



## COMMUNICATIONS.

DR. MARTIN RUTER.

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In Advocate of May 2 we notice statement that Bishop Mallalieu is having a fund to place a monument over the remains of Dr. Ruter at Navasota. In whose connection you say "he did his best work in Texas." He was here for a time to have done his best work, though he was wonderfully active while he was here. He was appointed missionary to Texas by Bishop Hooper in 1837 and died at Old Washington, on the Brazos, the 10th of May, 1838, was in Texas less than a year. The materials for even a brief sketch of his life and work are very scant, but we gather from history a few facts:

Martin Ruter was born in Massachusetts in 1780, joined the Church and professed religion at the age of fourteen, was just past sixteen when he entered the ministry; was a member of the first Synodical General Conference of the M. E. Church in 1808, and of every other General Conference as long as he lived. When quite young in the ministry he was stationed in Boston, Philadelphia, Montreal, Canada, and other foreign stations. In 1818-1819 he was pastor at New Market Academy, and for some years thereafter conducted the book agency at Cincinnati; then was President of Allegheny College, Ky., and in 1824 was elected President of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

After his appointment in 1827 as missionary to Texas, he started as pastor at Houston. Dr. Abel Stevens says: "The illness was unusually low, Dr. Ruter put his family in a small boat and sailed to himself from Houston to Mexico. As it was impossible to bring his family to Texas, he had made some preparations to be met here at New Albany, Indiana, where his relations." At Cincinnati in New Albany he had interviews with Phillips, Smith and Roberts concerning the work in Texas. He then came on to Texas in a steamer, accompanied by David A. Mitchell, afterwards so well known in connection with Houston. Landing at Galveston, he came back to Galveston, Texas, on the Sabine where he met Robert Alexander on his way from Texas to the Mississippi Conference. Next day he proceeded on to San Antonio, and preached his first sermon in Texas that night in a schoolhouse. The evening Sabbath he preached in large congregations morning and night at Nacogdoches. Crossing the Trinity, he stayed all night at the house of James Mitchell. Dr. Thrall, in his brief history, says: "Mrs. Mitchell remarked that she had not heard a woman since she came to Texas. Dr. Ruter told her to collect her family after supper. She did so, and he preached them a regular sermon."

This James Mitchell was a brother of the noted Ann Mitchell of San Antonio, who with his oldest son, Nathan, was in the battle of San Jacinto. James Mitchell afterwards lived and died on the Medina, and his body is buried near that of John W. DeVilliers at Oak Island, Medina County. Mrs. Short, neighbor to this writer, is a daughter of Mrs. James Mitchell.

Dr. Ruter passed on to Washington, on the Brazos, where he preached several times and received one person into the Church. He passed on to San Felipe de Austin, thence to Egypt, on the Colorado. He preached at the house of Capt. Beard to whites and blacks, and at night John W. Kinney preached and Dr. Ruter held a class-meeting and organized a Church of nine members. Next day he pushed across the country for Houston, taking a fierce method. Dr. Thrall tells us that Dr. Ruter took a horse and traveled wherever he went in a sweeping trot, regardless of health or comfort. At Houston he met Lyellton Fowler, and preached before Congress and the officers of the then Republic. After consultation with leading men, he laid plans for the establishment of a literary institution, which afterwards developed into Rutersville College. The Doctor again visited Washington, Independence, Gay Hill, the Kerr settlement and then to Houston, where he organized a Church of fifteen members. He visited the upper settlements on the Colorado, as far as Moore's Fort, and up to February, 1838, he had taken the names of 200 persons who had been Methodists before coming to Texas.

Dr. Ruter decided that he needed twelve additional men to supply the work, and he determined to visit New York in that interest. He crossed the Brazos and started East, but feeling unwell, he returned to old Washington for medical attention. He grew worse and died on the 16th of

May, 1838. His remains lay buried for many years near the old church at Washington, but the town having gone into decay, his friends, a few years ago, removed his dust to Navasota, over which it is now proposed to erect a monument.

Dr. Thrall states that Dr. Ruter had received only an ordinary English education, but by close study had an acquaintance with the classics and a knowledge of the sciences; that in 1818 a college in Baltimore gave him the degree of A. M. and in 1822 Transylvania University gave him the degree of D. D., the first Methodist preacher in America to receive that honor.

For some years also he was President of Madison College, Pennsylvania, Old Allegheny College, of which he was President for a number of years, still stands. It was erected in 1820 in the old colonial style. Dr. Ruter was its first President after it passed from the hands of the Presbyterian to the Methodist Church. Ruter Hall at the college, remains as a memorial of his services. Among the alumni of that college to-day are William McKinley, Senator Allison and Bishop Thoburn. Dr. Lee tells us that Martin Ruter's "Church History" was for half a century the standard textbook of Methodist preachers.

The history of the origin and decline of Rutersville College is well known.

At the close of the San Augustine Conference, December 23, 1841, Bishop Morris, John Clark, Thomas O. Summers and J. W. Whipple traveled southwest. At old Washington they stopped and lingered an hour over the grave of Martin Ruter. When this writer was collecting money to build the first church in Bryan, Texas, while that city was the terminus of the Central Railroad, and needed a bell for the new church, an effort was proposed to secure the old Washington Church bell, at the spot where Martin Ruter's remains were buried, as the old church had passed out of use. Robert Alexander, the presiding elder, arose and stated that the people thereabouts would never allow the old bell removed while the remains of Martin Ruter lay in the churchyard.

His zeal for souls knew no bounds. Let his memory be perpetuated by a monument in the erection of which Northern and Southern Methodists unite in a fraternal brotherhood.

## THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AS A SPIRITUAL FORCE.

It is the unqualified verdict of those who attended the Missionary Conference at New Orleans that, in many respects, it was the greatest religious gathering ever held in the South. That it will mark a new era in the work of our Church seems to be one of its assured results. The calling of the conference was a happy—a providential—thought. The program was excellently arranged, and the speakers selected were eminently fitted to discuss the themes assigned them. The very names of Thoburn and Hendrix and Allen and Athins and Galloway and Goucher and the others awakened large expectations of wise and weighty utterances, and our expectations were fully realized. The publication of the papers and addresses will give us a valuable volume and furnish an armory of facts and arguments for preachers, teachers and workers for many months to come. The result of the great collection will be the building of our university at Socoeh which will stand as an intellectual and a spiritual beacon in that land of darkness and of death. The young men and women who volunteered for work in the foreign field will be the apostles of Methodism and messengers of Christ in the "regions beyond." It was a great conference. But the greatness of the occasion will only be fully realized when its spiritual force has been carefully estimated. And it was as a spiritual force that the conference was most needed. There is but little need in the Church to-day for arguments in behalf of missions. Granting the facts and principles taught in the New Testament as premises, and but one conclusion is possible: It is the solemn duty of the Church to "preach the gospel to every creature." And it is quite in the power of the Church to meet this obligation. Barriers are broken down and every door stands wide open. Men and women are ready to go, and the Church is amply able to equip them, send them out and sustain them in the work. The Christian world only needs to want to evangelize the heathen world and the heathen world will be speedily evangelized. Our great need is the spirit of missions, which is nothing less than "the mind which was in Jesus Christ." Unless the world-love that was in the heart of Jesus is enkindled in the lives of his followers the religion he established can not become universal. And if Christianity has not power enough to reach the entire race it is insufficient to meet the uttermost need of a single human soul.

That the recent conference will

prove to be a great spiritual force seems evident. It was pre-eminently a religious gathering. Prayer pervaded every part of the work. The great theme of all the discussions—the sufficiency of the gospel for the world, our obligation to carry the message of salvation to "all nations," our privileges as co-workers with him—brought us into vital touch and deepest sympathy with our living Lord. The unprecedented collection and the offering of so many lives for the Master's service were the manifest "fruits of the Spirit"—the "first fruits," as we verily believe, for surely larger harvests are yet to be gathered from that seed-time. The spiritual force of the conference will be seen in sermons preached, in petitions offered, in liberal offerings made, both of money and of life, and in more thorough organization and wiser planning for aggressive work. The whole Church will be a-thrill with the quickened life infused by the breath of the Spirit. Let us be ready to follow where He shall lead, and claim a larger heritage for our Lord.

SETH WARD.

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

By Rev. W. M. Leftwich, D. D.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matt. 6:33.

Every great teacher that comes into the world has a special mission and message which crystallizes into a central idea, and often becomes concrete in a single, comprehensive institution. With Moses, the ruling idea was law. With Buddha, it was renunciation. With Mohammed, it was God. With Socrates, it was the soul. With Christ, it was the "Kingdom of God."

Perhaps he got the idea and the ideal of his kingdom from the Jewish theocracy; its inspiration from Isaiah; its form from Daniel, and its first announcement was made by John the Baptist. Jesus made it the great, central idea of his gospel. He was ever preaching the kingdom of God, and explaining it in parables and paradoxes, in images and figures of exquisite simplicity and beauty. He opened his public ministry by saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He exhorts men to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," to make any sacrifice to enter into the kingdom of heaven. He warns them not to look back, lest they be unfitted for the kingdom of God. He declares that it is impossible for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. He encourages another because he is not far from the kingdom of God. He rebukes the Pharisees severely because they shut up the kingdom of God. He assures the poor in spirit that theirs is the kingdom of heaven. He invites the nations to sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God, and delivers to his chief apostle the keys of the kingdom of God. Thus, the kingdom of God was his leading thought and the most exalted idea in his ministry. It embodied all the great blessings and benefits which the infinitive love of heaven provided and offered to the human race.

The Jews saw through their carnal faith only a Jewish State, with Jerusalem as its capital and a greater David for its King. But when this hereditary dream of the Jews passed through the heart of Jesus it was transformed into the kingdom of God—a moral and spiritual kingdom, whose throne should be in the human heart, and whose boundaries should be contemporaneous with the human race. This magnificent conception of a universal kingdom was rejected by his countrymen because their Messiah was a temporal Prince, to rule a temporal kingdom, or he was nothing. It is rejected now by men who have no horizon, and who see nothing in Christianity but a clever scheme by which a limited number of souls will be saved from the guilt of sin in this life and go to heaven when they die. The idea of a kingdom on earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness, intended not so much to increase the census of heaven as to improve the righteousness of the earth, in which men can do the will of God on earth as it is done by angels in heaven, did not enter the minds of the first disciples, and has scarcely dawned on the minds of men to-day. Jewish nationality was so deeply ingrained with all their ideas that it was impossible for them to understand the nature of his kingdom. So now the men of this world "can not see the kingdom of God." It is much easier to comprehend the idea of a Church than the idea of a spiritual kingdom, because the Church is a visible body and an exclusive institution, which men can easily comprehend and as easily manage for selfish ends; while the kingdom is a spiritual and inclusive society whose members are chosen by spiritual birth, and which is beyond human control. A man must affirm some-

thing to be in the Church; he must be something to be in the kingdom. The Church produces ecclesiastics and religionists; the kingdom produces philanthropists and Christians. The kingdom of God has for its constituency only regenerated men; hence he said to a ruler of the Jews, "Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God." This was necessary in order to create character. And this is precisely the difference between Jesus and the Jewish reformers, and all reformers. The best reformers approach humanity from the outside, and proceed by law and machinery; Jesus approaches men from the inside, and proceeds by influence. The kingdoms of the world are intent on making good laws; the kingdom of God is intent on making good men. Unregenerated men may obey the laws of the State and make good citizens, may obey the laws of the Church and make good members, but unregenerated men can not obey the laws of the kingdom and do the will of our Father in heaven. And yet Jesus expected his kingdom to be practical in this life, to run its course in this world, and its laws to be obeyed by all citizens of his kingdom in all the ordinary conditions of this life. This is what his kingdom is here for. He never thought of his kingdom as intended only to provide the means of escape from the evils of this life, but as a kingdom within a kingdom, in which men can "live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." When his disciples make practical the laws of his kingdom, and convince the world that the gospel is livable, then the kingdom of God will come unto you. To say that the laws of his kingdom are impracticable and can not be applied to society, to business, to politics, to civil government, to the shop, the farm, the factory, the school, the Church, the home, and to human life in all of its multifarious relations and duties, is to say that the gospel is impracticable, and that Jesus was lacking in practical wisdom when he gave us the laws of his kingdom. And this is just what we are saying, and saying to his enemies.

