that would not let me do like the Bible.

He next notices Acts 16:32: "And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his household." Now read verses 31 and 32: "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy household; and they spake unto him the words of the Lord, and all that were in his house." What was done before baptism? Exhortation to believe, and the word of God was spoken unto him. To reverse this Scripture to read "Be baptized, and then believe and have the word of the Lord spoken to you," would be a perversion of this Scripture and all others we have noticed. Therefore, infant baptism is a perversion of this Scripture. He finds the jailer and his household baptized on "What must I do to be saved?" Not what must we do to be saved? Only one was requested to have faith—believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Then the jailer and his household were baptized on his faith. Verse 31: He repented, believing in God, with all his household." This shows he had all his household in tone, in time, in harmony, in union, with him when he believed—under his control except to him, all to gather all at home—therefore, "all his household with him—he believed in God." He was the only one at that time requested to have faith, not they. If they all had been requested to have faith, then it would have read: "What must all of us do to be saved?" Then the answer would have been: "Seeing you and all of your household are old enough to understand, you all believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy household, for all believing." They spoke unto him the words of the Lord, and to all that were in his house" (verse 31). Just like Acts 2:39: "The promise is unto you and your children." God speaks to your children, and for your children, even when they are infants, by speaking to you; hence baptism for you and for them. "Are they competent to understand preaching when they are so young?" No. And no Scripture says an infant must be "competent" to understand before they are preached to. "The promise is to you and your children." This preaches to the children if they are not "competent." You are "competent" to preach to, so the preaching can reach from you down to your children, and be to them. Then baptism for you and for them. Like God blesses you and your infant children by a large crop, they are not "competent" to understand the crop, yet it reaches your little ones by you, and this crop is for them the same time it is for you. How plain! Then baptism for you and your infant children at the same time. Hence, the

way of infant baptism. God says: "Thou shalt not kill." Infants are not "competent" to know anything about this, yet it is for them and protects them as much as it is for you and protects you. Hence baptism for infants in Acts 2:39 and 16:32. Away with such a human theory that its advocates can not defend it—to shell down the corn, and be honest Indian. It comes to this: Infants must be "competent to preach to" and believe before they can be baptized, and infants must be competent to preach to and believe before they can be saved. "The-lex of the lame are not equal"—a truth spoken to the jailer's house by speaking to the jailer. Like Jones would make your little ones a present of a thousand dollars, and leave it in your care for them, Jones would give them a present by you, for they would be too young to understand the thousand dollars. Yet it is to them, and for them, and they get it; but through you, or by you. So is infant baptism in the Scriptures. He says: "Infant baptism is perverting first. Where baptism is mentioned in the Scriptures, infants are not." But neither are young ladies mentioned with baptism. His same objection that cuts out infants because they are not specified as a class to be baptized cuts out young ladies because they are not specified as a class to be baptized. His objections to infant baptism are like all others I have ever seen—not found in the Scriptures, but in the head, and too shaky.

He comes back to the jailer: "And they spoke unto him the words of the Lord, and all that were in his house." What would you think if you were to see a preacher go around over the country and get up a lot of six-month-old babies, or younger, and address them upon the subject of the word of God? Why, you would think that he was ready for the asylum. Why? Because that is not reasonable. Neither is it reasonable to suppose that the apostle addressed infants on the word of God. No man can safely say that there were infants in his "straight-way." Then he can not safely say there were no infants here. Then no sense in calling infant baptism "perversion" when he does not know. Can he safely say young ladies were baptized? Can he safely say women ate the Lord's Supper? As safely say infants were baptized as that young ladies were baptized and ate the supper. Remember, there is a "teach" before and after baptism in the Great Commission. If one will apply to the young lady, the other will apply to the infant. He does not say a preacher ever went around and hunted up a lot of six-month-old babies or younger and preached to them, just imagine a preacher doing so, and says: "What would you think?" Such argument as this is all boob, and big-dad, and luncombe, and midnight nonsense! But it is as good as he has in his shop. Lydia and her household were baptized on her faith. He says: "These young ladies employed by her were doubtless baptizing a lot of young ladies, not even exhorting them to repent, not even exhorting them to believe, not even speaking to these young ladies on the subject, but baptizing them without any repentance, and without a lot of faith. This out-Campbells old Father Campbell world without end. What do you think of a preacher that goes around with Lydia's case and gets up a lot of young ladies and does not address them upon the subject of religion, does not ask them to repent nor to have faith, but baptizes them without a lot of repentance and faith? "Perversion" and "asylum" both!

He now goes to 1 Cor. 10:2: "No infants mentioned here either. Read: 'And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.' I want us to notice the pet theory of those who baptize infants. And we will find out only is this text perverted, but every other text referred to to support the theory." He puts the next three pages in his pamphlet trying to prove this was not pouring baptism—shows he is in a tight. So I will notice his objection to infant baptism. When Moses took Israel from Egypt to Canaan, he took babies also. Ex. 16:10: "I will let you go, and your little ones." Verse 21: "Let your little ones go with you." 1 Cor. 10:2: "And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." Now, reader, who "perverts"? You plainly see the babies were along, and all were baptized. Reader, are you so warped and so prejudiced that you try to think every way in the world that those infants were not along and were not baptized? If your eyes are not shut, you can certainly see baby baptism here. If I were this brother, I would never again talk about infant baptism being a perversion, when everybody knows any preacher "perverts" God's word when he tries to cut infants out of their part of the sea baptism.

He next takes up Joel 2:15, 16, but only to misconstrue it. "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the

elders, and gather the children and those that suck the breast; let the bridegroom go forth to his chamber, and the bride out of her closet." The theory for teaching this text is: Zion represents the Church, and the text states that little children that suck the breast were in the assembly. Now the text does not state any such thing. Well, why do they claim infants were in Zion? Because it says, "Blow the trumpet in Zion." To those not versed in Scripture they can make a pretty theory.

Now he goes to Numbers 10:2-8 to try to prove that the trumpet was blown for war to get those infants that suck the breast gathered into a war zone, then concludes with, "Yes, a perversion of the gospel." In Numbers 10:2-10 there are two blowings of the trumpets, one for war and one for solemn worship; and in Joel 2 there are two blowings of the trumpets, one for war (Joel 2:1) and one for solemn worship (Joel 2:15, 16). This is the solemn worship with the women and infants in it that suck the breast. Now see Numbers 10:5, 6 and 9, for war; verses 1, 8 and 10 for solemn worship; and Joel 2:1, for war; verses 12 and 16 for solemn worship and infants gathered in by God's command. The brother wants infants in the war blowing, but does not want them in the worship blowing. Why? Because it would ruin his pet human theory is why. Get your Bible and look at Numbers 10:10 and Joel 2:15, 16, and you will see I am surely right. Infants are in the blowing for solemn worship. But what was the gathering of these infants for on these solemn occasions? Deut. 29:11, 12: "Your little ones and your wives, that then should enter into covenant with the Lord thy God, and into his oath which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day." These little ones were too young to know anything of God's covenant and oath, yet they entered into God's covenant and oath, by their parents' entering in and entering them in also. Deut. 31:12: "And that their children which have not known anything may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God." These little ones that have not known entered into God's covenant and oath to their parents' entering them in. Then they learned afterwards. This shows what the Zion of God's congregation was doing. In Joel 2:15, 16, we see plainly the Zion of God was gathering these infants and entering them into God's covenant and oath. They had a plank in God's old platform, and he can find no Scripture to leave them out after all his "blowing" and "perversion."

EL PASO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The seventh session of the El Paso District Conference convened in Galveston, N. M., at 9 a. m., on April 4, 1901. The N. P. Goodson, P. R., presiding. All the preachers, with but two exceptions, responded to roll call. Reports from the several churches show the work in a prosperous condition. Several new converts were reported, and the brethren are planning for revival, and in some churches the people are already praying and singing for "revival" showers. The Sunday school and Epworth League reports are glowing. "The young men," says Wills (Galveston), "W. J. Anderson and S. D. Lee, Thomas, were induced to preach, and these a witness and testimony were pronounced." The "young women," says Anderson, "were induced on the part of Mrs. W. M. Lee, to do the work, and L. A. Shilley were recommended for baptism." "Three of our local preachers were present, and gave reports of their labors. They reported, with great interest, what they had accomplished in their churches. It was commendable to hear of their work to glorify the conference. Their help is very much needed in these large churches, where so many people live so far from the centers of spiritual services that very often they must do their own work among themselves. Good things are being done abundantly here!" The Women's Home Mission Society of the district held their annual meeting at Galveston, conducted by Mrs. E. F. Anderson. It was conducted in the most successful manner. They are without work. In some instances it would be possible to carry on work at all without their assistance and inspiring faith. "The preaching by the different churches was excellent, practical and edifying." In Sunday morning after an excellent session on "The Power of Love," by Dr. T. L. Lathrop, the communion and spiritual church edifies was solemnly dedicated to the service of God by the presiding elder. The people of Galveston are to be congratulated upon their conversion. "What to ever their church of a day of one standing, thus possessing the testimony and joy." The district business of God shall upon them and their pastor. "During the afternoon of which day the members of the conference discussed with great interest the subject of the conference. 'What I Do, and What I See.' Dr. Goodson, Shall We Adhere to It?" and "The Standard and His Work." The latter question was introduced by Mr. J. J. Anderson, one of the speakers at Galveston, N. M. His words, with respect to the work, were to the effect: "It would be impossible for me to give a better definition of a steward than that found in my text, 1 Peter 4:10, paragraph 16. 'These things are for reflection in those who will be held to account for what they have done.' 'What I Do, and What I See.' Dr. Goodson, Shall We Adhere to It?" and "The Standard and His Work." The latter question was introduced by Mr. J. J. Anderson, one of the speakers at Galveston, N. M. 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Secular News Items.

The plume is reported to be decreasing in size.

The Louisiana Manufacturer Y. M. C. A. Association closed on Sunday.

Children of Halfport will make a new set of the Mississippi Sunday law.

An attempt was made recently to burn the Baptist convent at Avoca Spain.

The Chinese Government has decided to build thirty-two coast fort towers.

Incidents destroyed three towns in Texas and returned a priest named Mopert.

The Commodore Matt D. Logan of Louisiana died at New Orleans, aged 71 years.

The Emperor of China is said to be suffering from the effects of too much tobacco.

The Congo Government has proclaimed the death penalty for opium smoking.

South Carolina cotton growers are operating with a view to reducing the surplus.

Overseas of various States are being sent to the taxation commission in Berlin.

Ex-Gov. Edward Powers was elected to the House in Missouri Hon. Chan. A. Insella in Congress.

An area of land not bounded Texas that sold for \$200,000 years ago was sold last week for \$2,000.

The dry goods and department store of James W. Sims at Richmond, Va. burned last night.

How Mrs. W. C. Craig of Grant's died she has been appointed United States Consul at Harpersville, Conn.

Adm. A. H. Holt, the proprietor of the Baltimore Marine Navy, did not work at Annapolis, Md. He had been ill for several months.

United States Court of Claims awarded \$100,000 to the United States for the purchase of the rights to the Panama Canal.

President McKinley will lay the cornerstone of the new Young Men's Christian Association building at Columbia, Mo. June 2.

A highway which combines has been opened to the State of New York with a view to its improvement, and named by J. P. Morgan.

At a conference held by Archbishop Sheehan the papal legate in the United States was made a Cardinal. Several of the delegates were created.

Spain and the United States are in trouble over the boundary. They have agreed to submit the dispute, but both are prepared to war in the meantime.

Archbishop has given the oath of allegiance to the United States and to the President, advising all of the priests to do the same.

Chancellor Marshall reports that while the language of the claims against China was in some instances exaggerated, the total is still beyond China's ability to pay.

The difference between the New Jersey United Railroad and their employees have been adjusted, the company meeting some of the demands and making concessions in others.

A Chicago engineer has been granted a concession to open a waterway on the Gulf coast of Mexico and establish a line of steamers between Tampico and Vera Cruz, a distance of 125 miles.

The effort for an early settlement of the Chinese indemnity question is less promising than a week ago. The negotiations between the powers are bringing out conflicting ideas and interests, and are likely to be very protracted. The proposition of the United States to limit the total indemnity to \$200,000,000 is the only one under dis-

cusson, and it is not regarded with favor by more than one government; the rest consider the sum too small, and are disinclined to reduce their claims to the figures the United States desires.

Albert T. Patrick, who is accused as one of the murderers of Millionaire William M. Rice in New York some time back, has been held to answer to the Grand Jury for his part in the crime.

The many American admirers of Canon Farrar, the famous religious and biblical historian, will regret to learn that he is seriously ill and much uneasiness is felt concerning his condition.