Law is made necessary by the condition and character of its subjects. The necessity for the laws of his kingdom is in the condition and character of men, the subjects of his kingdom. And the infinite wisdom of the Law-giver is fully declared in the fact that the fulfilling of the law is the remedy for the conditions for which the law was made. All the law is fulfilled in this one word, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

The necessity for the laws of his kingdom appear in the following conditions:

1. In human selfishness. The term selfishness expresses all the conditions of human life that make necessary the laws of the kingdom of God, because selfishness is the root of all evil. Paul told Timothy that "the love of money is a root of all evil." But the love of money has its root in selfishness. Covetousness and avarice, different forms of loving money, are roots of all evil, but they have their root in selfishness. Ambition is a root of all evil, but ambition has its root in selfishness. Pride and lust are roots of all evil, but they have their root in selfishness. And so all the sordid passions of the human heart have their root in selfishness. When unrestrained selfishness is the law of life, its business, its society, its institutions, its laws, are anarchy and atheism, and its end is hell. Selfishness in heaven was rebellion against God. It hurled the selfish angels down to hell, drove the selfish sinners from Paradise, and peopled the earth with selfish beings capable of converting the world into pandemonium. Selfishness as the law of life in the kingdom of God—if it were possible—would dethrone God and change heaven to hell.

Selfishness has not only brought upon us all the moral evils that have wrecked and ruined human life, but all the social evils, the economic, political, commercial and industrial evils that so often trouble and distress us and retard our progress towards a Christian civilization that stands for the kingdom of God. So long as the selfish greed for gold is embodied in our civil institutions and protected and fostered by our civil laws, we will have financial and economic troubles, conflicts between labor and capital, strikes, insurrection, lawlessness and crime, with the unrest, uncertainty, insecurity and disasters that visit our country periodically. And they are but the symptoms of a disease that lies deeper than political platforms and financial policies.

We condemn the largest holders of wealth, and hold responsible the trusts, the combines, the monopolies and the financial policy of adverse political parties; but the real responsibility, after all, is with the Churches and the people called Christians. Not the tariff, not the relative value of gold and silver, nor the unwisdom of any one political party, but in the re-

lation of our secular laws and secular life to the kingdom of God. But little, if any, attempt is made to conform our secular laws to the laws of the kingdom of God. If Christians fail to demonstrate the practicability of the laws of the kingdom of God in their own business and lives, how can we expect the laws of the kingdom of God to become the laws of the State?

We have not applied the Golden Rule and the Sermon on the Mount to our daily, secular lives, to commerce, to social science, to political economy, to education—not even to the Church and the home. Until we "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," by applying the gospel to our daily secular business, we can never convince the world that society and business can be built upon justice and righteousness, rather than upon the law of selfishness. When self-sacrifice for the good of others is the law of the kingdom of God, self-interest, in spite of others, is the rankest infidelity. So long as our vast fortunes are built out of the wreckage of private industries, and trusts, combines and corporations, with multimillions of capital, make corners on the necessities of life, and this is sustained by public sentiment and protected by law, our lands may continue to bring forth plentifully, our mines and mountains may continue to pour their rich ores into the lap of industry, and our manufacturing may multiply in every State and county, but the uncertainty, the injustice, the oppression and the corresponding poverty and crime will continue.

Our social and secular life has darkened our ethical vision until we fail to see the moral causes that underlie the economic and industrial evils that so often menace our public peace and prosperity; nor do we look in the right direction for the remedy. We see rich men and great corporations increasing their riches by robbing the poor, and then administering large charities for the relief of the poor. We see great fortunes amassed under legal forms by oppression and extortion, standing at the head of great philanthropies and endowing great institutions, as if the selfishness of greed could atone for its own injustice and cruelty by bestowing alms. True philanthropy can be realized only when justice and righteousness are satisfied, and selfishness is sacrificed upon the altar of love. Covetousness and falsehood may succeed for a time, but in the end and at the last they are the waste of the earth and the waste of life. Prosperity has not come through obedience to selfish principles, but in spite of it. Fraud and crime are the despots of the world, and expediency is the foolishness of history. Lies and intrigues and despots could never rule this world and wreck human life if men would seek first, above everything else, the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and let the cross of Christ stand for the redemption of men from sin and selfishness.

## THE REMEDY.

The remedy for the ills of this life will not be found in this political party, or that; in this financial policy, or that; in this administration, or that; but in the cross—the sacrifice of life upon the cross. By the sacrifice of Christ's life on the cross men are reconciled to God, and, more, are reconciled to each other in the brotherhood of right relations. The cross as a prime factor in the kingdom of God teaches us that eternal life is the eternal sacrifice of life, and it means death to sin, death to selfishness, to injustice, oppression, fraud and wrong in all forms and in all places; not only in the personal life of the believer, but in social life, secular life, commercial life, political life, in the store, the shop, the factory, the school, the Church, the home. Will we never learn that by the cross only we can make the sacrifice of self upon the altar of love the supreme law of life, and thus establish justice and righteousness in all the relations of life and the business of the world? When we, as the followers of Christ, put the kingdom of God and his righteousness first—above everything else—then we can convince the world that the gospel is livable, and the cross will be the mightiest factor in human life.

With the cross of Christ the nations would then have to reckon, the philosopher think, the statesman plan, the market calculate, and the courts decree justice. We would then teach the nations that the Sermon on the Mount is the only Christian constitution of society, and that their laws and institutions must be hid with Christ in God. The statesman would know that the only law by which trade and commerce, finance and tariff, capital and labor, wealth and poverty, farms and factories, can be adjusted to each other in the interest of mutual helpfulness and brotherhood—is the law of the cross, the last and costliest sacrifice of love. Our courts would become courts of justice, by becoming courts of redemption, able and just to forgive sins, as well as to punish sin-

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Secular News Items.

The Administration has decided to reduce the army in the Philippines to 40,000 men.

William O'Brien's paper, the Irish People, was seized for a libelous attack on King Edward.

John W. Davis has sailed for Europe, saying before he left that he is not now in the Wall Street market.

The Russian Government is said to be sending more battleships to Chinese waters in anticipation of serious trouble.

L. D. Brown, of St. Paul, Minn., a naturalized Russian, paid \$250 fine for evading army service in his native country.

Two hundred and twenty-five machinists of Louisville have decided to strike on May 26 unless a nine-hour day is granted them.

The revolutionary movement is spreading among the laboring classes of Russia. A number of arrests have been made in the last few days.

The French Government will build an embassy in the center of the residence district of Washington. Seven thousand square feet of ground have been purchased.

Some interesting facts concerning the comparative number of particles of dust and bacteria in the air were communicated to the Royal Institution recently by Dr. Allen Macfadyen.

Miss Helen Thomas, of New York, affected to feel health and discouraged by the misery of the poor children of that city, committed suicide by sending a bullet through her heart.

Miss Mary Leonard, who did remarkable service in the Civil War with the Pennsylvania Volunteers, for which she received conspicuous mention, committed suicide in Pittsburg, Pa.

Londoner's experts to bring a deluge of English necessities to the United States in about eight weeks, and to then see how the life manufacturing plants make things for the world.

The Chinese Consular authorities have drafted a bill to the powers expressing dissatisfaction at the amount of the indemnity, and asking a reduction in the amount of the nation's foreign debt.

Small live steamers were to be constructed by the United States in the Delaware Bay District of Portuguese East Africa. The normal population is about 2000, but this has been reduced, owing to the war and the commercial depression resulting therefrom.

George H. Phillips, who has the supply of corn deliverable on contracts this month cornered, recently bid the price up to 60 cents from the opening, which was at 54 cents. This is the highest price since May 31, 1892, when the Foster-Martin deal reached its climax and corn sold at \$1. The total amount bought by Phillips during the forenoon did not run over 100,000 bushels, which was sold by people who claimed to have the corn to deliver.

The trial has just ended at Ellersfeld, Germany, of the doctors and others who were charged with fraudulently enabling youths to evade military service. One of the accused of the name of Baumann was convicted of supplying pills which produced jaundice in whoever used them. He was sentenced to seven-years' imprisonment and to the loss of his civil rights for five years. Several others were convicted and received shorter sentences.

Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, called upon the Secretary of the Navy a few days ago and offered to place an outfit upon the ships in the fleet for \$12,000. No such arrangement can be made without the consent of Congress, and by the time Congress meets the Weather Bureau will have developed a method of wireless telegraphy the equal of Marconi's. The Secretary of the Navy is now getting ready for a series of experiments at Newport.

An abstract of the conditions of the national banks of Houston at the close of business April 21, as reported to the Comptroller of the Currency, shows the average reserve held at 65.96 per cent, against 55.65 per cent February 5. Loans and discounts decreased from \$2,994,792 to \$2,982,002, gold coin from \$201,920 to \$293,875, total specie from \$1,097,869 to \$974,837, lawful money reserve from \$1,725,925 to \$1,628,475; individual deposits increased from \$1,128,585 to \$1,874,918.

J. J. Hill, commenting on the stock panic in Wall Street last Thursday, in an interview said: "There are some men in this country to-night who must settle with their conscience. Combinations to wreck and destroy competition should be made impossible. This has been terrible work. I am willing to see money shorn of its power. There will be no pocket in my shroud. The

events of yesterday will do much to not considered, but the action was based solely upon his views as expressed in his two books. Many of the directors feel that Professor Gilbert's views are not in harmony with the declaration of faith of the seminary, and for the best interests of all concerned it was deemed wise to accept his resignation.

President McKinley made a successful trip across the continent to San Francisco. All along the route he was received with great demonstration by all classes of the people. Texas at several points laid herself out to do honor to our worthy Chief Magistrate. But when he reached the coast his tour was sadly interrupted by the sudden illness of Mrs. McKinley. At first her condition was not thought to be serious, but in a day or so it became alarming and her life was despaired of. But as we go to press she has rallied and the physicians give some hope of her recovery. Much sympathy from all over this country and from foreign lands has been expressed in behalf of the President and his noble wife.