It is asserted that King Edward intends to a great extent to abolish the giving of peerages and other honors for purely political and party services. That would be a radical reform, surely. But why isn't it a good one?

The military authorities are dissatisfied with the slowness of negotiations on the part of the Ministers at Peking. Secretary Hay is sounding the Senators before carrying new negotiations regarding the Nicaragua Canal very far.

Yellow fever has appeared at Port Royal, Jamaica, the entrance to Kingston harbor. Two cases and one death had been officially reported up to the 15th. The health authorities are taking prompt measures to prevent the spread of the dreaded disease.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has reinforced his previous decision refusing to honor the accounts of Gen. Shafter's Deputy Quartermaster at Cuba for the entertainment of foreign military attaches who accompanied the American army operations.

Prof. I. P. Peyton, formerly of Texas and in charge of the High School at Pikesville, Md., was drowned in the Tombigbee River. He was in a skiff, and the waves of a passing steamer overturned his craft. His two companions were rescued.

J. J. Henry, State Penitentiary Agent of the Mississippi Penitentiary, returned to that institution Arthur Miles, who was captured at Lockport, La. Miles said he was glad to return to prison, not being pleased with his experience as a fugitive from justice.

A "High-Church" curate at Dover, England, refused to present for confirmation boys who had not gone to communion. Their parents protested and appealed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who affirmed the curate's action. Now there are public meetings denunciatory of his lordship.

Writers and speakers who are tempted to indulge in metaphors should, of all persons, be watchful of their sentences. The writer of an obituary notice in a Kentucky paper warmed up to his work as he proceeded and closed with this glowing sentence: "She was walled into the room of eternal night at 5 o'clock in the morning."

The latest advice from the far East discloses that the Russian statement, which regards the occupation of Manchuria, has been received in apparently good faith by the Government of Japan, and that promises of concessions in Korea being privately made, the Japanese have concluded to accept the situation and give no further trouble.

Some of the highest tributes to Queen Victoria have come from children who never saw her. A writer in the Daily Chronicle tells a story of a five-year-old boy, when they tried to remove the crape band from his vent, asked: "Has the queen come alive again?" "No," was the answer. "Then I'll keep it on till she does," he replied.

The faculty of Stanford University in California has directed that saloon and cafe advertisements must be omitted from the Daily Palo Alto, the college paper. The managers of the paper have relied mainly on such advertisements for financial support and publication may be suspended. A college paper that cannot exist without saloon advertisements were better dead than living.

The current boom in the New York stock market continues. This is largely caused by the great movement in industrial consolidation. The conversion of a number of smaller corporations into one with immense capital, a large portion of which is practically nominal, affects the whole system of investments. For a time this may work no great embarrassment; but every such inflation carries the danger of a following panic, and when the fall

comes it may go as far below the normal value of securities as present quotations are above. The present prosperity of the country may delay, but can hardly entirely avert such a fall.

In answer to the question, "With trusts ruling the principal businesses of the United States, what would be the life chances of Andrew Carnegie if he were landed as a penniless boy in New York to-night?" the multi-millionaire said: "As bright as it was in 1848 and even a wider field." Mr. Carnegie has given more money for the erection of public libraries than any other man in history.

The Navy Department has experienced no end of trouble with the letting of the contracts for the construction of the last batch of vessels authorized by Congress. Although the appropriation bill providing for these vessels passed more than a year ago, the last of the contracts was only let within the past two weeks. The ships to be constructed included three first-class battleships, three armored cruisers and three protected cruisers. The limit of price was placed by Congress in each case.

The industrial depression in Germany continues and is causing great distress. It is stated that the Krupp are about to discharge 5000 hands from their great gun factories at Essen, Lucknow and Kiel. They have already dismissed 4000 since October. It is also understood that the Erhardt works at Dusseldorf are about to reduce their staff. According to a recent estimate, one-fourth of the workers in Berlin are insufficiently employed or totally idle. The distress of many is most acute. There is no prospect of improvement.

The people along the South Atlantic Coast are reported to be highly gratified at the fact that the Government has decided to establish a new naval station at Port Royal, South Carolina, a station which will rival in importance that at Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Pensacola or Washington. There is, at present, the nucleus of a station at Port Royal, but it is of the second class and of no great importance as contributing to the prosperity of the city. It is expected that a first-class naval station there will, in a few years, double the population.

The heart of humanity is more kindly than it is generally believed to be. Nearly everyone is willing to perform a helpful and considerate act for others if asked so to do. A street in Chicago was closed for an entire day last week to save a little girl, whose life hung in the balances and depended upon absolute quiet. The father said truly, "I never knew how kind men could be. We could not compel anyone to use another street, but they all did it for the asking. The neighbors kept their little ones still, and even those who walked by went quietly. My girl will recover, but and it been noisy, as it sometimes is here, she would have failed steadily."

The Congregationalist has been sold by the private individuals heretofore owning it to the Congregational Publishing Society. This action was due to the prospective retirement of a large stockholder in the firm of W. L. Greene & Co., publisher of the paper, and the inability of the remaining stockholders to provide the needed capital to continue the paper. The sale of the paper to the Congregational Publishing Society will make no material change in the policy of the paper. Dr. A. E. Dunning continuing as editor-in-chief and Rev. H. A. Bridgman as managing editor. The Congregationalist is not only the leading paper of its denomination, but it is one of the foremost religious journals of the world.

It seems that the Nihilists have changed their line of attack in Russia from attempts to assassinate the Czar to the assassination of his Ministers. One Minister, the Minister of Education, has been murdered, and a few evenings ago three bullets were fired through the window behind which M. Pobiedonostzeff, the Procurator of the Holy Synod, was working. Four other Ministers have received letters threatening their lives. The Cossacks have been turned loose in St. Petersburg. The greatest society of Russian authors has petitioned the Czar against the brutality of the Cossacks in killing students and wounding many others. The reply to this was an arbitrary dissolution of the society. It is good business to attack the counselors instead of the Czar. The Czar has the devotion of the people as a mass, in their lethargic mentality. Attacks on the Czar revive loyalty rather than weaken it. But attacks on the Czar's advisers are an attack on the form of government. To be sure, this has not

the glamor which inflates and blinds the regime; but it at least somewhat rouses the people, and at any rate expresses a protest against the system of government. This new movement of the Nihilists will not come to much. For the people of Russia are not ready for popular institutions on a wide scale.

Archbishop Favier, of Peking, has received a letter from Mgr. Vannertseker, who is stationed at Swantze, on the Mongolian border, stating that there has been a revival of Boxerism at Kwei Huachang, Northern Shansi, and that a rebellion is imminent in Mongolia. This is the locality where Capt. Watts Jones, the English officer, was killed by order of the Taotai, and from which his body was recovered about three weeks ago by his brother. The latter said that at that time he found the country quiet, and received generous assistance from the officials. Seven Belgian missionaries, including a Bishop, were killed at Kwei Huachang during the Boxer troubles last year. There are twenty-three priests in charge of Mgr. Vannertseker in this district.

Turkey is thought to be facing a crisis. The finances are in confusion and the Government salaries are from six to eight months in arrears. There is due about 1,000,000 Turkish pounds for war material. And the expenditures are increasing daily in order to cope with the rebellion in the Province of Yemen, in Southern Arabia, and the threatened uprising in Macedonia. The Arab insurgents, in a manifesto, have denounced the Sultan and proclaimed his brother, Mohammed-Roshad Effendi, Sultan, with the title of Mohammed V. The Young Turkish party has adhered to the Arabian proclamation and the open enmity to Abdul Hamid the Sultan, has spread to the palace, and has caused enmity, if not treachery, to the Sultan, even among his advisers.

A serious event for Chicago and possibly also for St. Louis was an order from the War Department to reduce the flow of water from Lake Michigan into the drainage canal from 300,000 to 200,000 cubic feet a minute. The order came at the solicitation of ship and vessel owners, who represented that the strength of the current was such as to be a positive menace to navigation. There was also some apprehension lest the very heavy draught of water from Lake Michigan might seriously reduce the level of the lake and thus affect the flow at the northern extremity. The question now arises whether the reduction in the inflow may not send the sewage south so little diluted as in the summer time to be a source of peril to the cities and towns along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers.

The committee of ministers which is considering China's financial resources has reached the conclusion, based upon what information is thus far obtainable, that \$200,000,000 in gold can be raised without injuring China's resources. Great Britain, however, is reported as adhering to the belief that little can be gained by insisting upon cash payments from China, and it continues to instruct the British minister to China, Sir Ernest Satow, to try and induce the powers to agree to a demand for greater trading privileges instead of money. The British government is of the opinion that the opening up of those rich provinces hitherto closed to foreign commerce will result in much greater benefit to the nations concerned, and to China herself, than the extraction of lump sums of money.

The latest issue of the London Spectator to reach us, in the course of a long editorial which discusses "the muddle in China," suggests to Lord Salisbury that England ought to (1) state frankly the lowest amount of indemnity she will accept, and then (2) retire from Peking to the coast, and then enforce the open door, or complete equality of all nations as regards trading privileges. The present theory of building forts for the various nations in Peking is nonsense, because China is no longer there. China is at the new capital, some seven hundred miles away. The Spectator suggests that Europe be left to break up or preserve China, as it pleases, subject only to the proviso that all ports and rivers shall be as open to commerce as the port of London is open to all mankind. What is wanted in the Chinese muddle is a way out, not a way deeper in.

A man is not always to be judged by what he says of himself. Not long ago Sir John Stainer, the famous organist of St. Paul Cathedral, London, was in a small Swiss village, and the English clergyman was on the lookout for a musician to assist at the service. Stainer was in the hotel when a clergyman found him and started the conversation with, "Do you play the har-

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montum?" "A little," was the reply. "Will you, then, be good enough to help us out of the difficulty on Sunday? We will read the Psalms, and the hymns shall be the simplest I can select." added the delighted parson. "I will do my best," said Stainer, with a smile. The service passed off all right; but the congregation, instead of rushing away at the close, listened to a brilliant recital.

It was announced in a dispatch from Bombay, March 8, that the rebel Maharonk was then master of Central Arabia, he having followed up his previous victory over the army of Ihu Rashid by driving the defeated troops clear across Central Arabia, seizing the city of Nejd and deposing Ihu Rashid. The latter appealed to the Sultan of Turkey to send troops from Bussorah, a frontier city of Asiatic Turkey, to his assistance, threatening to stop the overland pilgrimages to Mecca if he were not helped by Turkey. Last week reports came that Ihu Rashid had recovered the kingdom of Nejd, Central Arabia, after defeating Maharonk, Sheik of Kowest, who had seized Nejd and deposed Ihu Rashid, after a pitched battle. The army of Maharonk was lured into a narrow gorge, where the hordes of Ihu Rashid swooped down from the mountains and overpowered their enemies. The fugitives who have reached gulf ports declare that 5000 men were killed. The fate of Maharonk is not known.

The indications that England has reached the end of a series of fat years of industrial prosperity have alarmed the trade unions. Last week the miners of the Northumberland district had to submit to a reduction in their wages of 21 per cent, and at Cleveland the ironworkers agreed to a reduction of 15 1/2 per cent. These startling figures surprise no one who has watched the signs of the times for the last six months. Until recently the number of unemployed trades unionists averaged only 2.5 per cent. Last November the number of unemployed increased to 3.2 per cent, and the February returns show that 3.9 per cent were out of even more striking. In November work. The changes in rates of wages 137,738 men obtained increases, while 11,626 had to accept reductions in their wages. In January the increase dropped to 2001 and the decrease rose to 51,631. In February there were 8312 advances, averaging 1 shilling and 5 pence per week, and 211,861 decreases, averaging 2 shillings and 2 pence per week.

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The finest specimens of teeth are seen in animals and human beings who chew the food thoroughly. Dentists agree that teeth must be used to properly preserve them, and therefore they urge people to chew their food thoroughly, but the nervous, hurried manner of eating is altogether too common among people, and when fed on soft mushes they are liable to swallow the food without chewing.

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PARR W. H. Brown, April 25, 1901. This city, in the West of Texas, and many of the walking the high place.

DENISON M. W. F. Clark, The M. I. bought out the City church, owned by the did not like the fact moved the church ground and graded church on a solid so I think I will so a good station by will be completed to-day appointments to flourish. In there. If the First would donate the ed sion, I would move it have a fine appointment.

IOWA P. C. C. Davis, April 25, 1901. ing here yesterday, week or two if there hindrance. We began a (Beaver Creek) the stayed there till the 1 the meeting in the last Fossell, L. E. We had versions and fifteen Church up to Friday and we left a dozen per day for our present secured \$12.25 in cash subscriptions. We now cash and \$12.50 in goods the conference collected a crop here are now ve large to be able to report in full at conference. able to report salaries, half paid at our hosts.