An unpublished letter from Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, first Vice President and second President of the United States, which has found the light within a few weeks, contains two interesting passages: "I have never yet seen the Southern man, Washington excepted, who could bear close application for any length of time." "The Synod recommended a day of fasting and prayer. The difference between this place and New England was this: being recommended by a body of Presbyterian ministers, none of the Church clergy would join in it, every shop in the city was open as usual, and a very small proportion of the inhabitants attended worship; business and pleasure went on as usual." This letter was written from Philadelphia Dec. 6, 1797.

The removal of Governor Dole has been demanded of President McKinley by a large majority in each house of the Hawaiian territorial legislature. The lawmakers accuse the Governor of obstructing legislation and of being responsible for the adjournment of the Legislature without passing a single one of the important measures to which the home rulers were pledged, except the county government act, which the Governor killed by a vest-pocket veto. Governor Dole, in turn, denounces the legislators, making general charges of bribery and explaining his refusal to call an extra session of the Legislature for personal business, as requested by members, by saying he cannot justify himself in re-assembling the body until the corruption accusations are investigated.

The quarrel between Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and her young husband was again forced upon the attention of the public last week when the holders of Prince Henry's notes threw them into the open market in Amsterdam. The notes which represent Prince Henry's debts are held by users of several continental capitals. They have given up all expectation of inducing the young Queen to pay her consort's indebtedness and are now try to force her to settle by hawking his notes about the open market. It is reported from The Hague that the dowager Queen of Holland has taken Prince Henry's side of the quarrel, and that the last scene between the young Queen and her husband was so violent that the queen-mother was compelled to take to her bed from illness over the stubbornness and relentlessness of her daughter.

It is believed by some lawyers that the United States Supreme Court has given a hint as to what its decision will be in the Porto Rico case, and that the decision will be that "the constitution follows the flag." While it is not expected that the decision will be handed down until next December, when Congress will be in session, because to hand it down before would be to make an extra session of Congress necessary, it is thought that what the decision will be is fully known to the Administration, as Solicitor-General Richards, who knew the rule of the United States Supreme Court that only citizens of the United States can become members of its bar, made the motion to admit Frederico Dogetan, resident Porto Rican Commissioner, to

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events of yesterday will do much to not considered, but the action was based solely upon his views as expressed in his two books. Many of the directors feel that Professor Gilbert's views are not in harmony with the declaration of faith of the seminary, and for the best interests of all concerned it was deemed wise to accept his resignation.

President McKinley made a successful trip across the continent to San Francisco. All along the route he was received with great demonstration by all classes of the people. Texas at several points laid herself out to do honor to our worthy Chief Magistrate. But when he reached the coast his tour was sadly interrupted by the sudden illness of Mrs. McKinley. At first her condition was not thought to be serious, but in a day or so it became alarming and her life was despaired of. But as we go to press she has rallied and the physicians give some hope of her recovery. Much sympathy from all over this country and from foreign lands has been expressed in behalf of the President and his noble wife.

An unpublished letter from Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, first Vice President and second President of the United States, which has found the light within a few weeks, contains two interesting passages: "I have never yet seen the Southern man, Washington excepted, who could bear close application for any length of time." "The Synod recommended a day of fasting and prayer. The difference between this place and New England was this: being recommended by a body of Presbyterian ministers, none of the Church clergy would join in it, every shop in the city was open as usual, and a very small proportion of the inhabitants attended worship; business and pleasure went on as usual." This letter was written from Philadelphia Dec. 6, 1797.

The removal of Governor Dole has been demanded of President McKinley by a large majority in each house of the Hawaiian territorial legislature. The lawmakers accuse the Governor of obstructing legislation and of being responsible for the adjournment of the Legislature without passing a single one of the important measures to which the home rulers were pledged, except the county government act, which the Governor killed by a vest-pocket veto. Governor Dole, in turn, denounces the legislators, making general charges of bribery and explaining his refusal to call an extra session of the Legislature for personal business, as requested by members, by saying he cannot justify himself in re-assembling the body until the corruption accusations are investigated.

The quarrel between Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and her young husband was again forced upon the attention of the public last week when the holders of Prince Henry's notes threw them into the open market in Amsterdam. The notes which represent Prince Henry's debts are held by users of several continental capitals. They have given up all expectation of inducing the young Queen to pay her consort's indebtedness and are now try to force her to settle by hawking his notes about the open market. It is reported from The Hague that the dowager Queen of Holland has taken Prince Henry's side of the quarrel, and that the last scene between the young Queen and her husband was so violent that the queen-mother was compelled to take to her bed from illness over the stubbornness and relentlessness of her daughter.

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practice before that court. The motion was granted. Previously the President of the Civil Service Commission had decided that citizens of Porto Rico were citizens of the United States.

The London Temperance Institution, which insures the lives of total abstainers and non-abstainers separately, has just made a report of thirty-four years of actual experience. In the total abstinence section, where the expected death claims were 8,048, the actual death claims were only 5,724, loss by 2324 than the expected number.

In the non-abstaining, or more or less moderate drinking, section the expected death claims were 10,809, while the actual death claims were 10,499, or only 310 less than were expected. A similar and equally striking showing is made by the Sceptre of Life Association of London where the number of actual deaths of teetotalers were but 55.78 per cent of the number of deaths expected, whereas 78.86 per cent of the moderate drinkers who were expected to die did actually die during the last sixteen years, the period considered in each case. Manifestly total abstinence pays in length of life.

"I wish the Commonwealth of Australia every happiness and prosperity," are the words of greeting which King Edward VII cabled last week upon the opening of the first Parliament of the new federation which has taken the place of the separate colonies heretofore comprised within the island-continent of Australia. The Parliament was opened in person by the Duke of Cornwall and York, the ceremony being a most brilliant one. The relation of this new member of the British family is somewhat like that of the Dominion of Canada. The new Commonwealth of Australia had its beginning in a bill introduced by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, May 14, 1900. The object was that Australia should no longer be separate States, but "an indissoluble Federal Commonwealth."

The new Commonwealth is governed by a constitution in many respects like that of the United States. Australia is a land of vast promise and possibilities, and under a united government will become an important factor in the great British Empire. Success to the new Commonwealth!

Mayor Moore, of Omaha, proposes to enforce the Sunday laws. Outlining his policy, he says: "There will be no liquor in drug stores Sundays. I have issued an order to officers that druggists shall be allowed to sell nothing but medicines on Sunday. I have been told that they have taken advantage of the saloon men and that the liquor trade has been simply transferred from bars to pharmacy cases. Soft drinks will not be sold in the city, either. I have notified the managers that Sunday performances must be declared off. Omaha will be quiet enough to satisfy the most exacting reformers."

If Mayor Moore carries out this order and compels its enforcement, which he can do, he will make an ideal city of Omaha. Mayor Reed, of Kansas City, Mo., has followed Mayor Moore, in part. He issued orders last week closing the saloons and forbidding the drug stores to sell anything but the necessities on Sundays. The mayor and Police Commissioners say they mean business. The laws were enforced last Sunday and no liquors could be obtained at saloon or hotel bars in the city. What has been done one Sunday can be done every Sunday. Let public sentiment declare that the laws shall be enforced and they will be.

WANT THE PUT OFF AT BUFFALO? For rates and particulars about the Pan-American Exposition, call on any M. K. & T. Ry. agent, or address W. G. Crush, Gen'l Pass. Agt., Dallas, Texas.

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### The Home Circle

#### THE DEFINITION.

"Susie, what is love?" the teacher said to a little girl standing at the head. Who twisted each finger, and wriggled each toe. Then blushing said: "I guess I don't know."

Then up went the hand of rosy-cheeked May. "Well," said the teacher, "what do you say?"

As if telling a secret that's too good to keep, May answered: "It's water that's fast asleep."

Jennie Elizabeth Gates, in Child Garden.

#### MISTRESS COTTON.

"Oh, dear," sighed Flossie. "I do wish mamma would let me wear something besides this old gingham dress to school. Most of the girls wear wool, and Nettie has a silk dress. Oh, dear!"

"I should think you would rather wear a dress that grows on a nice, beautiful plant than one that you have to rob a sheep or a worm to get," said a tiny voice.

"My, who are you?" asked Flossie, in surprise, for there on the stand by her side was the quaintest little maiden she had ever seen. She was dressed in pure white as the fluffiest kind and her hair was also very light, but she had the merriest of blue eyes and the sunniest smile.

"Who are you?" she repeated again. "I am Mistress Cotton," said the little sprite, as she gave her a roughish look.

"You seem to despise me quite, but I thought perhaps you did not know much about me."

"I-I beg your pardon, I am sure," stammered Flossie.

"Never mind," answered the other, good-naturedly. "When you know more about cotton you will like it better."

"Will you tell me something, please?"

"Indeed I will, gladly. That is what I came for. In the first place, our home is in the South, and we will not grow in the North unless treated as a house plant."

"I know," said Flossie, eagerly. "You grow in the Southern States, and the men there make much money growing you."

"That is very true, but we also grow in other warm countries in all parts of the world. There are a great many different kinds of cotton."

"Why, I thought it was all alike," said Flossie, in astonishment.

"No, indeed. First, there is the sea island, that came first from the Bahamas. It is only raised here in Georgia and South Carolina. This is the finest and softest cotton of all, and the finest of cotton seeds is made from it. It can only be grown, however, on the lowlands along the coast. The kind usually grown here is called the upland cotton."

"You are the sea island, I know," said Flossie, with an admiring glance.

Mistress Cotton blushed prettily as she acknowledged that she was.

"Other varieties are the Egyptian, khives of India, so called from the shape of the seeds, and—but I must not tell you too many or you will not remember."

"What does the cotton plant look like?" asked Flossie. "Are you the blossom?"

"Oh my, no," answered she. "I am only a part of the seed. The plant is a sort of shrub, and usually grows to be about two or three feet high, but some have reached the height of fifteen feet. The blossoms are large and very showy. After they are gone the seed pod comes, and when it gets ripe it bursts open, and the cotton is the down that is fastened on the seeds, just as you see it on the milkweed or thistle. It is a beautiful sight to see the great fields all looking as if they were covered with snowy balls. Then it is ready to pick."

"And they made the negroes pick it," said Flossie. "I read all about that in my Uncle Tom's Cabin, and they beat them if they did not pick enough."

"Only the wicked men like Legree did that, but now they hire them. Then it must be separated from the seed, and it is done quite easily now, but was a slow process until 1793, when Eli Whitney invented the cotton-gin."

"What is a cotton-gin?"

"A machine that separates the cotton from the seed. Then it is made into bales and sold to men who make various things from it. Do you know how many things cotton gives you?"

Flossie had to admit that she did not.

"Of course there is gingham," with a merry glance at the offending dress, "but besides different kinds of dress goods that I can not begin to name, you have the comforts that keep you warm at night, stockings and other things that I will leave for you to find

out, for I must not tell you everything."

"I shall like gingham better now, because it brought me this visit, but I wish you would tell me more about yourself."

"I will tell you what is made from cotton seed, if you wish."

"Yes, do."

"It is boiled and put into a press to get the oil. Then this oil is used for many things. Sometimes it is used in the place of olive oil, which is more expensive, and also in the place of lard."

"Did the people always use cotton?" asked Flossie.

"I think likely they did. At least we have a record of their using it over eight hundred years before the Christian era."

Flossie drew a long breath.

"Now I must leave," said her tiny visitor. "I hope you have enjoyed my visit."