LAKE CR J. M. Langston, April 25, 1901. Our second Quarterly preached on three practical sermons—sermons systematic and scriptural. In our Church have inspired several H. Brown, of the N. M. is to be with us month, and we are to days in a protracted.

MT. VIEW

W. T. Morris, April 25, 1901. Quarterly Conference charge was held the E. H. Frazier, our help to look after the interest. This duty was well per some excellent preach light and edification of fourth year on the Sabbath, and he has grown esteem of the brethren. Our condition as a church. The finances of the condition. The amount of the ministry as a most up to date. We raised 100 pounds and foreign also Bishop's fund and have referred parsonage putting a nice falling yard. We have just a church here at Mt. View. condition is on the up- the increased interest, grace, attendance upon the Sunday-school and the We had Mrs. Brown, the with us, and we good to people and in introduction among them. He is a this department of work.

CEDAR H

J. R. Absher, April 25, 1901. Quarterly Conference. The weather, both 8 was as fine as could be anticipated a good rest disappointed. The garden was extra not attendance. The business well attended, and the local members and other with Mrs. Clark's spiritual feast. The things considered, way is, we have a board of 1 to it that this department was reached on a day night. A sea of ut

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TO THE PUBLIC.

Outside of preachers in the regular work Rev. W. A. Bowen is the only authorized traveling agent for the Subscription Department of the Texas Christian Advocate.

Nashville, Tenn., April 15, 1901. Received of L. Blaylock, Esq. Dallas Texas Cash \$1.00 J. D. HAMILTON, Treasurer Board of Missions M. E. Church, South

A SUNDAY IN SEAGOVILLE.

Seagoville is a pleasant little town, twenty miles from this city, on the "Trunk," now known as the T. & N. O. Railway. They have a population of two or three hundred industrious people. Though in Dallas County the work is in the Tarrant District and embraced in the Mesquite charge. We have there a very good framed church structure, capable of seating about three hundred people. It was full last Sunday and we had in many respects a very good service. They are good people to listen, and they received the Word gladly and responsively. We have a membership of about sixty, but they can only have service once a month. They keep up a regular Sunday-school. The point is an important one and ought to be more largely developed. But such is the heavy work of the pastor, Rev. H. H. Vaughan, that he can not give it the attention that it ought to have. He has four other appointments. He is an earnest worker and a good preacher, and the people love him. He was with us Sunday and added much to the pleasure of the visit to that community. While there we were delightfully entertained in the home of Bro. E. A. Thompson, one of our leading members there. He has an interesting family, and they are staunch members of our Church. We hope some time to make another visit to Seagoville and give them another appointment.

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

Venue, Texas, March 25, 1901. To the Texas Christian Advocate. Kind Sir—My subscription ran out October 25. I will send you one dollar to pay for six months' subscription.

Wanted, the address of Mrs. J. H. Calaway, who wrote to us March 21 without giving her postoffice address.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

Peculiarities add nothing to character.

To make the world better as you pass through it is a laudable ambition.

The man who is constantly in the public eye is in danger of becoming dizzy.

The beauties of spring time are the outcome of a long winter of rest and recuperation.

The tree that exhausts itself by an over-production of fruit grows prematurely barren.

The surgeon is careful not to carry his feelings with him into a well arranged operating room.

If you have a troublesome tumor on your body it is best to keep it out of contact with the people who pass you.

If you will not advertise your disappointment there will be but very few men who will ever know anything about it.

The water lily is occasionally submerged by the passing waves, but it is only the whiter and more beautiful because of the process.

It is better to have little and come by it honestly than to possess much at the expense of conscience and the rights of other people.

COL. A. H. BELO.

The whole community was made sad on the morning of the 20th inst. by the announcement of the death of Col. A. H. Belo, the proprietor of the Galveston-Dallas News. He had been in precarious health for several months, but no one was expecting his immediate demise. He had just gone to Asheville, N. C., for rest and recuperation, but passed away soon after his arrival.

Col. Belo came to Texas soon after the close of the Civil War and took a position on the Galveston News. Such was the character of his ability that he was soon at the head of the enterprise, and since then has been the dominant factor in Texas journalism. Under his wise management the News has grown into one of the most successful newspaper plants west of the Mississippi.

Col. Belo was an unobtrusive gentleman personally, and was principally known through his enterprise. He rarely ever figured in the public eye. He was quiet and unassuming in his social manner and relation, but determined and aggressive in his business methods and spirit. Those who knew him intimately speak in high terms of his friendship, but it was as a business man that he was so eminently successful. His work will abide, because he founded it upon a sure and permanent financial basis. He has done much in the material development of Texas, and no man in the business sphere of the State will be more missed than Col. Belo. The press people speak tenderly of him as one of their most distinguished members, and they point with pride to the fact that he did more than any other one man in bringing public journalism into favor with the people. His death will not affect the interests of the Daily News, as he left his matters in fine shape.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We are pleased to have had a visit from Rev. H. G. Summers, of Throckmorton, recently.

Rev. E. V. Cox, of Breckenridge, always cheerful, was in possession of a very broad smile when he called at the Advocate office this week. He was on his way to New Orleans—"and you know the rest."

It is with sadness that we record the death of Bro. F. A. Mood, the eldest son of the late Dr. F. A. Mood of precious memory. This lovable young man died at the home of his mother, in Georgetown, April 15, after a long

illness. He was a life-long and consistent member of the Church, and died in the faith. We extend sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

Not long since we were favored with visits from Rev. S. P. Ulrich and wife, of Grand Prairie, and Miss Clara DeBardleben, of Georgetown.

The benign presiding elder of the Weatherford District, called on the Advocate this week. He was en route to New Orleans, whither he goes to be recharged with missionary zeal. He will return loaded.

Rev. R. C. Hicks, of Roxton, called on the Advocate Tuesday. His grip was packed for New Orleans. He will see and hear, while in that city, everything that will benefit him in his work, for he is wide-awake.

Mr. John E. Green, the son of Rev. Jno. E. Green, of the Texas Conference, recently won the medal in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at Georgetown. Good for the Southwestern and for the preacher's son.

In a card from Rev. T. M. Kirk, of Cumby, we learn that his father is very ill, having recently had a stroke of paralysis, and he is not expected to recover. We commend our dear brother to the prayer and sympathy of the brethren.

We were pleased recently to have had a visit from Col. Henry W. Lowe, of Fort Worth. He is a member of Mulkey Memorial, and a good one at that. He loves the Advocate, and of course that gives him a warm place in the office.

We are receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Rev. J. W. Story, of Northwest Texas Conference, to Miss Jessie Emily Martin, of Piedmont, Mo. The event will take place the first day of May, and the Advocate hastens to extend congratulations.

Our venerable brother, G. Onderdonk, of Nursery, Texas, has promised to write a number of articles for the Advocate on his early recollections of Southwest Texas. He has lived in that section for over fifty years, and wielding a facile pen, he will furnish our readers with entertaining sketches.

Rev. Robert Hodgson and his brother, Rev. M. Hodgson, of the New Mexico Conference, passed through the city last Monday on their way to the Missionary Conference and made the Advocate a pleasant visit. The latter is the presiding elder of the Albuquerque District, and the former is in charge of Cerrillos charge.

Rev. J. H. McLean, D. D., our pastor at McKinney, on his way to the Mission Conference, last Monday made the Advocate a pleasant visit. He brings cheerful news of his charge, and says that the contract for his new church edifice is already let and the foundation is in. By next session of the North Texas Conference, which will meet in McKinney, the building will be ready for occupancy. Everything is working to that end.

Rev. W. M. Anderson, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in this city, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tenn. Personally, we regret that he has accepted the call, but we congratulate his new parishioners on their good fortune in securing so valuable a man. We have been intimately associated with Dr. Anderson for about five years, and a more lovable man, a more delightful preacher and a more diligent and successful pastor would be hard to find in any denomination. We have never had a more popular minister in any of our Dallas congregations than Dr. Anderson. His going from us is regretted by all classes of people.

METHODIST NEWS.

Dr. Coker Smith, whose health has been matter of great anxiety to his friends for some time, is almost entirely restored.

Dr. Allen, President of the Wesleyan Conference, speaking at Manchester in connection with Wesleyan foreign missions, made an appeal for a regular reading of missionary literature. Popular literature, he said, was very naturalistic and secular in tone. He was afraid sometimes that it was in danger of secularizing the deepest devotional life of Christian people today. There was a latitudinarian faith in vogue which did not scruple to teach that all the religions of men were nearly equal in value, and that all men were safe for eternity provided they were sincere in their attachment to their respective forms of religion. He had no doubt that in heaven men

would be met whose faith when on the earth was associated with a certain amount of superstition, but he must say that sincerity was not a substitute for truth in any department of life.

Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, editor of the Methodist Times of London, is authority for the statement that the sites of Mount Calvary, the scene of the crucifixion of Christ and the holy sepulchre, are now owned by English Christians, who purchased them a few years ago. "It is a very remarkable fact," says the Methodist Times, "that after many centuries of bitter strife between the Greeks and the Latins and various Oriental Churches, the true sepulchre of our Lord has at last come into the hands of Evangelical English Christians. The immense importance of this question is attracting more and more attention from those who travel to Jerusalem."

Says an exchange: A note from Rev. W. F. Barclay, dated at Louisville, Ky., April 13, says: "I am pained to have to announce that this morning at 2:15 o'clock Mrs. Virginia L. Whlener, wife of our loved friend Dr. P. H. Whlener, was translated. She had been suffering for more than two years with cancer of the breast, and her friends were prepared for inevitable separation, but not for its sudden coming. On Wednesday and Thursday she took long rides with her husband, and came home refreshed and cheerful. Friday she seemed not so well, and by midnight her condition became alarming. Three hours later she entered quietly and painlessly into rest, surrounded by those loved ones whose tireless and tender ministrations had done so much for two anxious years to dull the edge of pain."

The Nashville Advocate says: One of our Knoxville brethren writes: "Thinking that the Church at large would be interested in the great work that has been done in old Church Street, Knoxville, since the conference, we furnish you the following items for publication. Rev. Alonzo Monk, D. D., has just closed a two weeks' protracted meeting, during which time very many have been converted and seventy-five added to the Church. On yesterday at 11 o'clock services fifty-eight joined the Church. There are still others to follow that will be received within the next three weeks. The membership has been greatly revived. Since conference 130 have joined the Church by profession and certificate. The Sunday-school has increased about 75 to 100. The League has received a large increase of members, and is very much increased in spiritual power as well."

THE SLING.

In a few back issues we took occasion to call attention to the removal of the Texas Sling, the State prohibition paper, from Farmersville to Dallas, and now we wish to call special attention to the merits of this paper and the character of its work. It is devoted exclusively to the interests of prohibition in Texas, and it is the only paper of the sort in the State. It is wisely and vigorously edited, and is entitled to the support of the temperance people throughout the country. It is not being run in the interest of money, but in the interest of sobriety and the enforcement of our local option laws. No community can read it and circulate it without being greatly benefited, and we trust that it will meet with favor among the temperance folks of the State.

BOOK NOTICES.

"Thy Will Be Done," by Andrew Murray and published by Fleming Revell, Chicago. This is an eminently religious work, as all books written by the author are. It consists of a series of discourses upon texts suitable for deeply spiritual meditation.

"William Shakespeare, Poet, Dramatist and Man," by Hamilton Wright Mable, and published by the MacMillan Company, New York. This is an extensive volume and one of the many coming to this office worthy of a close reading. It takes up the life of Shakespeare and gives a fine presentation of him from these three points of view—as poet, dramatist and man. The author is an artist in the realm of biographical literature and his analysis of character is complete. To read this work carefully is to get a very correct idea of the premier of English literature.

"The Bible in Court," This is a unique volume, by Joseph Evans Sagerboer, Ph.D., and published by Lippincott Co., Philadelphia. The purpose of this book is to establish all of its claims by rational evidence. Hence the Bible appears in court and tests its validity in the form of a regular trial. All of the processes of litigation are entered into and the case is well presented pro and con.

The outcome, of course, is favorable to the Bible. The book will do good and will be of interest, especially to young men of legal turn of mind.

"Prayer, Its Nature and Scope," by H. Clay Trumbull, and published by the Fleming Revell Company, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Trumbull is one of the most prominent Bible expositors of this age, particularly in the Sunday-school department of Bible study; and in this timely book he has given the scriptural idea of prayer in a most striking manner. For devotional study we have not looked into a book more to the point than this one. It covers the whole realm of the prayer topic, and illustrates each head with the truth of the Word.

"Unseen Rainbows," by Rev. Louis Albert Banks, and published by Fleming Revell Company, Chicago, Ill. This is a most readable volume, by one of the most popular preachers of the present time. It consists of a series of prayer-meeting talks on the practical phases of every-day life. They are prepared in a practical style, and illustrated by many pleasing incidents. While not profound, it is a book replete with interest and adapted to the common uses of life.

"The Man Paul," by Robert E. Speer, and published by the Fleming Revell Company, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Speer is the Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and this book comprises his investigations in the life of the great apostle, as that life is embodied in the great missionary idea of the New Testament. In fact, the researches of the author go even further into the personality of St. Paul, and the great wealth of the personality of the apostle is brought out most strikingly. As might be expected from such a scholar, the book is well worthy a place in the library of the minister and other Bible students.

"Ten Pictures," by Rev. B. Carradine, D. D., and published by the Presbyterian Herald Company, Louisville, Ky. We have only had time to glance at a few of the chapters of this book but we have found them deeply interesting. It is a book of adventure, anecdote, humor, and character-delineation. We can not give a better idea of it than to reproduce the author's preface:

"The stories and sketches composing 'Ten Pictures' I have written as I did 'Pastoral Sketches' and 'A Journey to Palestine' with a view to interest while benefiting the heart and honor of the reader. It is my judgment, it is my best literary work. At the same time there is scarcely a chapter but has a moral or religious point, and so arranged as to abide in the memory and affect the life. Flash light revelations of character, the law of conscience, the power of human influence, kindness to animals, consideration for children, pity for the unfortunate, and many other lessons of life are taught in this volume. A number of the chapters are descriptive of actual adventures in the life of the writer; but in the narrative an underlying purpose is felt, and a lasting moral or spiritual truth conveyed. Some people need to have a good laugh, some crave the luxury of tears and others ought to rest. We doubt not that these three classes will find all they want in the pages of this volume."

LITERARY NOTES.

The first of several articles entitled "George's Reminiscences," by Harriet Connor Stevens, deals with "Sunshine," the home of the late Bishop George F. Towne. It is profusely illustrated.

These are followed by a scholarly and thorough account of the Council of Constantinople by Herbert B. Workman; an article on "The Holy Scriptures and the Higher Criticism," a description of the trial of "A Revolutionary Hero," Capt. Lawrence Eberhart, who lived and died in Maryland; a well-balanced discussion of Pattee's place in literature, entitled "Pattee's Fiftieth Anniversary," and a "Tribute to Thomas, Monroe Finney."

We are in receipt of sample copies of the April numbers of our several Sunday-school publications, and they are up to their usual high standard. The Magazine has just won a place of more worthy prominence as one of the leading exponents of the Sunday-school lessons. The quarterlies and the Lesson Papers for the intermediate pupils are only second to the Magazine in that they are adapted to younger minds. Dr. Arklin is certainly doing a splendid work for this department of the Church.

The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine for April is before us, and it is a rich number. The opening article takes up a recent poem which has won enormous both in this country and across the Atlantic. Doctor Dodge's "Christus Victor" is a welcome contribution to the higher religious thought, and the author's personality, as well as his verse, are sympathetically dealt with in "Christus Victor," a Poem for Easter-time. Friends of the author will enjoy the portraits and the familiar scenes at Morristown, N. J., where is his home.

The Vanderbilt University Quarterly, published by the Vanderbilt University, is before us, and it gives a fine record of university life and work. It is taken up very largely with the account of the exercises of the twenty-fifth anniversary, which took place last October. It is a well gotten up periodical of some eighty pages of most excellent reading matter, and gives one a well-defined idea of the workings of this great institution. To many of us the Quarterly will be a welcome visitor, as it affords about the only opportunity that we will have to look upon the Vanderbilt. As a Southern Methodist institution, the Vanderbilt is not yet in touch with the great heart of the Church. We see but little of it in the Church press, and unless we happen to pass through Nashville we only know of it by name. Had the editorial fraternity of the Church been recognized by those who inaugurated the late anniversary, the Vanderbilt would have been placed before hundreds of thousands of our Methodist readers; but we were not there, and had to depend upon some student to furnish us with an idea of what took place, and the notices were very meager. We therefore welcome the Quarterly, even six months after the great anniversary closed, and we have read the proceedings, though at this late date, with real interest. If you want to see the Vanderbilt, our greatest school, as it is, send for the Quarterly, and you will be surprised at what we really have at Nashville. Our people need to be informed of the interests of our central Church school.

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ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

Pilgrimage Among People and Preachers—In Their Homes.

To write of a visit among the Methodists of Palestine (in Texas, not in Syria, and pronounced "Palestine," not Palestine) is inspiring in itself. One is apt to let the subject run away with space; for there are Methodists there of whom this world is not appreciative—and who are Methodists in deed and life, as well as in name. The first place I landed, after a visit to the parsonage with Bro. Greathouse and family, was in the home of Bro. M. H. Addington. He is a host and a team—and a mighty man for the Advocate. And there are other Addingtons—many of them—his sons, all of whom take and read their Church paper. If they did not, I do not know what Bro. M. H. would do with them. Then there is Bro. P. H. Hughes, the well-known real estate man, and Bro. Harry L. Wright, the insurance man, and Bro. Lucius Gooch, cashier of the First National Bank (and who married Miss Jessie Howard, whose father, Bro. John Howard, was superintendent of old Ryland Chapel and then of St. Johns Sunday-school, in Galveston, for twenty-six years—long before I can remember), and Bro. C. C. Stoddard, foreman of the car shops of the International and Great Northern Railroad, and Judge N. A. Steadman, General Attorney of the same road, and Bro. Charlie A. Stern, City Clerk—and whose name is historical in Texas—and Henry A. Watts, the plucky Christian Sheriff of Anderson County, all stewards in Bro. Greathouse's Church, and men in whom the Church may well rest any of her interests committed to them. I have never met with a more cordial, earnest, harmonious set of men than the officials of our churches in Palestine; and their wives and other good women are "full of zeal and the Holy Ghost," doing the whole work of the Master that lays next to their hands. Bro. Greathouse has already taken hold of their hearts and gained their confidence and respect regarding his wisdom, earnestness, ability and up-building force. They all speak in terms of love and tenderness of their late pastor, Dr. Alexander—which means, of course, they will love, uphold and co-operate with Dr. Greathouse. There is nothing a Methodist preacher is surer of than that he will find the readiest and heartiest response and co-operation among his people when they love and tenderly remember their late pastors. A wise pastor trembles for "the work of his own hands" when he goes to a new charge and hears complaints, stilted praise or adverse criticism of the pastor just gone.

Bro. Greathouse is not "put to it" (whatever that clerical (?) expression may mean) to find a home for a visiting preacher—especially for the evangelist of that quiet, character-making factor, the Texas Christian Advocate. There were so many good homes that love the Advocate, so much they want to have any one of its staff with them, that I was "divided around," like I used to do when I was teaching a country school during the days of the "old-field schools," and when the neighbors and patrons who had at least three children in the school (and this generally meant every family in the neighborhood) claimed the privilege of having the teacher "take turns in boarding around" with them.

From Bro. Addington—who is the "standing committee of one" to look after the Advocate in Palestine—I went to the home of Bro. Lucius Gooch. To me this was at once a present pleasure and a reminiscence. Sister Gooch was a wee little tot when I began to think I was "grown to a big boy bear" in old Ryland Chapel Sunday-school, in which her sainted father was superintendent, and whom we all loved as few superintendents have been by every scholar. And she formed part of that attractive class of infants who marched just ahead of us "bigger scholars" in that bright day in 1860, when we took such a conspicuous part (we thought the principal part, in which opinion we had the example of Bro. Howard and Bro. Sam. Edgerly), when we laid the cornerstone of St. Johns Church—the child of old Ryland Chapel. Bro. and Sister Gooch's home is an ideal Christian home. They not only hold family prayers morning and evening, but the old, old, sweet custom—now, alas! "more honored in the breach than in the observance" of singing a hymn forms part of their devotion. Their daughter, Mattie, a sweet, bright girl of 15, joins her fresh young voice with father and mother in these home

devotions. How can any one fail to know that children from such a home are bound to go forth in the world with the chances of "growing daily in favor with God and with men" far more certain than from homes where no note of praise, nor reading of the Scripture, nor voice of supplication and prayer for forgiveness and help are heard around the hearthstone? And then the recollection came to me that both Bro. and Sister Gooch had been reared in just such an atmosphere as this, and were perpetuating it in their own home. "When they are old they will not depart from it" is a promise as sure as God's word of truth, and only needs the conditions of the human side to be met to bring the never-failing answer.

Bro. Greathouse had just given expression to a few vigorous thoughts concerning the condition of the church building when I arrived, and the brethren were discussing various plans for improving matters. I predicted to some of them that in my opinion they would soon arrive at the conclusion—assisted thereto by such a safe and level-headed leader as Greathouse—that a new church out-and-out would be the only good way to remedy matters. They are able, and I believe will arise to their opportunity and meet their necessities. With such men as I have named, and Bro. Ezell, the "Nestor of Palestine Methodism," and Leroy Trice, A. P. Starr, and others too numerous to mention, Palestine could soon have a church worthy of the Methodism of this rapidly-growing city. For, in addition to the immense business done through the International and Great Northern Railroad having its general offices and shops there—where they build all their cars, including as fine coaches as are turned out anywhere, and are going to add 60 more men as soon as their new immense brick shops are completed, now being erected—Palestine is in the midst of one of the best and most productive and healthful sections of Texas. And Methodism is easily in the lead there.

And I found in the bounds of the Howard Avenue Church a most promising outlook, indeed. Bro. Harry J. Hays, the pastor, with his great energy and enthusiasm, quick sympathy and deeply earnest purpose, has already begun to make things move. With such helpers and advisers as Bro. Sessoms, Palmer, Nixon and Reynolds, and Sisters Cox, Love, Palmer, Wardlaw, and a host of others, to see that the social affairs of the Church are not allowed to grow "flat, stale and unprofitable." Howard Avenue Church will take an upward move this year. I want to say a word about Bro. Reynolds. It is a benediction to any one to meet such a man, and a joy and strength to have such an adviser as an inspiration to a pastor. He was born in South Carolina, August 18, 1831, and converted and joined the Church when 12 years old. He was in the pastoral charge of Bishop Capers when the latter was on the big circuits, and also had Bishop Wightman for a pastor before he left Carolina for Alabama. In the latter State he saw Bishop Paine grow from a circuit rider to President of LaGrange College, and then to Bishop. In talking to me and Bro. Hays about the joy he had in his communion with his brethren and the help the Church had been to him, he said: "Well, brethren, I have been 'beside the still waters' so long that during these seventy years I haven't jumped out of the pasture once!" What a record! What an encouragement to "hold out faithful to the end!" What a blessed experience to thus live and leave such a life as a golden legacy in its treasured memory for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and for the Church! More than three-score-and-ten years an active, consistent member of the Church militant, and still full of spiritual energy and smilingly waiting for the transfer to the Church Triumphant! "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love." Bro. Hays serves a loyal, devoted people, who are trying to walk in the way they should go, and seeking more light to shine brighter on the path before them. I put the Advocate in every home in that charge that did not already take it. I think Bro. Hays can challenge any other work in universal Methodism to show a like happy condition—every family in the Church taking their Church paper! Whenever the members are heartily interested in their Church, and want to be of positive use and have the Church be of greatest value to them, all will take their paper, but not before.

You may be sure that I turned my face away from Palestine with reluctance, even though I am to return ere long. Bro. Greathouse was sick and unable to be out a great part of the time I was there, and he has a son who is in very bad health—a noble, manly young man, who bears his physical disability with Christian fortitude. And it was my sad privilege to assist at the funeral of the oldest son of Bro. and Sister W. F. Davis—he is presiding elder of Palestine district. I say privilege, for the beautiful exhibition of faith and entire trust in God shown by the sweet-faced mother as she heard the kindly, eloquently-pathetic words of hope and cheer from God's Word read and expounded by Bro. Greathouse, was such an object-lesson in faith and trust as to make the witnessing of it a privilege. I was stronger, better, for that service and for seeing how Bro. and Sister Davis al-

lowed their trust to beam forth in that sudden trial of heart, love and faith; for, in the valley of affliction, when the brins of trial and thorns of grief tried to cast them down and pierce their very hearts, they stilled their hearts to hear the blessed whisper: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Oh, for such a faith when a like hour of trial shall come into all our lives!