"I have, and I thank you ever so much," began Flossie, earnestly, but she stopped and rubbed her eyes, for there was no one there to hear her.—Irma B. Matthews, in Michigan Christian Advocate.

#### SURGEON TO A TIGER.

One of the finest tigers in the Zoological gardens, Dublin, was threatened with gangrene in its paw—the claw having become distorted and grown in to the foot. Rev. Samuel Haughton, M. D., senior fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, and a well-known person in the Irish metropolis, undertook to perform the dangerous experiment of operating on the paw.

It was indeed a thrilling experience. The mate of the tiger was first secured in a side den. A net, devised by Prof. Haughton was thrown over the tiger, and he was drawn forward to the door of the cage. Four stout keepers then held the feet of the struggling animal, while Prof. Haughton cut away the diseased claw.

The suffering beast furiously but vainly tried to get at him during the operation, but the rage of the tigress looking on through the bars of the side den was much more terrible to behold. She roared and flung herself violently against the barriers in her mad desire to go to the rescue of her mate.

When the tigress was admitted to the cage after the wound of her mate had been dressed, she turned up the paw and examined it with touching solicitude, and then licked her mate, as a cat licks her kitten, to soothe him, purring softly to himself.

But perhaps the most extraordinary part of the affair was the sequel. A week later Professor Haughton was again at the Zoo to see how his patient was getting on. When the animal espied him he began to purr like a cat, allowed him to examine the paw, and seemed pleased that he should do so. Indeed, for years afterwards the tiger and tigress showed themselves most friendly and grateful to Professor Haughton.—Westminster Gazette.

#### THAT NEW STAR.

About eight o'clock in the evening of the 22d of February, on looking up among the stars, as I frequently do, at the first glance overhead the impression came to me that there was too much light—more than my eyes were accustomed to see in that part of the heavens. Immediately I began examining to see what was the matter.

It took but a few seconds to discover that there, in the constellation of Perseus, where nothing had been previously visible to the unaided eye, was shining in all its glory a new star of the first magnitude.

"Surprised and amazed beyond measure I looked, and looked, and looked again, to make sure there was no mistake. But the mysterious stranger continued to shine as brightly as if it had always been in the self-same place. I showed it to a good many of my friends and neighbors when opportunity offered, and have watched it with great interest every night when not cloudy.

On the twenty-second, when I first saw it, the new star looked about as bright as aldebaran, and fully as red. On the twenty-third its brightness had increased to that of Capella or Arcturus. But on the twenty-fourth it was not so bright, and it has been gradually wanting ever since, until now it shines as a second magnitude star.

The new star is known as Anderson's New Variable Star, and was first discovered by Prof. T. D. Anderson, of the Edinburgh observatory, on the twenty-first of February.

This star can be readily found by almost any one. It is nearly overhead at dark being a little northwest of the zenith; and it is about five degrees from Algenib and the same distance from Algol, two second magnitude stars, about as bright or a little brighter than the new star is now, the three stars forming a very pretty isosceles triangle, having the new star for the apex.

A line drawn through Algenib and

this new star, if extended far enough, will pass through the Pleiades, Capella, a very bright first magnitude star, is a little to the east. Capella, the Pleiades and the new star form another larger isosceles triangle, with the new star as its apex also.

Anderson's New Star is an object of great interest, especially to astronomers, and is the first gem to adorn the crown of the new century.—A. E. Evans.

#### A NOBLE DOG.

A gentleman recently sold his villa just outside Paris to move into a flat within the city walls. On leaving the country he parted with his Danish boarhound, too big an animal for a Paris flat, to a game-keeper of the district. The new owner found the cost of keeping so big a dog too great. He decided to be rid of him. With this idea he took the dog out in a boat to the middle of the neighboring Marne, tied a stone to his neck, and pushed him over. But the stone came untied, and the Dane swam after the boat. The game-keeper struck the poor dog with an oar, so that the water was dyed with blood; out still the Dane swam after the boat. Enraged at this persistency, the game-keeper rose and swung his oar to strike the Dane again, so violently this time that he overbalanced and fell into the water. The game-keeper could not swim, and must have been drowned had not the noble Dane come to the rescue and held him up till he managed to clamber into the boat again. A revolution of feeling took place. The game-keeper bound up the wound in the dog's head, and he now says that death alone shall part him from his hound.—Le Temps.

#### A MISPLACED DOT.

"That settles it," Mr. Goodhue spoke as if he was vexed. "Charlotte won't be invited here this season. If she had spelled every word correctly, I meant to have her. She writes, 'Mamma is pretty well now,' and spells it with an i—the dot as plain as can be. 'Pritty,' indeed! As if English words are spelled as they're pronounced!" He tore the letter in two and threw it in the waste-basket.

"But, dear," Mrs. Goodhue protested mildly, "Charlotte is a little girl—only eleven."

"Can't help that. I made it a condition, and Maria ought to have seen to her child's studies a little." "Maria" was Charlotte's mother and Mr. Goodhue's sister.

Harold looked sorry. He wanted his cousin to come, but he couldn't say anything, papa was so very particular.

It was Harold's business to clear up the library, and the next morning he started to empty the wastebasket, when he saw the torn letter. Surely it wasn't wrong to look at any letter which was thrown away, and he smoothed it out. Now there was a treasure in Harold's pocket, a greater treasure than a jackknife. It was a microscope, which came on his birthday two weeks before. Of course everything had to be placed under its two round eyes.

He peered at the letter eagerly, and soon found the "pritty" which had such sad consequences. After looking a full minute he sprang up and ran to examine a little group of black spots on the white wall near a window.

"Papa, papa," he shouted, "do come here, please. That isn't a dot over the word 'pritty' in Cousin Charlotte's letter. It's a fly speck. And you can see the quirl to the e, too, through the microscope."

"What—what?" said Mr. Goodhue, but he put his eye to the lens, and, being a just man, soon owned that Harold was right.

"And Charlotte can come, sir?" "Certainly. I was a little hasty, and decided on insufficient evidence." Harold thought it very noble in his father to say so.

Charlotte came, and the cousins had a good time together. Harold, though only a boy, was an honorable gentleman, and didn't breathe a word how near she had been to missing the great pleasure.

But Charlotte did wonder why her uncle asked if their house had window screens.—Helm Hawley, in New York Christian Advocate.

#### THE HABIT OF KINDNESS.

I know of a home in which the very atmosphere is so charged with human, loving kindness that it is a delight to be a guest therein. I have been a guest in that home for weeks at a time, and I never heard a single harsh, unkind word spoken to or about any one. One day I said to the sweet and gentle mistress of the home:

"Do tell me, if you can, the secret of the beautiful and unfailing kindness that forms a part of the very atmosphere of this home. What is the real secret of it?"

"Why, I do not know that there is any secret about it. It is a kind of a habit with us. You know that

some people fall into the habit of always complaining. Others form the habit of always speaking sharply, while still others are habitually morose and sulk continually. Now it is just as easy to form a good habit as a bad habit, and, if one would only think so, it is just as easy to form the habit of kindness as it is to form the habit of unkindness. When I was a little girl at home my father had his children sing nearly every day:

"Oh, say a kind word if you can, And you can, and you can; Oh, say a kind word if you can, And you can, and you can."

"If any one spoke an unkind word in the house some one would be sure to sing these lines, and so we came to speak kindly nearly all of the time. So much happiness came from it that I resolved when I came into possession of a home of my own that habitual kindness should be the rule there."

"It is a beautiful rule," I said. "It is a rule that will bring peace and joy to any home, and, as I said before, any one can cultivate the habit of kindness."

I believe this to be true, and I am sure that Sir Humphrey Davy told the truth when he said: "Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things in which smiles and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort."—J. T. Harbour.

#### USELESSNESS OF UNLOVING PRAYER.

Prayer and hatred can not live together in the same soul. If we continue to hate a neighbor, we can not really pray in his behalf. "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire," and how can we desire the richest gifts for one whom we cherish no atom of affection? Yet where one Christian finds hard the injunction, "Pray for them which despitefully use you," a score stumble at the command, "Love your enemies." But the one requirement is as easy as the other; without the love there can not rise the true petition. Christ prayed for his enemies; he did so because he loved them. They were his enemies; he was not theirs. He really longed for their good, and so he prayed for that result. Sometimes a group of censorious Church-members who are opponents of a spiritual leader, will engage in what is termed prayer for a blessing in his behalf, but their prayers are surely lacking if genuine affection is not in their hearts. So, likewise, a Christian Church can not truly pray for the conversion of the Chinese unless its spirit is other than that of dislike or contempt for that people. The prayer-script is a flower-bearing plant which grows only in a soil upon which love has been strewn in generous measure.—Sunday-School Times.

#### BLESSED SECRET.

Blessed secret!—to learn how to do without things. We need to learn this secret of full life in Christ in spite of minor deprivations, because we can not have all the things that we want—even rich men have been known to want more things—and some of us have to do without things which, on the plane of physical life, are quite desirable. If we can gain wealth, it is well to have it, if we receive it as coming from God, and use it for his glory; but if we do not possess this wealth, which is the lowest wealth in the gift of God, we are exhorted to earnestly covet the best gifts—that wealth of heart and soul which lies open for the taking to every follower of Christ. Here is wealth worthy of ambition; wealth which is offered freely and without stint; the unsearchable riches of Christ, which will make us wealthy to all eternity. Christ never asks us to do without this wealth, the true riches, but he says: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."—Advance.

#### CAN YOU DRIVE A NAIL STRAIGHT?

We fancy that at the above question one of our boys shrugs his shoulders and answers: "What difference does it make if I can't? I don't mean to drive nails for a living."

Even supposing you are not planning to learn the trade of a carpenter, the chances are that a good many times in your life you will need to drive a nail, and there is no particular reason why you should not learn to do it well. The man who pounds his fingers and doubles the nail over, and then has to pull it out and straighten it, wastes enough time and temper to lay a sidewalk. And probably when he is done he has a poor job to show.

Between the right and wrong way of doing things there is all the difference in the world. There is a pleasure in doing any kind of work well, but nobody ever enjoyed making "a botch" of things. The boy who cannot drive a nail straight will probably drive as few as possible. And if he gets in the



## Look Ahead, Girls.

If young girls would look ahead it would sometimes save them from serious collision with the men they marry. It is here that ignorance is almost a crime. The young husband cannot understand it when the wife changes to a peevish, nervous, quarrelsome woman. And the young wife does not understand it herself. She only knows that she is very miserable.

If ever there is a time when nature needs help it is when the young girl is adjusting herself to the new conditions of wifehood. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It promotes regularity, dries debilitating drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness.

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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure biliousness and sick headache.

way of thinking that this particular thing is done "well enough," even though it is done poorly, he may apply the same reasoning to more important things.

Can you drive a nail straight? If not, set about practicing, and gain for yourself a feeling of respect that may be new to you.—Young People's Weekly.

#### AN ICE-BOUND HEART.

On a winter evening, when the frost is setting in with growing intensity, and the sun is gradually sinking in the western sky, there is a double reason why the ground grows every moment harder and more impenetrable to the plow. On the one hand, the frost of evening, with ever-increasing intensity, is indurating the stiffening clods; on the other hand, the genial rays which alone can soften them are every moment withdrawing and losing their enlivening power.