Happy is the man who falls into the hospitable, brotherly hands of such persons as Bro. and Sister Greathouse. And their boys are promising young men. One of them is stenographer to Mr. J. J. Price, General Passenger Agent of the I. & G. N. Railroad; the other is a teacher of stenography and a rapid, first-class writer himself, and the smaller ones are at school. Bro. Greathouse and Bro. Hays will leave indelible marks on the growth of Methodism in Palestine.

I went, according to appointment, to Franklin, to be a few days with Bro. S. F. Chambers. He was just beginning his fine, new brick church. Bro. Chambers is a church-builder, in more than the mere fact of having it done; He draws plans and specifications, and superintends every move. And with such able co-workers as Judge Crawford, Dr. Abney, Dr. Glass and the noble women, with whom Sister Chambers finds hearty welcome as a worker, Franklin is going to have a fine church. Bro. Chambers, coming out of the storm at Galveston with a remnant of things saved, went right into the work up there with heart and hand. And he and Sister Chambers have bought them a beautifully-situated lot and built a neat two-story dwelling, and now abide under their own roof. It is next door to the new church. They will live in their own home until Franklin builds the new church and a new parsonage. And those plucky, devoted Methodists are well under way with the first, and are already talking of soon going to work on the latter. You may keep your eyes on Franklin charge this year. The people still love to talk of the sweet spirit and the uplifting sermons of Dr. E. S. Smith, the pastor last year. He had made real progress towards making ready for building the new church, and Bro. Chambers found the people ready and anxious for him to come and put his energy under the enterprise. Sister Chambers has taken hold wonderfully of the young people and the good women of the Church, and a League, Junior League, Woman's Foreign Missionary and a Woman's Home Mission Societies are in full working order, as is a Literary and Library Association. As at Palestine, I found the big-hearted, clear-brained pastor anxious for the Advocate to go into all the homes, and a goodly list rewarded my efforts there. I was interested in the enterprise of Mr. J. C. L. Odham, of Pettway. He is a one-eyed farmer, who says he has worked for twelve years improving a grade of cotton, which he calls improved storm-proof, and guarantees that 120 to 150 pounds of seed cotton will make a 500-pound bale; that it comes earlier, is easier to work than ordinary cotton, and has larger bolls. If so, it is a great thing. He came to Franklin and hunted me up to get the Advocate—so must be a good man.

WM. A. BOWEN.

CHURCH PEWS WANTED.

Will some preacher or brother kindly inquire in church pews can be had? Do this and greatly oblige yours in Christ, C. S. MCCARVER, P. C. Eastland, Texas.

REVIVAL MEETING.

The meeting at Floyd Street is progressing finely. There have been large congregations from the beginning. There have been twelve or fifteen professions, and it is hoped the meeting is just getting a good start. This is the second week.

NOTICE.

The cornerstone of the new Methodist church at Lufkin, Texas, will be laid on May 10, at 10 o'clock a. m., with appropriate exercises. All former pastors of this Church are especially requested to be present. We also cordially invite all other brethren and friends to be present who can.

A. A. WAGNON, P. C.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT. Will all members of the San Marcos District Conference who will come to private conference please send me their names and let me know if good postage near town will suit you for your train. Ample accommodation is provided for all who will attend, and we hope we will have the pleasure of entertaining the full District Conference. Come, we are getting ready for you. J. W. RIMM, Waco, Texas.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT. The Waxahachie District Conference will convene in Grandview, June 2, 1901. The first day there will be a District Sunday-school Conference, beginning at 9 a. m. The Epworth League District Conference will be the second day—Wednesday, at 2 a. m. The regular work of the District Conference will begin Thursday, at 10 a. m. Factors will convene before Sabbath School and Leagues and report them to their delegates.

The following Committee of Examination are appointed: For License to Preach—T. J. Duncan, R. J. Taylor, J. J. Cantel. For Deacons—J. D. Olson, W. Carleton, W. H. Terry, C. S. Ford. On Elder's Orders—F. Semelbach, C. R. Wright, S. C. Johnson. On Receiving Members from other Conferences—J. S. Armstrong, Geo. W. Kitchener, J. D. Olson. On Admission on Trial into the Annual Conference—Samuel Morris, J. A. Walker, W. M. Love. Brethren, please see that the Quarterly Conference records are present.

HOLMES DISTRICT. SULLY SPRINGS DISTRICT. The Sully Springs District Conference will convene in Sully, June 27, at 10 o'clock a. m. The opening sermon will be preached at 11 a. m., June 27, by T. M. Kirk. Committees: For License to Preach—W. A. Sisk, W. T. Morrow, B. Thompson, J. M. Deacon, and Elders—J. M. Langston, C. R. Gray, B. H. Webster. For Admission on Trial into the Travelling Connection—E. H. Thompson, J. B. Minis, G. E. Holley. C. E. FLAIGER, P. C.

CUERO DISTRICT. Will the pastors please send in the names of all the League delegates. If you have no League, send two young people from every congregation. We will entertain them, provided you send in their names. Time of the League Conference is May 2, afternoon and night. W. J. JOHNSON, P. C.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION. Following are the Committees of Examination for the Abilene District: For License to Preach and Admission on Trial into the Travelling Connection—C. E. Brown, E. H. Taylor, G. A. Nance. For Deacons's Orders—C. W. Irvin, C. S. McCarter, W. H. Hill. For Elder's Orders—E. T. Cason, J. M. Carter, R. S. Helms. E. A. SMITH, P. C.

TWENTIETH CENTURY TESTAMENT.

In the Advocate of March 2, Bro. E. V. Cox has a reference in reference to the Twentieth Century Testament. He asks, "What shall we do?" The book has been highly commended by Rev. C. L. Browning, Dr. Tigert and others. After reading some of these commendations, I thought I should like to have it for my own use. But after reading Dr. Adams' criticism my faith in its merits was shaken, and I do not know that I want it. Say, what's the matter with Wesley's translation? So far as I am capable of judging, it is not excelled, excepting not even the Revision. It needs not to be revised that it may be "up-to-date" in correct scholarship. "What shall we do?" Read Wesley's translations and Notes, King James' and the Revised Version for solid fruit and Twentieth Century New Testament through curiosity, if you wish. H. P. SHRADER, Cuba, Texas.

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SECOND QUARTER, LESSON 5, MAY 5.

JESUS AND PETER.

JOHN 21:15-22.

(Commit Verse 15-17. Read 20-26; 21:21.)

Although this was Christ's seventh appearance, it was only the third time he had appeared to the disciples in a body since his resurrection. Our Lord certainly would not wish to keep the fish out of the net until the proper time when by performing another miracle he could fill the net and thus make a strong impression upon them.

1. Our Lord had been Ever Cognizant of Our Faith.

The same fact, not as often noted as it should be, is the faithful disciple of Jesus. In this, that all human needs are abundantly supplied, or grace and strength given to meet the denial of them, is what is wanted. A life of trust in Jesus, if fish or food is for a while wanting, the wisdom of our Father and deeper sources or later will be manifest. The providences of God will in due time be unraveled. Trust in Christ is superior to praying waiting or weeping. It will come to pass if we will maintain unshaken trust. Even our hands we so much need, are big with mercy, and will break with blessing on our heads.

2. Our Lord Taught Us that We must not be too Curious about the Fate of Other Men, but Follow Them.

Peter desired to know John's fate and future. "What shall this man do?" or as the margin, R. V., "And this man, what?" What is to become of him? Must he partake of like suffering and death by dying for Jesus?—Peter. "This was a perfectly natural question. Peter knew his own fate—that he should grow old in Christ's service, and at last die on the cross. But he wanted, what of him, what of his duty, his life, his fate? But here was an opportunity to teach another lesson Peter needed to learn."

—Peloubet.

3. What is that to thee? (v. 22).

"What concern is that of yours? All that lies in the hand of God. Different ways, as God sees best. Only one duty is yours. Follow them now."—Peloubet.

"Jesus was not giving an answer, but refusing one." This question, although dictated by love, should not have been asked. To Peter it was given to know what manner of death he was to die, but it would not be best that this should be known in the case of every disciple, or apostle.—J. W. Com.

4. It is ours to walk and toil and suffer, if that be in God's appointed way, knowing the reward will be God's grace, and that our whole life will culminate in the career of God's faithful servants in the unending glory. Beyond the stormy billows of perpetual quiet and reign will gladden the glorified. We shall appear with him in glory.

"The Christian problem, yours, mine, every one's."

Is not to know what were fair in life, provided it could be, but finding first what may be that best how to make it fair.

Up to our heads, a very different thing."

Epworth League Department.

May 5.—Topic, Decision of Character.—Rev. 2:14-15. Prov. 4:23-27.

From the Canadian Era we take the following on the Lesson:

THE GREATEST DECISION.

There is no decision so great, no purpose so high as to make God the object of trust and service. In other words, the highest aim that one can have is to open the soul to the influence of Jesus Christ and to bring every activity inward and outward under the sway of his heavenly life. The wise man of the early days put it in this form: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." The one who has made such a decision, and has such a high and noble purpose as this as the great aim of life, cannot fail both to be and do the best of which he is capable. To know and love God, to possess the divine life through faith in Christ, to make the character and teachings of Jesus your goal, as you endeavor to set well your part in the world—this is the aim of human attainment.

DECISION ESSENTIAL.

Decision is an essential part of good character. Purpose gives a man moral strength, energy and backbone. It makes up largely what we call force of character. It forms the hero, the scholar, the statesman and the true

man in other walks of life. "I will be a hero"—that decision was the turning point toward fame in the career of Nelson. Reynolds resolved at Rome to study the works of the old masters till he had understood their excellence, and became a master himself. Paley at college decided to shake off his habitual indolence and rise at four o'clock to his studies, and by his purpose produced works that cannot die. Dr. Marden was an orphan at the age of three years, and was "bound out" in the New Hampshire backwoods, twenty-four miles from a railroad, working early and late, enduring all manner of privations, and shut out from all advantages of education. "You will never amount to anything," said his guardian's wife to him one day, when he had reached early manhood. This remark roused him to a noble decision and stirred in him a resolute purpose, and he set to work to make something of himself. He worked in a saw-mill, turned bobbins on a lathe, became barber and wood sawyer to get through Hampton Institute. Although weak and frail in body, with no friends save those of his own making, he pushed resolutely on and finally graduated at Boston University, and has since become famous in the literary world. He came to a right decision, he adopted a worthy purpose, perseveringly followed it, and fitting reward came to crown his efforts. What things may be accomplished by decision of character.

DECISION IN DETAIL.

Decision and purpose are not only needed in the great plans of life, but in the details of conduct. In the common events of every day. To accomplish anything equal to our endowment and opportunity, we need to plan our work and work out plans with resolute decision. In things secular and in things sacred—if there is really any difference—this principle is required. In domestic duties, in business engagements, in Church claims, in society demands, in national interests—we need decision, purpose, perseverance to lead a worthy life. The lax feeling is found in most folk and must be suppressed by determined decision towards worthy activity. The people without this element of decision in detail are sometimes called "Nemby-pumby"—a word describing mortals of little value in themselves and of less use in the world, like the Landlovians, who were followers, rather hot nor cold, and fit to be despised. Decision in detail is necessary towards things that are wrong. In the same Scripture from Prov. 4:23-27 this is illustrated. "Put away from thee a froward mouth," that is to be decided against fraudulent, deceitful speech, have a purpose to avoid misrepresentation and falsehood. "Let thine eyes look right on"—that is to be decided against everything that will prevent you from attaining the high purpose of your life. "Ponder the path of thy feet"—this is to be decided to avoid every wrong path, and walk in the right path. The feet stand for the out-comes of activity, guard these and control them by righteous principles. "Turn not to the right hand nor to the left"—that is, be decided to keep out of danger by entering upon the narrow way and going forward in it. We must not only keep our hearts, guard our lips, watch our steps, turn neither to the right nor to the left, but we must go forward with uncounted resoluteness in the path of duty and service.

A STRONG MOTIVE.

There are many motives to urge the adoption of a noble purpose and decision of action. One is whatever may lie before us in the future, there are certain kinds of work which can only be done in the present world. While toil is before us, and our faculties are intact, and life is ours, we may accomplish our tasks and perform our duties. But when our life's day is ended, our earthly activities cease, our opportunities to accomplish our range of duties end—all is fixed in the solemn stillness of eternity. There are forms of work and knowledge which are only possible in this world. If we disregard them, there will be no chance afforded us to repair the omission in the place of the dead. If we have errors to confess, or wrongs to redress; if we have any bad influence to undo, or any good influence to employ; if we have any evil habits to unlearn, or any gracious tendencies to cultivate; if we have any plans to complete, or duties to discharge—be decided and fixed in purpose, now is the time. "For there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest."

NOTICE.