Take heed that it be not so with you. As long as you are unconverted, you are under a double process of hardening. The frosts of an eternal night are settling down upon your soul, and the Sun of righteousness, with westerling wheel, is hastening to set upon you forevermore. If, then, the plow of grace can not force its way into your ice-bound heart to-day, what likelihood is there that it will enter to-morrow?—R. M. McCheyne.

"Is he a young man of brains?" inquired an old gentleman respecting a swell youth. "Well, really," said his daughter, "I don't know. I never met him anywhere except in society."

#### OLD SOAKERS.

##### Get Saturated With Caffeine.

When a person has used coffee for a number of years and gradually declined in health, it is time the coffee should be left off in order to see whether or not that has been the cause of the trouble.

A lady in Huntsville, Ala., Mrs. S. M. Brazier, says she used coffee for about 16 years, and for the past 20 years was troubled with stomach trouble. "I have been treated by many physicians, but all in vain. Everything failed to perfect a cure. Was prostrated for some time, and came near dying. When I recovered sufficiently to partake of food and drink I tried coffee again and it soured on my stomach."

"I finally concluded coffee was the cause of my troubles and stopped using it. I tried tea and then milk in its place, but neither agreed with me, then I commenced using Postum Food Coffee. I had it properly made and it was very pleasing to the taste."

I have now used it four months, and my health is so greatly improved that I can eat almost anything I want and can sleep well, whereas, before I suffered for years with insomnia.

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There's never a rose in all the world But makes some green spray sweet-er; There's never a wind in all the sky But makes some bird wing fleet-er; There's never a star but brings to heaven Some silver radiance tender; And never a rosy cloud but helps To crown the sunset splendor; No robin but may thrill some heart His dawning gladness voicing. God gives us all some small, sweet way To set the world rejoicing.

-Anonymous.

IN THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY.

"Robin redbreast builds his nest. Singing a song of the joy to come. And the oriole trims his golden vest. Glad to be back in his last year's home."-Moulton.

In this month, the sweetest month of all the year, the world—our world—suddenly blossoms out with little new homes, millions of them. Trees and bushes, nooks and crevices, barns and sheds, banks and fields, are minutely inspected by sharp little eyes, much lively chatter goes on, desirable sites are taken, and the first timbers laid of innumerable homes which shall fill our June with joy.

May is under a ban for human marriages; there is a prejudice which declares it unlucky. But no such feeling prevails in the bird world, and all through the Middle States it is the favorite wedding month. The birds are just arriving in numbers, all in bridal array, with thoughts bent on home-making, and little time is lost in selecting partners and proceeding to the great business of the season.

The fashion of special wedding dress, common among birds as among us, is one of great interest. In bird-dom, however, it is only the bridegroom who can afford to don fine garments for the occasion. The nest-mother must be in inconspicuous work-a-day costume for the safety of the family; for, alas, the one indispensable thing about most of these charming little homes is, that they must be hidden, not only from the world of beast and birds and reptiles, the lower orders of creation which hunt, but to eat and to live; but, most pitiful of all, from the human race who should be their protectors.

We are prone to regard the conspicuous wedding dress as the ordinary costume of our common birds. We think of the superb tanager as always clad in his gorgeous plumage, but soon after nesting he casts his fine feathers, and assumes in the modest olive-green of his mate—his family dress. The robin in his striking suit of black and white and buff, is on dress parade. When he starts for the South with his family on their perilous trip to South America, he is in traveling suit of olive-buff streaked with black. The lemon-yellow of the gay little goldfinch and the rich blue of the indigo bunting give place in the fall to the dull sparrow-like hues of their respective mates. Many birds, instead of assuming a complete bridal suit, content themselves with adding special decorations for the festive occasion. One of this sort is the snowy egret, whose sad fate it has been, as we know, to be almost or quite exterminated, that his wedding ornaments might decorate our hats.

The most eccentric bridal ornaments are worn by some of our Northern birds of the coast—ducks, puffins, and others. These are masks, horns and gay colored beak coverings, with rosettes at the corner of the mouth. When nesting is over, all this frivolity disappears. Plumage drops off and the bird departs with his family a somber-dressed personage in everyday black and white. On the interesting, curious and grotesque manners of these days, even so far as they have been observed, volumes might be written.

This is the month of the greatest number of arrivals. All the north-bound sprites of gay colors and bewitching ways, which we call warblers, have come, and most of them gone. A few linger, not to leave us altogether desolate—the familiar yellow warbler, whose exquisite nest often decorates our orchards and dooryards; the fussy redbreast, with pretty cup braced against a stout stem, or a sapling in the woods; the Maryland yellow throat, hiding hers in the shrubbery where her black-masked mate shouts his sweet triplets all the summer through.

It is delightful to see these restless, fitting atoms sober down into dis-

creet heads of families and nest-guardians. A redbreast which appointed himself special policeman over me last summer when I had placed myself near his tree to watch another bird's nest, was most charming. His preternatural gravity was so comical in a bird scarcely over an instant quiet. He would stand by the half-hour on a low branch quite near me, in silence, his gaze bent upon me till I felt reproached for causing him such anxiety and making him keep so still. I should have taken myself away to relieve him but for the fact that I was greatly interested in a nest on that tree, which his conduct seemed to claim as his, although neither nest nor sitting bird were of redbreast fashion.

A bird pair usually agree in the selection of a site for the little home, but occasionally there is a difference of opinion, which, though perfectly well-bred so far as I have seen, leads to the building of two nests, one by each of them. Some writer tells of a pair of plovers which selected opposite corners of a piazza. Each one went to work in the spot it had chosen, bringing its own materials, and arranging it alone, while carrying on an animated conversation with its mate. For some time the female refused even to look at the nest her mate was building, though he often came over and inspected hers, expressing his opinion volubly, whether in praise or blame our dull senses could not discover. But when both were finished, she was persuaded to inspect the mansion provided for her, and after carefully looking it over and trying it, she magnanimously gave up her own and accepted it. Another case reported ended exactly the other way. The little bride occupied her own, and her mate cheerfully acquiesced in her decision. In neither case was there a quarrel. I once watched a similar disagreement between a pair of robins, which was so serious that I feared it would end in divorce, or worse. Indeed the female was so eccentric in her behavior that I suspected her reason was unsettled by her troubles. The trouble began by their not being allowed to nest under a piazza roof where they had reared the first brood. They wandered disconsolately about for several days, and seemed unable to agree upon a spot. He chose a suitable tree branch, but she would not look at it nor make a selection herself, while she laboriously collected materials, and then dropped them indifferently to the ground. Night came on while affairs were in this state, but evidently the morning brought some counsel, for when we got out they had compromised, and were hard at work.

When the nest is completed most birds will stay by it through many vicissitudes. Some, however, are so sensitive that they will desert it if it is touched, sometimes if it is only looked at. One of these touchy individuals is the cardinal grosbeak, which will often desert the home she has made with such trouble even after the eggs are in. If she finds herself an object of attention, and the yellow-breasted chat needs only to know or suspect that a human eye has looked upon her nest and eggs to desert them forever. On the other hand, a vireo will come back after she has been removed by a human hand; and a tiny chickadee will actually return to her home in a hole in the face of the enemy, and sit in the doorway and defy him. A Baltimore oriole has been known to cling to her nest while the branch which held it was sawed off and taken into the house. Many birds will call a host of neighbors to help them to fight the robber who threatens their home.

When young are out of the shell, there is no question of abandonment by anybody, for any cause whatever. Then weakens the true parental feeling, and birds will fight, suffer torture, and even die for their young, as has been many times proved.

"Thus comes the lovely spring, with a rush of blossoms and music; Flooding the earth with flowers, and the air with melodies vernal."

-Oliver Thorne Miller, in Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

HOW A HEN KEEPS HOLD.

How is it that a fowl does not fall off its perch when it goes to sleep? When animals fall asleep their muscles relax and birds are not then capable of keeping the firm grasp of a bar necessary to maintain their balance. Kind Providence, however, seeing that it

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THE SPANISH MAP.

American boys would open their eyes if they could see one of the maps of Europe which were used in the Filipino schools under Spanish rule. According to these maps Spain occupied a large place in the center of the continent, while the other little countries were scattered around the edge like so much fringe. It is small wonder if the young Filipino had a mistaken idea of the greatness of the country of his oppressors, for even Aguinaldo himself was much surprised to learn that America was greater than Spain.

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No cloud can overshadow a true Christian, but his faith will discern a rainbow in it.—G. Horne.

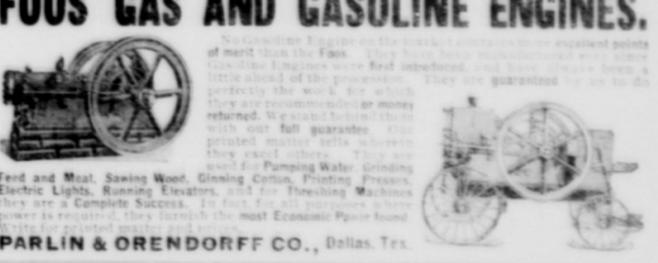
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- Pharmacia, Pharmacia, July 25

### WELL DONE, GOVERNOR SAYERS.

Gov. Sayers and his colleagues appointed last week Prof. J. S. Kendall to the presidency of the North Texas Normal School at Denton. This is a State institution whose business is to train teachers for our public schools. It maintains the same relation to this work that the San Houston Normal at Huntsville does, and it is, therefore, an important and responsible enterprise. To put the right man in that position involved a great deal of earnest thought and careful investigation. Hence the Governor has taken time, and the result is one of universal satisfaction to the people of the entire State. It is a matter of great moment as to the sort of men and women who teach our children, and the characters of those teachers are largely molded by the man who teaches and shapes them. Prof. Kendall is a man of the finest equipment mentally and morally for this sort of responsibility. He is a teacher of large experience and more than ordinary eminence, and he is a Christian gentleman of the highest and most unquestioned character. His appointment, therefore, to this position insures the success of the school from the start, and it places the character of it upon a lofty plain. We rejoice to see our Christian laymen placed at the head of our State institutions. In this respect we are very fortunate. The University at Austin, the A and M College at Bryan, the San Houston at Huntsville, and now our Normal at Denton, are under the guidance of men of fine mental, moral and Christian qualifications for the noble places to which they are giving their lives. Our State institutions will never suffer in public sentiment as long as this is the case.

### EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

Our girls need mothers to teach them.

Society is a pernicious school for our daughters.

Forwardness adds nothing to the comeliness of female children.

A poll parrot is very entertaining—to her own sense of pleasure.

There is something more to gain in this life besides money and reputation.

The mother who is overly anxious to marry off her daughters usually finds a lot of indifferent sons-in-law upon her hands.

Education, coupled with a good character, is the best heritage that parents can possibly transmit to their boys and girls.

A sharp-cutting thing put in writing may look very gratifying to the man when he first pens it, but when it reaches its destination its echo often makes him heartily ashamed that he ever wrote it.