To Leaguers and Sunday-school Workers, Fort Worth District:

The District League Conference and Sunday-school Institute will meet in Grapevine, June 18 and 19. All Leagues and Sunday-schools are urged to begin arrangements to have good delegations there. We are striving to have a very profitable occasion.

Following are the officers of the Dis-

trict League: Dr. Jas. Campbell, P. E.; T. V. Ellzey, President; Miss Isola Donnell, First Vice-President; Miss Yalanda Caldwell, Second Vice-President; Miss Ruth Matthews, Third Vice-President; P. N. Ingraham, Secretary; Miss Susie Mitchell, Treasurer; Mrs. E. P. Williams, Superintendent Junior Work; Miss Lundy Cox, Organist.

The Sunday-school Institute officers are: W. E. Hawkins, President; T. V. Ellzey, Secretary.

A program will soon be announced. P. N. INGRAHAM, League District Secretary.

THE CHURCH AND THE LEAGUE.

What relation does the Church bear to the League? Let us look into it briefly. Paragraph 219 of our Discipline reads thus: "Let Epworth Leagues be organized in our congregations, for the promotion of the piety and loyalty to our Church among the young people, their education in the Bible and Christian literature, and their encouragement in works of grace and charity."

"Can any Christian conceive of a grander, nobler work? And yet how very few of the old Church members do we find actively engaged in this work. It has been said to me time and again: Why do you stick to that League so persistently? Your hair is gray, you are over 40 years old, and the League is only for the young people. Let us see if we are not "duty bound" if it is not a great privilege to be a worker in the League. I hold that every Church that has a League has great responsibility. What is the first object of the League? Promotion of the piety of the young people. What is the meaning of the word "promotion"? Go and ask that locomotive fireman, as he day by day leaves the many tons of coal into the fire-box of that engine. He tells, he sweats. What has he in his mind as a reward for all that? Just the money at the end of each month? Nay, verily. That word "promotion" is ringing continually in his ears. Is there any one near him that can give him any assistance? Yes, the man that sits right across the cab—the man who has gone through all that he is now undergoing. He has toiled all along that road. The writer at one time had four brothers, each one with that little word "promotion" ringing in his ears. Well, does he remember, as they made their exits to the old home, father and mother would ask this question: "Now, what kind of a man are you going for?" Is he good to you? Is he a Christian man? One would say: "Well, the man I am with is a very nice man, but then he does not take much interest in me in the way I would like. I am anxious to be able to run an engine. He does nothing to hasten my promotion. I am afraid it will be a long time ere I will be promoted under him." Another would say: "It is altogether different with me. I have the best man that ever pulled a train."

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Now, as our various League Conferences shall meet to report, what if this question was put to the delegates from each League represented: "What attitude does the Church that organized you bear towards you?" No doubt but some would say: "Well, it's a good Church, but then, you see, they don't seem to take much interest in us. They got us young people together and started us off. They have not been near since. They say it's for the 'young people.' We have been getting along fairly well. We meet each Sunday, and our promotion in piety is sort of like a man pulling himself up by his own boot-strings. We are anxious to get along, but there are so few old Christians who have been along the way before us to tell us or show us the way more perfectly. I am sorry to say, sir, that our League is just about dead."

I see a bright, cheerful delegate jump up, and with a happy face say: "Why, bless your life, we have the best, best League in the State. Our Church organized us. They knew and felt the object of the League, according to the Discipline, and they at once became deeply interested in us. A large number of them are out at our devotional meeting every Sunday afternoon. They are not there to do our work for us; they are not there to criticize when we poor, weak ones make mistakes; but they are in our midst, with beaming faces and happy hearts; they are there in our midst in the Master's name, and we love to say to them, 'Teach us how to pray,' and oh! it does our hearts good to have them bear us on the wings of faith to the Master above, and tell him that we are on the road that will soon reach that point when we shall be promoted in the Church and in his kingdom; they are there to take that timid young leader by the hand and say, 'God bless you; you did so well to-day; we enjoyed your talk so much; you must not become discouraged; you will soon be promoted in all of the Christian graces, and you will be a great blessing to those who will follow you in this same way in the years to come.' They are there to hear us discuss the Discipline, with all its rules and laws; they are there to teach us loyalty to our Church. Yes, sir; we are getting along finely. We will soon be able to conduct a revival. We will be able to teach transgressors God's ways, and we shall see sinners converted to him. We shall soon be able to take from the shoulders of our pastors many a Church burden that weights him down. We shall soon be able to furnish delegates to our various conferences who shall be heard and felt whenever any disciplinary question comes up for consideration. We shall soon be able to take the places of those dear, faithful ones who are now so anxious for our welfare in the Christian race, and we shall all arise and call them blessed, and at last we shall be able to say, with Paul, 'I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith.'"

And now, in conclusion, have I not, O careless Church, placed a light upon that rock where many a League has made shipwreck and come down in despair? If you have a struggling League, go to the rescue, and in Jesus' name help the dear young people to build for eternity. The hope of the Church and State rests upon them. It is and has been a great mystery to me how any true-hearted, loyal Christian can keep out of the Sunday-school and the League. I care not, be your head as white as snow and your body tottering upon the verge of the grave, your heart should be young for Jesus. God bless you all. I am from this day forth and forever more a Leaguer.

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"It looks as if all our Wesley Hall boys are going to the foreign field," said some one to Bishop A. T. Vane a few years before he died, when a missionary revival wave was sweeping over the student body.

"Let them go," said the Bishop. "It would stir the church, and make it feel the influence of Wesley Hall as perhaps nothing else would."

It is a great privilege and honor to theological seminaries to be permitted to furnish "seed corn for the world"—to send out their graduates into all parts of the earth and lead the advance guard in the world's evangelization.

If any "school of the prophets" ought to regard "the world as its parish," it is surely a school the dominant doctrines of whose professed theology are: (1) Christ died for all men, and is the Savior of the whole world. (2) Every man is a free moral agent, and has the responsibility of deciding his own salvation and gracious ability to make this decision. (3) Now is the accepted time; to-day is the day of salvation. The Church that teaches a "Christ for the world" ought with an enthusiasm no less intense to say: "Then the world for Christ!" This is Wesley Hall's motto as it enters upon the twentieth century. Nothing less than the world's evangelization within this century will fitly reward a faith so large and crown an enthusiasm so divine.

If we call our "missionary roll" we find that nearly one-half of the active male missionaries of our Church are representatives of Wesley Hall. Here at home, stirring up the Church from center to circumference, and setting it aglow with a holy missionary zeal that is according to knowledge, are Dr. Walter R. Lambuth, our most efficient Missionary Secretary, and his untiring and most active lieutenant, Brother F. L. Cobb. In China our representatives are W. H. Parks, W. B. Burke, T. A. Henn, W. B. Nance, J. W. Cline, H. T. Reed, J. A. G. Shipley, Joseph Whiteside, F. S. Brodman and J. D. Trawick—and another who fell with his armor upon him, stricken with paralysis, and died but a few days ago, Moses B. Hill. In Japan we have W. E. Towson, T. W. B. Demaree, C. B. Mosley, C. A. Tague, S. E. Hauer, T. H. Haden, and C. T. Collyer, of Korea, was in the Hall as a student long enough to make us feel that he ought to be counted as one of our boys. Our representatives in Mexico are G. B. Vinton, J. R. Moad, J. W. Grimes, N. E. Joyner, and H. L. Gray. In Cuba we have G. N. MacDonell and J. D. Lewis. In Brazil our boys are H. C. Tucker, E. A. Tilley, J. M. Lander, J. I. Bruce, and J. M. Terrell. Besides these we have had with us several natives who are now doing excellent work in their own lands: T. H. Yun, of Korea (whose life history is a remarkable one and a special object, it would seem, of divine providence); and T. Nishikawa and Y. Yoshioka are in Japan, while T. Masao, who came to us from Japan, now fills an important office (that of legal adviser) at the court of the King of Siam, Charlie Soon is in China.

In this list of some three dozen names are some of the finest men that ever passed through Wesley Hall. Some two or three others worked for several years in the foreign field and then returned to this country. Several excellent young men now in Wesley Hall have said to the Church: "Here am I; send me" and are now awaiting appointment by the Mission Board to the various fields which the providence of God has assigned to our Church to cultivate. Some three or four of our Vanderbilt representatives are medical missionaries (among whom should also be named Dr. Douthwaite, of China, who is not a member of our Church) and this class of most valuable missionary workers is destined to be much larger in the future than in the past, owing to the fact that a Medical Missionary Scholarship, yielding a hundred and fifty dollars per annum, has recently been established by Dr. J. W. Thomason, of Huntsville, Tex., in memory of his mother, Mrs. Emily J. Thomason.

Of the four hundred and fifty former students of Vanderbilt University now in the active itinerant work of the

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Church, none are rendering a nobler service than those who in heathen lands are now holding forth Him who came as a light to lighten the Gentiles and to carry salvation to the ends of the earth. Go, boys—go until you have carried our Vanderbilt colors, sanctified by the blood of the cross, into every land that now sits in darkness and the shadow of death. Our prayers and the benedictions of Heaven go with you! May our good corn yield a glorious harvest at that great day.—Dr. W. F. Tillett, in the Epworth Era.

Medical men are studying the problem of the steady increase of malignant disease, as disclosed by statistics gathered in England and Germany. It is noted that cancer increases with the decline of consumption and the question now confronting the medical fraternity is: "Will the further reduction of the tuberculosis rate make a corresponding increase in the cancer rate?" An important exception is noted where, in Saxony and Baden, there is an increase of cancer, but no decline of consumption. In Prussia the cancer mortality rate in cities is double that in the country and the death rate in cities of 100,000 and over is comparatively larger than in the towns. Certain towns form "cancer centers" while others are almost exempt. The results of these special studies will be a valuable addition to medical knowledge, and perhaps throw light on the question of the common nature and source of all disease.

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His Life Was Clouded by Grief Over the Death of His Sweetheart.

"When a young man, rising to fame as an author, Washington Irving fell in love with Mathilda Hoffman, a young woman from the West Indies, Home Journal. To his eye she was such an image of beauty and purity that his love for her grew into an idolatry. In the midst of his dreams of future happiness there came an overwhelming blow from which he never fully recovered. Mathilda was taken sick with a cold; it rapidly turned into consumption, and it was his agony to behold her fade away in a single winter, but in his night beautiful and more beautiful to the last. During the three days and nights of her final sufferings he did not leave her bedside and never slept. He was at her bedside when she died; he was the last face that she looked upon and when the grave closed upon her the world became blank to him in his distraction. In the nights of his first agonies after Mathilda's death he would carry to his bed her Bible and converse with it, and place them tenderly under his pillow. Ever afterward he kept them with him in all of his many wanderings and travels. When he died at Saratoga he had reached his threescore-and-ten, and his obituary was still unbroken. There was then found a little repository of which he had always kept the key. It was opened, and there lay a faded memorandum which told the story of his sorrow, a miniature, a braid of fair hair, and a slip of paper on which he had written 'Mathilda Hoffman.'"

HUNTSVILLE PENITENTIARY.

We are moving on hopefully with our work. Good is being accomplished. A few weeks ago we saw in the Advocate a note from the Rusk Penitentiary which set us to thinking. It stated that the inmates, after an explanation by the Chaplain, gave twenty-four dollars and some cents to help build Central Church at Galveston. This was a nice free-will offering for a worthy cause. I once heard a little story to the effect that during the late civil strife the Chaplain of one of the North Georgia regiments had a revival, and as a result sixteen men were baptized. A North Carolina regiment, hearing of it, determined not to be outdone by the gentler graduates, so the Colonel detailed nineteen men to be baptized at once. The Scriptures say: "By love provoke one another to good works." So our Sunday school class visited us, the cause of our Orphanage was briefly explained, and in a few minutes the inmates, including Bro. Muller and Newsum, contributed \$27.00. There was no pressure or persuasion whatsoever brought to bear on them. The offering was free and spontaneous. It could not be otherwise. One man, a very notorious character, gave \$5. So we are ahead, Bro. Mitchell. Ten again, Parthenians, and better still, we had at the same time about a dozen conversions, among them two very hard life men. We received advice from the various Churches. We had an all-camp-meeting time. Many were happy. I felt like I would soon kill myself if I should preach to my congregation long. He just literally forced himself and thought for the time being that he was outpreaching the Chaplain. Well, we are glad Bro. M. and his wife came. It can be said of them, as of Caesar, "Veni, vidi, vici," or perhaps "were conquered" would more correctly express it. Our men are appreciative of earnest preaching. Many of the hardest men were moved to tears. This is a field of great usefulness and large opportunity. Christians, pray for us.