### THE SUMMER INSTITUTE.

The Summer Institute to be held at Georgetown immediately after the commencement will be of special interest to our young preachers, and at least a part of the program will be helpful also to our older pastors and laymen. Bishop Hendrix and Dr. Tigert, to say nothing of our local talent, will have something to say in their lectures of value to our ministry. These are two of our most profound thinkers, and to miss their wise words will be to lose largely in matters of more than ordinary importance. Those who have charge of the affairs of the institute have put themselves to no little trouble to prepare for it, and they have so arranged the price of entertainment that the whole expense of it will be only nominal. We trust, therefore, that the brethren generally will give to it a patronage that will justify its establishment as a permanent institution.

### OUR SAN ANTONIO ENTERPRISE.

Dr. Jno. M. Moore and his congregation propose to build a twenty-thousand-dollar addition to their present church property at Travis Park, San Antonio. They have purchased an adjoining lot, and upon this the new edifice will be erected. To this end they recently asked the Church Extension Board at Louisville, Ky., to make them a loan of \$5000, which was readily granted, and the rest of the money will be raised in the congregation. The work will begin July 1 and be finished by the time of the meeting of the next session of the West Texas Conference—at least, this is their purpose at present. The new building will constitute the auditorium proper, and the present property will be the Sunday-school department. In connection with the former there will be a room for primary work and a pastor's study. The auditorium when completed will seat eight hundred people, and with the Sunday-school room thrown into it by the use of adjustable doors the entire room will accommodate fourteen hundred people. The congested condition of the Sunday-school and the crowded state of the congregation make these enlarged improvements necessary. During the pastorate of Dr. Moore the membership of his Church has increased fifty per cent, and the attendance upon Sunday-school is two and a half times larger than when he took charge of the work. The financial backing of the Church is said to have increased seventy-five per cent. This is a remarkable showing, and it gives cause for rejoicing, not only to the Methodism of San Antonio, but throughout Texas. Dr. Moore is a live pastor, and he evidently has good resources in his congregation upon which to draw. We trust that his enterprise in San Antonio will inspire

other sections to do likewise in the development of the material interests of our Methodism. We hope next fall to attend the session of the West Texas Conference in this handsome new structure and join with those good people in their rejoicing in the blessings of God upon their earnest efforts.

### BISHOP JNO. C. KEENER'S RESPONSE.

At the late Missionary Conference at New Orleans, a cane made from a tree taken from the grave of John Wesley was presented by Bishop Hendrix to our venerable Bishop Keener in the presence of the great multitudes, and the last issue of the New Orleans Advocate gives the following correct report of the response of the Bishop to the warm words of his younger colleague:

"Mr. President and Brothers of This Conference:—My good friend, Bishop Hendrix, who delighted us on Sabbath morning with one of those discourses which it is seldom the privilege of any audience to hear, has seen fit to place me this morning in a position of great peril, for surely I am too insignificant to interpose any unprepared words of mine upon the flood of pious discourse which is being poured upon you here from day to day. But I am grateful for the high honor which has been done me, and which I feel to be even the greater as I am brought after two distinguished brothers, far advanced in age like myself, with one of whom, at least, I have been identified in the closest and most intimate Christian fellowship for nearly half a century.

"But as I am brought upon this platform before you, I have it in my heart to say just one thing. During my long residence in this city I have seen ecclesiastical councils assembled which represented the great Christian bodies of this country; more than once the General Assembly of the highest ecclesiastical court in my Church, and the Annual and Quadrennial Conferences which have met here of your own great and venerated faith. The most distinguished among them all (at least, so far as my memory goes) is that which met in this city in 1806, immediately at the close of the great conflict between the two parts of this now reunited country.

"Brothers, there are times in human history when hearts are made one as the grapes which grow in a cluster upon the vine, and then there are times when the union of hearts is like these grapes when they have been put upon the wine press, and mingle their rich red blood as they flow together under the pressure.

"But there is a union—thanks to God—immeasurably higher than all; that union which we have in our blessed Lord in heaven, as he sits at the right hand of his Father upon his throne, and rings in us and through us by the presence of his indwelling Spirit, preparing us to experience that joy when we shall be with him in his kingdom, to behold his glory forever and forever.

"I thank God that I have lived to see this great assembly, and to receive the hearty greeting of hundreds of laymen, and the veterans and strong young men that now make up our ministry. I have gone in and out among you since 1842. What a noble body of great spirits have I lived with in this labor of love! When we separate we shall know where at last to find each other.

"Everything about this meeting gives me pleasure and I congratulate the Missionary Secretaries upon its grand success. It is said that every box of ointment, however precious, has a fly in it. Well, let it be so; one fly, or, maybe, two flies—that does not affect the delightful fragrance which diffuses itself through the house, or through the Church, or as the costly alabaster of Mary, throughout the world."

Beginning early in June, the Methodist preachers of Dallas will combine their forces and conduct tent meetings throughout the city. Committees have been appointed and are now engaged in preparing for the work. Many people will thus be reached who never visit our churches and much good will no doubt result from these services. The movement is under the leadership of the presiding elder, Rev. I. W. Clark.

### AN APPRECIATED TESTIMONIAL.

I think you are publishing the best and purest paper that it has ever been my privilege to read. It is something that the Church all over the State ought to be proud of. With my success in this grand enterprise, I am, your sister in Christ,  
 MRS. MARY POWELL,  
 Mars, Texas.

### TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. D. J. Martin, of Plano, looked in upon us recently, as is his custom, and brightened up the office with his presence.

Rev. J. R. Atchley, of Cedar Hill, called to see us the other day. He is one of our best workers, and a most decided success.

Rev. W. H. Stephenson, of Celeste, was recently in the city, and did not overlook the Advocate force. He is prospering on his work.

Rev. J. J. Clark is assisting Brother Stuckey in a good meeting at Sulphur Springs, and the prospects are bright for a successful service.

Bro. and Sister Steele, of San Marcos, are in the city, visiting their son's family, and they paid their respects also to the Advocate. They are among our very best people.

Bro. H. L. Bond, one of Bro. Duncan's stewards at Ennis, made us a delightful call last week. He is a Tennessean, and that brings us close together.

Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, of Plano, was in the city on business the other day, and looked in upon us. He has one of the most delightful charges in the conference, and he is working it well.

Rev. M. L. Hamilton, of Crandall, went on a little visit to Wise County with his family recently and on his way back spent the day in the city. Of course, he was in the office to see the force.

The sermon preached by Dr. W. M. Leftwich at El Paso, on the recent visit of President McKinley to that city, appears in full in this issue of the Advocate. It is worthy of a close reading.

Rev. E. A. Smith, presiding elder of the Abilene District, was in the city on business last week, and made us a welcome visit. His work is out in the West, but from all appearances those high winds agree with him.

Master James Hill, of Greenville, spent last Sunday in the city, and naturally gravitated to this office. Jim is a good boy, and popular with the Advocate force. His father has a good meeting in progress at Wesley.

We recently traveled a few miles on the train with Rev. J. A. Stafford, of the Sherman District, and he is in the spirits as to his work. He has rebuilt the district parsonage, and is now comfortably housed in his new place of abode.

Rev. F. A. Rosser, of the McKinney District, was in the city this week and called to see the Advocate folk. He is one of the new presiding elders, and, like his colleagues, he is doing a fine work on his new district. He is one of our best men, and his field is prospering.

In a private note from Rev. J. G. Putman, of the Gatesville District, he speaks most encouragingly of his work, and adds: "The Advocate is a hummer. Our people are very much pleased with it." He is a good judge, for he is a member of the Joint Board of Publication.

Bro. W. J. Wilson, who has been on a visit to the Indian Territory, while on his way to his home in San Saba, Texas, stopped over and spent a few hours in Dallas. His call at the Advocate office was much appreciated. He is an old-time Methodist, and an entertaining conversationalist.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Sallie E. Bateman, of Red River County. She was in her thirty-fourth year, and the sister of Rev. C. C. Davis, of Iowa Park, Texas. She was converted and joined the Church at Big Shanty, Ga., in 1880, and remained a good Christian woman all of her life.

Dr. V. H. Nixon, of Killeen, who some time ago offered himself to the Church for medical missionary work, has just been accepted by the Mission Board and assigned to work in connection with a hospital to be instituted in Monterey, Mexico. He will soon enter upon his new field of labor.

It is announced that Prof. Jno. E. Pritchett, of San Marcos, has been elected to the presidency of Coronal Institute, and has taken charge of his new position. Bro. Pritchett is well qualified for the place, and the trustees were fortunate in securing him. Brethren Thomas and Standfield did noble

work in the same position, but resigned a short time back. They have placed the school on a high plain, and the new administration will carry the work forward with continued success.

Death has again entered the family circle of Rev. S. L. Burke. A short time ago his wife passed to her reward, and now the little babe has departed. Bro. G. R. Hughes and his wife had taken the child to care for him until he could grow into a strong boy, but his earthly life was cut short and he is gone to be with his mother.

We are in receipt of the following invitation: "Rev. and Mrs. Jacob M. Binkley request the pleasure of your company at their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Wednesday, May the twenty-second, from 8 to 11 p. m. At home, Sherman, Texas. Anna A. Evans, Jacob M. Binkley." The Advocate extends congratulations, and wishes the happy couple many more years of usefulness.

In a letter from Dr. E. W. Solomon, written from Seale, Ala., we learn of the death at that place of his aged father. He was 79 years of age, and had been an itinerant preacher fifty-one years. He had been one of the most useful and successful members of his conference, and no better man ever lived and wrought for our Methodism. He died in great peace, and is gone to his sure reward.

At Whitewright last Monday we had the pleasure of meeting Bro. W. B. Womack, a venerable and useful layman of our Church. He had the misfortune to give up his devoted wife awhile back, who was called to her rich reward on high. Her obituary was printed in last issue of the Advocate, and there was one mistake in dates. She professed religion and joined the Church in 1855, instead of 1853, as printed. There never lived a better woman than Mrs. Bettie Womack, and her children, her husband and her neighbors rise up and call her blessed.

### METHODIST NEWS.

The baccalaureate address at Trinity College this year will be delivered by President J. C. Kilgo, on June 2. The sermon will be preached by Bishop Galloway, and Hamilton W. Mable will deliver the annual address.

Bishop Galloway will soon start on his episcopal tour to Brazil. He will tarry in that country looking after the interests of the Church till toward September, when he will return by way of the Ecumenical Conference in London. May he have a safe trip during this important visitation.

Bishop Vincent was the guest of honor at two meetings in Rome, held under the auspices of the National Committee of Sunday-schools. The first meeting was held on Saturday, March 29, in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association, and the second on Sunday, March 31, in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Epworth News says: The "printer's devil" is charged with a good many crimes of which he is innocent. On the first day's program it was stated that "Bishop J. C. Morris" would preside. Somebody may have felt that he was imbued with the prophetic spirit, but in defense of the "printer's devil" we will say that we do not believe he was the guilty party.

It is reported that the Rev. Dr. Wm. V. Kelley, editor of the Methodist Review, has been made a legate in the will of Elizabeth W. G. Mead, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was the former pastor of her Church, St. John's Methodist Church, Brooklyn, and is to receive the sum of \$20,000. She bequeathed \$5000 to the Church, and her books to the Norfolk Library.

The Rev. Dr. Goncher, of Baltimore, brought "down the house" at the Missionary Conference by his reference to "third blessing." He said that the first blessing was justification by faith, and the term "second blessing" was usually used to define "sanctification." He said that a person could have the "third blessing" without the first or second, but blessed was the person who had all three. The third blessing was the blessing of "common sense."

Writing of the recent great Missionary Conference held at New Orleans by the Church, South, Bishop Thoburn uses this: "The influence of this great Missionary Conference is destined to be far-reaching. The few Methodists who were present from the North could not but feel a little disturbed at times for the good name of their own Church when they saw our Southern brethren forging to the front, and apparently prepared to become leaders of the great

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missionary movement of the new century, while the more favored Church in the North seems almost ready to accept a second place in the column of advance."

We inadvertently omitted one spirited editor in our account last week of the editors present at the Missionary Conference—George L. Hackney, of the Epworth News, of Asheville, N. C. He was there, and his paper contained a fine account of the conference. He is a young man and a layman, and he edits an Epworth paper that knows how to make both ends meet. Such a man is worthy of success. The News is a sixteen-page, three-column periodical, and in every way up-to-date. We knew Bro. Hackney when he was a boy, and he always had rustling qualities.

Bishop Key is reported by the News correspondent with reference to the Missionary Conference at New Orleans as having said:

"It was glorious and it has enthused not only those interested at home, but it has put fresh zeal and fire in the hearts of the missionaries abroad, and we expect to hear continued good reports from them. We have assurances that the amount of money raised this year will be greater than ever before, not counting in the \$50,000 collected at the conference, which we regard as an overflow fund. As a general proposition I can conservatively state that the New Orleans conference has resulted in more good than has come from any previous meeting of a like nature and we have had in the past some great conferences."

"What steps have been taken about extending the work into our new possessions and those countries over whom there is likely to be more or less American influence?" was asked.

"The Northern Church will be allowed to establish all the Methodist missions in the Philippines and Porto Rico, while the Southern Church will be in complete control of the Methodist missions in Cuba. This is because the Philippines are nearer the Eastern missionary basis of the Northern Church and Porto Rico is more accessible to New York, while Cuba is almost as much a part of the South as Florida. The advancement of the missionary work in these fields by the respective Churches will in my judgment be quite rapid."

BOOK NOTICES.

"The Everlasting Harmony," by Rose Forter and published by the Revell Company, of Chicago. This is a series of essays, really, upon the Fatherhood of God. It comprises ten chapters, bringing out the relation that God sustains to his children under all of the circumstances of life. It is well written, very practical, deeply religious and very helpful.

"Illustrative Answers to Prayer," by Trumbull, and published by Revell Company, of Chicago. This is largely a booklet of the personal experiences of the author touching the dealings of God with him in answering prayer. Dr. Trumbull is a deeply spiritual man, and he lives in very close relation to God. He has tested the divine promises and speaks from personal experience. The little book will prove a blessing to all who will read it.

"Elements of Agriculture," by James Bolton McBride, C. E., and published by B. F. Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va. The author of this book is a teacher of eminence in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at the present time, but formerly he had charge of the chair of botany in the University of Tennessee. In this latter position it was our privilege to know him and to study in his department. He is a master of his profession, and his words carry the weight of authority upon the subjects of which he treats. As a matter of course, the book is prepared with reference to use in the school-room, and as such will prove a valuable contribution to this sort of literature. He takes up such subjects as "Sunlight," "Rain," "Atmosphere," and then proceeds with plants and their seeds. Next he investigates the different soils and how to improve them, and their adaptation to

certain products. Fertilizers come in for examination, and how to improve them. Animals, their foods and the like, are discussed. So the book is one of real merit as a text-book for school-room instruction.

"History of the Popess Joan," by Prof. M. N. Sevier, of Dallas, Texas. This is a compilation and a digest of the evidence from legend and from history to prove the real existence and the elevation of this wonderful woman to the Pontificate St. Peter; and the results of the investigation are thus published in neat pamphlet form and given to the public. It shows beyond all doubt that the Popess Joan lived in the ninth century; that a woman occupied the chair of St. Peter; that she was the recognized Vicar of Christ on earth, according to the usages of Rome; and that she exercised all of the rights of the Pontificate. There facts are stoutly denied by the Jesuit writers, because if they are true the myth of apostolic succession becomes invalidated. They look upon the very assumption that a woman ever occupied the chair of St. Peter as sacrilege and for a thousand years they have done their best to explode this story as a base delusion; but the facts are against them, and Mr. Sevier has gathered these materials and placed them in concrete form, where he who runs may read and understand.

"Nameless Immortals," by Rev. H. M. Sydenstricker, A. M., and published by the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, at Nashville. It is a prepossessing little volume of two hundred and thirty-four pages and written in a most fascinating style. Its principle characters are taken from those women in very humble and ostracized life by Christ and whose after history enters into the gospel story. As an illustration of the purpose and aim of the author, we make the following extract from the book: "These nameless characters reviewed in this little book are so wisely selected and so dexterously handled that they give us a many-sided view of human nature, and of Christ's dealings with sinners and saints. Not all of these nameless ones are from the lowest stratum of human depravity, nor are all of them from the very poor classes. They probably came from all classes, so that all are represented in Christ's dealing with them. \* \* \* And the results of his magic touch are made manifest." The book is worthy of a close reading.

LITERARY NOTES.

The May number of the American Illustrated Methodist Magazine is rich with most excellent reading. It opens with a fine article upon "Impressions of Southern Norway," illustrated and well written. Then follows "Filipinos and Filipinos;" but one of the most taking features is "Georgia Reminiscences." However, the "Illustrated History of Methodism," continued, is of most importance to Methodists. But the whole of it is very fascinating.

The May number of Scribner's Magazine is very inviting. It is fresh, up-to-date and brim full of literary matter. It treats on such subjects as "The Diary of a Goose Girl," "General Christian DeWet," "The Southern Mountaineers," "Saloons," "To Catch a Thief," and other matter of interest to the reading public.

The American Monthly Review this month is up to its usual high standard. It has a number of very valuable articles, such as "Edward Everett Hale," "The Steel Trust on the Great Lakes," "Russia's Readiness for War," "Funston: A Product of Kansas," "The Navy of Japan," "Municipal Elections and Their Meaning." It also contains many very fine illustrations and a number of comic ones.

The Homiletic Review for May is replete with excellent articles on a variety of leading topics; a large sermon department, and numerous sketches of sermons. To people who are interested in matter of this character, the Review is a helpful periodical. It contains a great deal of valuable material, and if judiciously used it is worthy a place in every preacher's study.

The Review of Missions for this month is worthy of the great theme it represents. It is edited by Drs. Lambuth and Pritchett and it ought to be read by all of our people. Bishop Granbery, Drs. Reid, Kelly, Tarbox and others treat a variety of subjects in the present issue in a most entertaining manner.

During the reunion of the Confederate Veterans at Memphis, Tenn., on May 29 and 30, the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway will sell tickets from Memphis to Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Macon and intermediate points at the rate of one fare, plus \$2.00, for the round trip.

NOTE FROM BRO. JNO. R. MORRIS

In reply to many brethren who have inquired as to how I came to have my arm broken, and also in the interests of veracity, I send a few lines to tell as to how the accident occurred.

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 2, I was on my way to visit a brother who lives in Pensacola, and on leaving the depot at Mobile had laid my right arm along the window-sill of the car, the elbow projecting very slightly. A little way from the depot the train passes through one of the busiest streets of the city, on which are several tracks very close together. A refrigerator car was being un-loaded on the track next the train that I was in, and the door being left open, swung within a few inches of the passing cars. This door scraped my arm from wrist to elbow and broke the bone of the upper arm about two inches above the elbow joint.

Ever since the accident occurred I have been confined in the home of my brother-in-law, Rev. T. A. White, receiving the best of treatment from himself and family, kindly services from other relatives and pleasant attentions from all the brethren here.

I wish to thank all the brethren who have written me so sympathetically, and especially the brethren in Weatherford who have been so kind and attentive to my family during my absence.

I expect to leave for Texas on the evening of Monday, May 28.

JOHN R. MORRIS (Dictated.) Per T. A. White, Mobile, Ala., May 18.

THE MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD.

After several unsuccessful attempts, the Texas Conference Board of Missions met for the first time in a mid-year meeting at Tabernacle Church, Houston, May 16, with the President, Rev. J. E. Cochran, in the chair. We had only five members of the board present—not one layman, three presiding elders and three of the nineteen missionaries. Though the attendance was small, the business was neither small nor unimportant. The addresses provided for by the program were dispensed with on account of the protracted services in progress at Shearn Church, where the popular and able pastor was conducting a revival. We were seriously disappointed by the unexpected detention of Rev. H. Bishop, D. D., of Waxahatchie, who was to be with us to aid us in getting our board started off on the mid-year plan, and he was also to deliver an address on Thursday night. We accept the inevitable, but will just hold our breath and hope the business will be more vigorous and direct administrative effort for full collections for missions from every pastoral charge. Our debts must be maintained at par, and payable at the banks at sight. Begin the year with at least two quarters' drafts in treasury. The board seeks the enthusiastic co-operation of presiding elders and pastors in meeting every disciplinary requirement in the missionary work of the Church.

The board will have a representative at each District Conference. The laymen of the Church are to be cultivated more systematically than formerly.

The Woman's Foreign and Home Missions Societies are to be emphasized. The officials and membership of our mission fields are to be taught that the Lord expects them to become self-supporting at the earliest possible date, and earnest methods of work will be insisted on to reach that end.

Presiding elders who ask for aid must make a written statement in regular form, furnishing full and detailed statement of the condition of the field he proposes to occupy.

The board proposes to hold mid-year meetings continuously. The above outlines of our policy may not seem very thorough to some of our neighbors who have long excelled us in business methods, but to us who have been too loose it is a big improvement. We beg the co-operation of all the preachers and laymen that the board may reach a higher efficiency, and prove a great blessing to our cause in the Texas Conference. J. B. SEARS, Secretary, Rockdale, Texas.

GALVESTON CHURCH.

Galveston, Texas, May 22, 1901.

Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas: My Dear Brother—Your favor of the 19th inst., with \$5.25, came duly to hand. Please accept our thanks for the continued and valued services of the Advocate in our efforts to build a church in Galveston. The time has come when we must begin building. Every dollar received will be of great help. Sincerely your brother, SETH WARD.

Galveston, Texas, May 18, 1901.

Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas: Dear Brother—Your favor of the 19th inst., with check for \$5.25 for school building fund, came duly to hand. Please accept our thanks. Sincerely your brother, SETH WARD.

DALLAS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

This body held its thirty-first annual session at Lewisville, Texas, May 12-19, 1901. The attendance was good, the session harmonious and spiritual, the hospitality abundant, the preaching of a high order, and the reports encouraging to a great degree. For J. W. Clark, the presiding elder, was in the chair, and presided to the satisfaction of all present, as well as by exhortation and example to greater endeavor, deeper consecration and better success during the remainder of the year.

The reports showed a large number of conversions during the year, and that the spiritual condition of the district as a whole was good. The amount of the salaries being paid up to date, and the conference collections practically provided for. The Church property is all in good condition, with few exceptions, and very little indebtedness resting on any of it.

Rev. R. W. Thompson, Bro. E. P. Williams, of Polkville, Chairman; Bro. G. C. Rankin, D. D., W. C. Everett, and Bro. J. M. Binkley, were present and addressed the conference in the forenoon of the various departments of work which they represent.