S. H. MORGAN

When a woman watches a crowd of boys at play, she is expecting every minute to see one or two killed.—Athens Globe.

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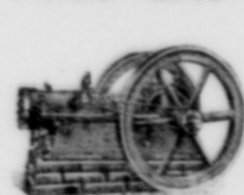
Here lies what is left of little Bob Carroll. He was cleaning his gun and blew down the barrel.—Chicago Tribune.

Headache

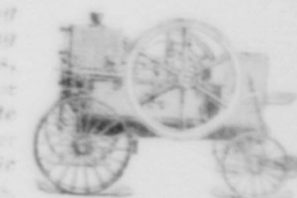
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(Signed) ANNIE PATTERSON. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December, 1900.

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ATTENTION, DELEGATES.

The North Texas Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet in Bonham, May 8. Delegates will please send their names to me at once, that names may be provided. Pray God's blessing on our coming together. MRS. J. A. BLACK, Box 267, Bonham, Texas.

NOTICE.

To the Members of the W. H. M. Auxiliaries, Northwest Texas Conference.

For our annual meeting, which convenes in Hillsboro, May 19-20, a fare and third upon rate has been secured. It is hoped a delegate from each auxiliary will be present, and that many of the members will avail themselves of this opportunity to attend the annual meeting. Come praying. No certificate to bother with, which should insure a good attendance. MRS. FLORENCE N. HAY, Cor. Sec. Conf. Society, Waxahatchie, Texas.

DISTRICT MEETING W. F. M. SOCIETY.

The W. F. M. Society of Dallas District, North Texas Conference, will meet at First Church, Dallas, 2 p. m., May 3. It is earnestly desired that every auxiliary be represented. My dear sisters, make an effort to not only attend this meeting, but the annual meeting also for the interest. I might say the life of the auxiliaries depends not a little upon being represented at these annual meetings. We must be in touch with what is going on in our Master's vineyard. Sincerely, MRS. N. A. SPARCY, District Secretary, Dallas, Texas.

To Auxiliaries W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference.

Dear Sisters: The date of our annual meeting has been published some time ago being May 8-12, inclusive. This meeting is near at hand. Are you ready for it? Have you elected your delegates? If not, do so at once. We hope to see each auxiliary in this conference represented (not by a written report sent in by mail) by a live, earnest delegate, sitting in her place ready to answer "Present" when the first roll is called, and there to join in singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" at the final close of the meeting Sunday night.

Elect some one who will promise to remain through the meeting unless called home by sickness or some unforeseen trouble. Do this now, my sisters, and come with the expectation of remaining through the entire meeting and lending your part in making the annual meeting a glorious success.

Anna: Decide on the very best pledge for outside missionaries that it is possible for your auxiliary to give, and let your delegates feel proud of the amount you authorize her to pledge. Remember North Texas Conference sends a missionary out this fall. So let's do all in our power to support one missionary in the field this coming year. The amount which the Corresponding Secretary shall pledge to the Board for outgoing missionaries will be discussed and decided at our annual meeting. Come prepared for this.

Has all of your Twentieth Century subscription been collected? If not, do what you can toward collecting them. What have you done for our conference "special" the "Eliza Bowman School" at Havana, Cuba? This school is a reality, but it needs money to equip it, and cannot do the work of evangelizing the Cuban children through Christian education unless we furnish the necessary means and room for the work. We can take Cuba for Christ if we will. Shall we do so? MacDonnell of Havana, Cuba, in writing of Cuba says: "The future of the gospel is as bright as the promises of God, and is waiting only on the faithfulness and consecration of the Church." Pray for the annual meeting that God may bless us and be with us in great power. Pray much for the meeting of the Missionary Conference at New Orleans, now, and while in session. This gathering will be a great one; important questions will be discussed, and the influence of this gathering at New Orleans will be felt a century hence; for the nineteenth century lays upon the twentieth century the injunction to carry on to its completion the work which now has only been begun.

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN, Pres. Conf. Society, Plano, Texas.

(It is regretted that the above communication was received too late last

week for publication in that week's issue. The same is true of the article from the Corresponding Secretary of the same Conference Society, which appears below. But it is hoped the good words of exhortation from these two officers of that Conference Society will be read with attention this week by the auxiliaries interested, and that the annual meeting spoken of will be blessed with the presence of a delegate from each auxiliary of the Conference Society, as well as the District Secretaries from each district in the conference.—Ed. Woman's Department.)

TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE W. F. M. NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Three times of our annual meeting (May 8-12) is fast approaching. In the next issue of the Advocate we hope to have the complete program.

The success of this meeting depends largely upon the intelligent planning of the Executive Committee, but the results accomplished depend upon the conscientious representation of the various auxiliaries. Let every auxiliary be sure and send a delegate. Delegates should come with full instructions from their auxiliaries. May I ask that these instructions, as far as they relate to the expansion of our work, be not given hastily, but after prayerfully asking the conviction and guidance of the Divine Spirit? We must honor the possibilities God has opened up before us. Surely we will not invoke the curse of Merod? An unusually large number of young lives have placed themselves upon the missionary altar, and we must increase our spiritual inventory by supplying their lack. Thus may we enter this co-partnership that means victory over the world in the name of the Prince Immanuel. Each individual, each auxiliary, must rise to the full privilege of the occasion. Do not regard as trivial the duty of sending a delegate to Bonham. To neglect this is the surest way to stultifying missionary interest in your auxiliary. Elect one who will conscientiously represent her society and will endeavor to carry back with her the information and awakened zeal that is the inevitable result of the coming together of those alive to missionary interests. Delegates should be at the opening session and remain until the close. This is very important. Only in so doing can they come in touch with all its interests. Please read the first clause of Jer. 48:19.

Much depends upon you. Come in the spirit of prayer and under the leadership of Him who said: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." MRS. L. H. POTTS, Cor. Sec'y Conf. Society, Gainesville, Texas.

They say that the girl you broke your engagement with was engaged to several other men. "I guess she was; when I requested her to return the ring, she asked me to call and identify it."—Brooklyn Life.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

April 15—D. A. McGuire, sub. J. W. Horn, sub. R. O. Bailey, sub. J. W. Tinsler, sub. J. P. Rodgers, sub. S. W. Miller, sub. J. T. Hudworth, sub. W. B. Bryan, sub. F. M. Williams, sub. P. Edwards, sub. E. S. Harsey, has attention.

April 16—W. T. Renfro, sub. David H. Aston, sub. R. N. Brown, sub. R. F. Duggan, sub. S. W. Turner, sub. G. W. Kinchelo, sub. H. H. Morris, sub. E. W. Solomon, sub. W. R. Bayless, sub. J. W. Holt, sub. Mac M. Smith, sub. T. W. Sharp, sub. T. W. Ellis, sub. J. W. Tinsler, sub. J. S. Harsey, sub. J. B. Golder, sub. J. W. Sims, sub. J. M. Swigton, has attention. J. B. Minnis, has attention. T. W. Lovell, trial sub. G. C. Cravy, sub. B. H. Greathouse, a. k. M. L. Moody, change.

April 17—J. E. Smart, a. k. C. U. McLaughlin, sub. J. W. Sims, sub. W. P. Garvin, sub. R. S. Heizer, sub. W. W. Moss, sub. W. F. Ryan, sub. J. M. Mills, sub. W. L. Pate, sub. Chas. Davis, sub. J. W. Dickinson, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. S. M. Nelson, sub. O. R. Shook, sub. G. W. Harris, sub. E. T. Campbell, sub.

April 18—J. R. R. Hall, change made. R. P. Hook, sub. R. J. Smith, sub. Jno. W. Goodwin, sub. R. B. Young, sub. C. A. Martin, sub.

April 19—W. B. Wilson, sub. C. R. Gray, sub. M. W. Clark, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. Jas. A. King, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub.

April 22—J. T. Hudworth, sub. S. C. Leape, sub. J. M. Holt, sub. P. E. Edwards, sub. W. H. Wright, sub. D. C. Ellis, sub. W. K. Rucker, sub. B. A. Thomsen, sub. J. T. McKeown, trial sub. L. M. Noel, sub. W. T. Melugin, has attention.

April 23—W. R. Bayless, sub. R. J. Smith, sub. G. W. Kinchelo, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. L. M. Fowler, sub. J. E. Atchley, sub. P. L. Smith, sub. G. E. Holley, trial sub.

April 24—W. H. Harsey, sub. J. T. McKeown, sub. G. W. Day, sub. J. L. Smith, sub.

The Chautauqua.

The fourth annual session of the Colorado Chautauqua will open July 4, 1901, and will continue until August 10. Complete preparations are being made for the most successful assemblage the Chautauqua has ever known. Attention is called to the following points:

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Refrigerated and blanket rates covering all necessary expenses from time of leaving home to time of returning will appear in the Chautauqua Journal.

Cost of season ticket, \$5. Cost of single admission, 25 cents. Cost of ticket admitting to all educational classes, except special classes, \$10.

The following are free to all persons on the grounds: Art lectures, Woman's Council, W. F. M. meetings, W. C. T. U. meetings, Bible lectures, general educational lectures, all exercises in auditorium.

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—Helen Watterson Moody, in the April Ladies' Home Journal.

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For the Confederate Veterans' Reunion at Memphis, Tenn., May 25 to 30, inclusive, the Texas and Pacific Railway Company will sell round trip tickets at very low rates. On sale at stations west of Big Springs, May 25, 26 and 28, at all stations Big Springs and East in Texas, May 25, 26 and 27, final limit to leave Memphis as late as June 4, 1901. Extension to June 19, 1901, on payment of 50c and deposit of ticket on or before June 2 with joint agent at Memphis.

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Dallas—Account State Federation of Women's Clubs, convention rates, April 29 and May 1, limited May 5.

LaGrange—Account meeting Sons of Hermann, convention rates, May 1, 4, 5 and 6, limited May 10.

Waco—Account Confederate Veterans' reunion, convention rates, May 7 and 8, limited May 11.

San Francisco—Account launching battleship Ohio, \$60.00, May 7 and 8, limited 20 days.

New Orleans—Account Southern Baptist and Auxiliary Conventions, one fare plus \$2.00, May 7 and 8, limit May 21, with privilege of extension.

Granbury—Account of W. C. T. U. Convention, one and one-third fare, May 7 and 8, limited May 12.

Sherman—Account State Volunteer Firemen Association, one and one-third fare, May 8 and 9, limited May 11.

Houston—Account of Texas Bankers' Association Meeting, convention rates, May 12, limited May 16.

West Point, Miss.—Account General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church, one fare plus \$2, May 12 and 14, limited May 28.

W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

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United Confederate Veterans' Reunion, Memphis, Tenn., May 25-30, 1901. For this excursion tickets will be sold to Memphis at the following rates: From Texarkana \$2.50, Mt. Pleasant \$3.25, Pittsburg \$3.50, Big Sandy \$3.75, Tyler \$3.25, Athens \$1.25, Corsicana \$1.50, Hubbard City \$1.50, Waco \$1.45, McGregor \$1.25, Gatesville \$1.35, Mt. Vernon \$1.75, Sulphur Springs \$1.45, Commerce \$1.50, Wolfe City \$1.25, Whiteside \$1.25, Sherman \$1.50, Greenville \$1.25, Nevada \$1.50, Wylie \$1.25, Dallas \$1.25, Plano \$1.50, Carrollton \$1.50, Grapevine \$1.25, Ft. Worth \$1.25, Jacksonville \$1.75, Rock \$1.75, Alto \$1.75, Lufkin \$1.75, Blooming Grove \$1.25, Frost \$1.25, Hillsboro \$1.75. Dates of sale: May 25, 26 and 27, 1901, limited to continuous passage in each direction; final return limit leaving Memphis June 4, 1901, with privilege of extension till June 19, 1901.

Southern Baptist and Auxiliary Conventions, New Orleans, La., May 8-16, 1901. On account of the above meetings round trip tickets will be sold to New Orleans at one standard fare, plus \$2.00, on May 7 and 8, 1901, limited till May 20, 1901, for return, with privilege of extension until June 5, 1901.

General Assembly, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, West Point, Miss., May 12, 1901. For the above occasion round trip tickets will be on sale May 12 and 14, limited till May 27, 1901, for return, at one fare plus \$2.

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To New Orleans, La., on account of Southern Good Roads Convention, To Agents, April 27 and 28, sell round trip tickets to New Orleans, La., at the rate of one regular fare plus 10 per cent for the round trip. Limit May 22. This makes rate of \$15.85 from Dallas.

To Waco, on account of Meeting of Confederate Veterans' Association, To all Agents: For the above occasion, sell round trip tickets to Waco, May 7 and 8, for trains arriving in Waco morning of May 8, as per Convention Rate Sheet No. 2, Limit May 11.

To Corsicana, on account of May Fest and Flower Carnival, To all Agents: Through to Dallas and Lancaster, inclusive. Trains arriving in Corsicana from 12 noon of May 5 to 12 noon May 5, sell round trip tickets to Corsicana at double the child's fare. Limit tickets May 19.

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MR. JAMES H. HILL.

James H. Hill, a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the West, and a member of his father-in-law's family, was born in Tenn. March 1, 1830, and died in the Creek County, Okla., on the 23rd of the month of March, 1901. He was a devoted and successful missionary, and his life was a constant struggle for the souls of the heathen. He was a man of great energy and courage, and his death is a great loss to the church and the world.

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with them around the family altar and worshipping Him in whom she looked for help and strength. The Bible to her was the Book of books and her constant companion and guide, for she had tested its sweet promises. Her home was her preacher's home, and her prayers and sympathy followed them to other fields of labor. In health during the last year of her life, she was a regular attendant on the house of God, but her communion was unbroken. During the last few days pneumonia caused her much suffering, from which effects her earthly life went out, surrounded by her husband and children and other relatives and friends. A multitude of people followed her body to the Siona Cemetery, where it was lovingly and tenderly laid away. This writer visited her several times during her last illness. Heaven she realized was near. For her death had no sting, and the grave had no victory. Realizing the close of her earthly life was near, she gathered her strength and sang several of her favorite songs, one of which was, "I see Jesus in the promised land. The home is lonely now. She is greatly missed. May the sweet and hallowed influence of that life so beautiful and loving, never lose its power till her children, too, shall share the joys of a Christian life. There she goes upon whom we have looked in the hour of affliction. He went with Martha and Mary at the grave, and his love is still warm with love. Look to him, Her pastor. J. B. SIMS.

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Advertisement for Gold Dust Washing Powder. The ad features a central illustration of a woman washing clothes in a tub, with a large, stylized figure of a woman in the background. The text reads: 'Dirt Disappears before Gold Dust Washing Powder'. Below the illustration, it says: 'Read the directions on the package and see if you are getting all the help from GOLD DUST that you can have. It is better than ammonia and soda and much easier to use. House work is hard work without GOLD DUST.' At the bottom, it lists 'THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY' and 'Chicago New York Philadelphia St. Louis Boston Montreal'.

The Master had come, he at once began to read the story and portion of same. Soon he found Jesus' presence to his never-ending joy. For several days he rejoiced in a Savior's love, demonstrating to all he loved what his death meant to him. Though he was young and ready to go, he clothed in his bright mind, he spoke to them of their souls' eternal interests, and saying to all, "Meet me in heaven." His bodily suffering was severe, but the joy of salvation in his soul was as great, and his suffering he would rejoice and pray for. Oh! that heavenly expression that played on his face we will never forget. May this affliction prove to be one of God's permanent providences of drawing loved ones and friends nearer to the Lord Jesus Christ. With sad hearts, but joyful hopes, we laid his body away in the old Elm Creek Cemetery, to await the resurrection morn. G. C. CRAVY, P. C.

ELLS - Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Ellis (nee Dwyer) was born July 22, 1822, and died March 7, 1891. Sister Ellis professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in 1840, and lived a faithful member until called to her reward. She lived a Christian for forty-four years. During those years of service she overcame many temptations, bore many burdens and sustained many trials. She held out faithfully until the end. Sister Ellis was not very demonstrative, but she was steady, unmovable, abounding in the work of the Lord. Like one of old, her heart was true, and she steadily advanced in the Christian life until the Master said, "It is enough, come up higher." She died as she lived, trusting in God. She leaves several children, a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. May they all meet her in the eternal city of God. J. W. BRIDGES.

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MENEFEE - E. L. and Mrs. M. Menefee, early in life, by a fortunate nature, dear to her parents, more than ever, she was a devoted and successful missionary, and her death is a great loss to the church and the world.

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A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

We give place in our columns this week to our correspondents, which will, in a measure, break the monotony of our style and give our readers a glimpse of variety.

Waco, Texas, April 12.
Rev. W. C. Young.

Dear Brother: I am a local elder in the M. E. Church, South. I have spent eleven years in this State, preaching and laboring to promote the interest of our beloved Zion. I have been a local preacher for twenty-nine years. I have never lacked a place to preach nor a people to preach to. I have been watching with interest the movement you have taken in getting a Local Preachers' Conference on foot, but am sorry I could not be with you in the first meeting. I hope, however, that I may meet with you all at the next gathering. If it is possible for me to become a member at this late day I would be glad to do so.

I am now living in the bounds of Brier Creek, with Rev. G. F. Boyd as my pastor. He is a noble-hearted, consecrated man of God. He has endeavored himself to do all, and we all love him. Mr. T. H. Pierce is our presiding elder. We think he is a fine preacher. There is a small town with about 400 inhabitants. My church here numbers about 70 members. I love all Methodist preachers. I have just read Bro. F. G. Smith's letter in the Advocate. I am personally acquainted with him. He is a noble-hearted, good man. He and I have labored together. You may think strange that you have not heard from me before. I have intended to register my name ever since the Local Preachers' Conference was started, but have neglected to do so till now. If I can now become a member you may enter my name and let me know.

We will have our second Quarterly Conference the 12th instant. I believe we local preachers ought to take more interest in our quarterly meetings than some of us have done. I don't think I have failed to let so many as a half dozen meetings pass in the twenty-nine years of my ministry that I was not there to answer to my name. I have attended every District Conference in my district since I have been in Texas.

If the local preachers would attend these conferences oftener we would have to love and labor more and commend back.

J. K. McMillan,
"Local Elder."

The foregoing letter needs no comment to make it plain. It has the right ring both in letter and spirit.

Our constitution provides that any local preacher in good standing in our Church may become a member of the Local Preachers' Conference of Texas by forwarding his name to the President with the request to be enrolled as such. Our brother's name is accordingly placed upon our roll.

The following is from our esteemed foreign correspondent, the Secretary of the Local Preachers' Conference of North Carolina. We give you so much

of his communication as we think will be of interest to our readers and our limited space will allow:

Raleigh, N. C., April 11.
Rev. W. C. Young.

My Dear Brother: The Texas Advocate has come to me quite regularly, and I want to say that I like it very much. Indeed, it is almost my ideal of a Church organ. I see nearly all of our great Church Advocates, but I do not think of any one which has so fine a field for circulation and usefulness—the organ of five conferences, spreading over a territory equal to that of an empire, with editors full of Southern and Western fire. It ought to grow, and will grow to mammoth proportions. I like also the spirit of fairness and liberality exhibited in the editorial corps. If I were not a North Carolinian then I might like to be a Texan.

So far as I know Texas has more local preachers than any other State, and this gives you a solid foundation for a most vigorous Church, or rather for five first-class conferences.

John Wesley's head was level in reference to the value of lay preachers and lay preaching. We cannot safely abandon this wise provision. For thirty years there has been a following of the sentiment that the itinerancy is the foundation and the glory of the Methodist, but while we give all honor to this arm of the service, still the bushwhacking militia do a great work, sometimes turning the result of a great battle that otherwise would be a Waterloo of defeat. The Lord has always had his regular soldiers and those of less training, but no less bravery.

In North Carolina we have had from the beginning of Methodism here a strong force of exhorters, local preachers, deacons and elders. We have also had many powerful itinerants. Every wing of our North Carolina army has fought long and well together. Yours,
LEVI BRANSON.

Our brother gave us a long list of the great and glorious men who have lived and labored, and gone up, with a shout, to the better land from that grand old commonwealth, but the want of space will not allow us to copy their names in this paper.

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MORTUARY.

Please announce the death of E. R. Noble, of this city, son of Rev. A. G. Noble, of Preston Bend. He was President of our Epworth League, and an earnest worker in the Sunday-school and Church. God called him home to rest yesterday evening just after 7 o'clock. We buried him this afternoon at Preston, by the side of his mother. A suitable memorial will follow later.

F. C. ARCHER,
Denison, Texas, April 22, 1901.

DEDICATION.

Rev. W. L. Nelms will dedicate the church at Hutto the first Sunday in June. Former pastors are requested to be present.

S. J. VAUGHAN.

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTICES.

To the Pastors and Leagues of Greenville District:

We are very anxious to get in touch with the young people in our district, and we know of no better place than at our League Conference to cultivate enthusiasm and zeal for our work.

Let every League, both Senior and Junior, in the district be sure to have a representation of at least two members. We also desire that each pastor appoint one representative from every appointment, whether he has a League or not. We will entertain them, and we wish to make this a rally of young Methodism which will be for-reaching in its influence for good.

Remember, our conference meets May 8-10. Let us be on time, as the conference will be organized Wednesday night, after the sermon. W. M. G. DITZLER, District President.

Greenville, Texas.

The Weatherford District Epworth League Conference will convene at Ranger, May 22-23.

As soon as possible, I would be glad to have the names of all those who intend to participate in the college chapel, participated in by several of the pupils, but especially by Miss Alma Switzer, who had just completed her course on the violin. Miss Alma has exceptionally good talent, and has evidently had unusually fine training. She displayed much taste in the selection of her numbers and great skill in execution. Another notable feature of the entertainment was the singing of Miss Maude Switzer. She has a very fine voice, and has it under excellent control. She was evidently a great favorite with the audience.

Prof. Switzer is certainly to be congratulated on the very great success he has attained with his own girls, and also with the large number committed annually to his care. The school in all its departments is having the most prosperous year in its history.

Prof. Switzer is contemplating some improvements on the main building, which will add much to the teaching facilities. He also hopes to build in the near future a large boarding-house for boys. This he ought by all means to have. I am sure that, if the good people of Weatherford could realize what the college is worth to them in every way, they would not hesitate to give to Prof. Switzer all that he asks in the way of material improvement. They have a fine town and an excellent citizenship, and no factor among them has contributed more to this state of things than Weatherford College. I enjoyed my short stay over there exceedingly. The town was aglow with expectancy at the coming of "Abe" and "Louie," who were booked to begin a gospel campaign on the 12th. The expressed hope was for a great meeting. So note it be.
JNO. M. BARCUS.

A VISIT TO WEATHERFORD COLLEGE.

Through the courtesy of the deservedly popular President of Weatherford College, I had the very great pleasure of attending, on the evening of the 12th inst., a musical recital in the college chapel, participated in by several of the pupils, but especially by Miss Alma Switzer, who had just completed her course on the violin.

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MARRIAGES.

Alston-Clark.—At the home of the bride's parents, March 25, 1901, Mr. B. A. Alston and Miss Ella Clark, Rev. J. O. Jordan officiating.

Clifton-Ferguson.—At Orange, Texas, three miles from Leonard, Texas, sitting in a buggy, on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1901, Mr. M. W. Clifton, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Miss Sallie Ferguson, of Leonard, Texas, Rev. S. L. Hall officiating.

Camp-Poster.—By Rev. J. M. Adams, at the bride's parents' home, Bro. and Sister W. J. Foster, Navarro, Texas, on April 11, 1901, Mr. Colie C. Camp, Jr., and Miss Ivy Foster.

Smith-Neal.—At the residence of Mr. McPherson, Rice, Texas, April 15, 1901, by Rev. J. C. Mimms, Mr. O. G. Smith and Miss Pearl Neal.

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On April 14, Dr. W. J. Fontaine, B. S. of S. W. U. class of '96, and Miss Roxie McLeran, M. L., class of '96, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, on Jones' Prairie, by Rev. J. W. Bergin, Ph. B., class of '97, now pastor of Rosebud Station. Former S. W. U. students in attendance were Mrs. Lena Lyons Bergin, B. S., class of '97, and also Messrs. Walter Nelson, A. B., class of '96, and S. J. Little, A. M., class of '96, of the law firm of Nelson & Little, of Cameron, Texas.

"PROTRACTED MEETINGS"

The following will give time and place of holding our summer protracted meetings, and parties interested would do well to cut this out for future reference: Merkel, beginning Friday night before the second Sunday in July. Mulberry Canyon, beginning Friday night before the fourth Sunday in July. Rock Crossing, Tuesday night after the first Sunday in August—a ten-days' meeting. Tebo, Friday night before the third Sunday in August.

All these meetings will continue over two Sundays except at Rock Crossing. We hope to have the hearty co-operation of all Christian people of the various communities, and request that all will pray once a day from now until then for a gracious revival, that your boys and girls may be saved. R. S. HEIZER.

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Stillwater sta. June 18, 19
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Guthrie sta. June 24, 25
Chandler cr. June 29, 28
Kookuk Falls cr. July 4, 7
Earlboro cr. at Violet Springs, July 12, 14
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