Delegates were elected to the Annual Conference as follows:

- REV. C. YOUNG, Moderator. I. BLAYLOCK, J. R. BOURLAND, H. V. McGRIDDOR, Alternates: J. M. Ramsey, R. Perkins, M. H. Foster, Davengert.

Rev. T. V. Davengert, Cedar Hill, was selected as the place for holding the next session.

Rev. H. J. Settle was recommended by the Annual Conference for recognition in orders.

Services were preached during the conference by Rev. R. W. Thompson, Bro. S. P. Ulrich, Bro. J. M. Nichols, Bro. L. S. Barton, Rev. J. L. Parris, D. D., Bro. J. M. Binkley, Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D., Rev. J. J. Morgan and Rev. R. G. Moad. All the pastors were present except Rev. L. P. Smith, who is absent traveling for his health, but Rev. J. H. Reynolds, who supplies his place during his absence, and the good people of Lewisville, entertained us royally, and we left with gratitude to our hearts toward them for their kindness, and with thanksgiving to God for his blessing upon us during the first half of the year. May He give us greater blessing and success in the remaining months of the conference year.

ROBERT GIBBS MORRIS, Sec'y.

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INDIAN MISSION DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

UNION.

The people of the Wood charge are anxious to make the District Conference a success. Therefore, we want each preacher of the Weatherford District to send me the names of all who are expected to attend the District Conference. Please write how many women as well as men are coming from your charge. We invite all who have a few days to spend in serving the Lord. Pray for a glorious time. C. S. SHIRES, P. O.

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At the time when many thousands of people who have never before seen Mrs. McKinley will have had a glimpse of "The First Lady of the Land" as a consequence of the Presidential tour, it will interest them to learn of the domestic life of Mrs. McKinley's life. This is very carefully and sympathetically described by Washburn Parsonet in the June following just out.

Sunday-School Department.

SECOND QUARTER, LESSON 9, JUNE 2.

JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST IN HEAVEN.

Heb. 9:11-14:24-28.

Golden Text: "He ever liveth to make intercession."—Heb. 7:25.

From the Preacher's Magazine we take the following:

Many doubts have existed as to the authorship of the Book of Hebrews. The ancients have asserted it to be Paul's, and no sufficient proof is produced to gainsay it.

The object of this epistle is to show the superiority of the gospel to the former covenant, and that mainly by exhibiting, from the Scriptures and from the nature of the case, the superiority of Jesus himself to both the messengers and the high priests of that former covenant.

The epistle was designed primarily for Jewish Christians of Palestine, who were tempted to relapse into Judaism, and for other Jewish Christians, and also for the benefit of Jewish readers throughout the world, and lastly for universal use.

When clearly stated thoughts biblical students ought to follow, viz.: "The (two-fold) tabernacle, with its gorgeous furniture, and its priestly and high priestly ritual, was without worth, but as a type (1:10 verses)."

The argument in verses 12 and 13, for the Divine efficiency of the Atonement, drawn from three comparative points are: 1. The blood of animals—the blood of Christ. 2. The purifying of the flesh—the purifying of the conscience. 3. Through animal life—through eternal spirit.

We recommend a careful study of Whedon upon these verses.

II. ONCE FOR ALL.

"Of old stood the altar, smoking with sacrificial fires, and spotted with the blood of countless victims. But those sacrifices could never take away sins, for they were only the shadows of the great offering that was yet to be rendered. That offering has been made—Christ shed his own blood, and, once for all, has obtained eternal redemption for the whole world, conditioned only by faith."—Neely and Doherty.

III. GREAT AND COMFORTING LESSONS.

(a) There is no ingratitude so vile, no despair so black, no sin so overwhelming that he can not bring rescue. Let us believe that, as the need of salvation abides through all our existence—for we are dependent to the last on the power of God—so to the uttermost of the ages the saving power reaches, holds and blesses.

(b) We are never alone in our struggle with temptations, or when the waves and the billows of sorrow roll over our heads, or when we fear as we enter the cloud which hides yet holds the ineffable glory. As we turn to friends, to give us their sympathy, let us rest more constantly on the power of our living and best Friend above.

(c) Looking away from ourselves to him we may win victory after victory by faith, and at last come unto his presence whom we have loved, and to him, as the ages roll, shall be the victory and the song.—Edward N. Packard, D. D.

Epworth League Department.

June 2: "How to Get Rid of Sin."—1 John 1:5-10. (Topic outlined in Era of May 16.)

Reference Word, Redemption, Pa. xlv:8; Rom. iii:24; Eph. i:7. Daily Bible Readings: S. Not by Animal Goodness; Rom. iii:10-19. M. Not by Works; Rom. iii:20-21. T. Not by Animal Sacrifices; Heb. x:1-14. W. By the Mercy of God; Ps. ciii:1-18. T. By the Atonement of Christ; Rom. v. F. By Faith in Jesus; Rom. x:1-10. S. How to Get Rid of Sin; 1 John 1:5-10.

THE DREADFUL FACT OF SIN.

1. Man is a sinner before God. The Scriptures assert it, consciousness reveals it, observation proves it.

2. God regards sin judicially. As

the sovereign of all he must, in his judicial capacity, consider infractions of his law, and uphold the majesty of the divine government.

3. Man must get rid of sin in some way, or be destroyed forever. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

METHODS OF GETTING RID OF SIN.

1. Animal sacrifices. Abel offered them by divine commandment. The custom spread, and various animals, even human beings, were offered to appease the wrath of Deity. All in vain. (Micaiah vi:7; Heb. x:5.)

2. Personal works. The law demands obedience in the smallest point, which is impossible to one born in sin. We are "justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

3. All human methods are shown by experience to be ineffective. The natural man is as far from heaven to-day as Adam was when he was expelled from Paradise.

THE BLOOD OF JESUS.

1. It purchases salvation. We are "bought with a price." (Acts xx:28; 1 Cor. vi:20; Gal. i:5, 6; Rev. v:9.)

2. It justifies. It brings us into right relations with the divine government, obtains our pardon, and removes the liability of punishment for sin. (Ps. ciii:12; Isa. xliii:25; Rom. viii:1.)

3. It makes peace with God. It terminates the fatal war which sin kindled between earth and heaven. (Rom. v:10; Col. i:21.)

4. It sanctifies. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7; 1 Thess. iv 7.)

5. It gives the victory over sin and Satan. (Verse 5; Rev. vii:14-17.)

HOW TO APPROPRIATE THE BLOOD OF JESUS.

We eat his flesh and drink his blood by faith in him as our Redeemer, Savior and Messiah. (John vi:48-58.)

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

BLESSED ASSURANCE.

Methodism teaches that he who is saved by the blood of Christ shall have a blessed consciousness of the fact. "I know whom I have believed." This is called assurance. It comes from the witness of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. viii:16.) This is the high privilege of all believers. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself."

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Dallas, July 9 to 11, inclusive.

It is sufficient to say that it is very important to both Church and League that we hold a great conference in Dallas this year. We expect it. Following as it does the mighty conferences of last fall and the wonderful meetings of this spring, and just preceding the great meeting at San Francisco July 18, the Texas Leaguers are enthusiastically preparing to come.

Let all the pastors and Leaguers of the State that would enjoy it with us, send in your names, so that we may not be crowded at the last moment.

SOME FEATURES OF THE CONFERENCE.

We expect to have the session opened by the same venerable Bishop who organized the State League here in 1892.

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Some of the most vital problems confronting the League will be discussed by some of our greatest men.

Preachers entertained free. Leaguers can secure very low rates at many of the hotels and boarding-houses.

The railroads offer the rate of one and one-tenth fare from points over 100 miles from Dallas; round trip, shorter distances, one and one-third fare.

Sunrise prayer-meetings will be held in every Methodist church in the city each morning. All may attend.

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Send in your names. FRANK REEDY, President State League.

TEXAS LEAGUES WHO HAVE PAID STATE TAX.

Table listing Texas Leagues who have paid state tax, including Harris Chapel, Colorado City, Kyle, Houston, San Marcos, Wadley, Longview, Eagle Pass, Seguin, Pleasant Grove (West Texas), Mill Creek, Duda, Trinity, Sulphur Bluff, Runge, Luling, Plano, Ghoben, Polytechnic College, Gonzales, Whitt, Ashby, Taylor, Fifth Street, Waco, Waxahatchie, Caruth, Navasota, Luling, Avarado, Corn Hill, Weatherford, Counts Memorial, Clarksville, Cedar Bayou, Greenville, Farmersville, San Antonio, Travis Park, Nevada, Dallas, First Church, Lockhart, Van Alstyne, Calvert, Total \$14 80.

Leagues who have responded to the call of State Secretary for contributions of one dollar each to pay off old debt:

Table listing leagues who have responded to the call of State Secretary for contributions, including McKinney, Honey Grove, Colorado, Pleasant Grove, Maxwell, Forney, San Marcos, Calvert, Van Alstyne, Gainesville, Broadway, Dallas, Oak Lawn, Houston, McAshan Chapel, Houston, Providence Street, Home, Greenville, Wesley Chapel, Paris, Centenary, Bowie, Sulphur Bluff, Gus W. Thomason, Total \$20 20.

BRAIN FOOD.

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Nearly everyone will admit that as a nation we eat too much meat and too little of vegetables and the grains. For business men, office men and clerks, and in fact everyone engaged in sedentary or indoor occupations, grains, milk and vegetables are much more healthful.

Only men engaged in a severe outdoor manual labor can live on a heavy meat diet and continue in health.

As a general rule, meat once a day is sufficient for all classes of men, women and children, and grains, fruit and vegetables should constitute the bulk of food eaten.

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BOWIE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The twentieth annual session of the Bowie District Conference convened in Wichita Falls May 7, 1901, at 9 a. m., Rev. J. M. Peterson, presiding elder, in the chair.

Rev. T. L. Rippey was elected Secretary. The presence of every pastor and fifty-nine lay delegates was gratifying.

The weather was superb. Bro. Beckham was our host, and right royally did he entertain. The citizens of Wichita Falls took a great interest in the meeting, the large church being comfortably filled even at the business sessions. They entertained with abundant hospitality. The ladies out there received the praise of the conference for their lavish decoration of the church with plants and flowers. The people of the surrounding country came in every day and listened to the business and heard the preaching.

While all the necessary business was transacted, yet the disciplinary injunction to make prominent the religious services was diligently regarded. A deep spiritual feeling prevailed in all the sessions, the keynote being struck in the opening sermon by Rev. W. M. P. Rippey on "Endowment of the Holy Spirit's Power for Service." Bro. Peterson presided over our deliberations with all fairness, and there was no lack of harmony, the brethren manifesting the Master's charity in all discussions, both public and in committee.

A genuine missionary spirit also prevailed. Bro. Sil Stark, a layman from Jackboro, who had attended the New Orleans Conference, fired us with his enthusiasm for the cause of missions. By a rousing vote we declared our purpose to bring up the missionary collections in full, and in this declaration the laymen were the most enthusiastic. The fact is, in this conference the laymen took the most active part in the business, making speeches and motions and heading all the collections that were taken liberally. The preaching was of high order, each sermon preached being attended by the Holy Spirit, whose power swept the audience.

The following is a partial summary of the happenings, with certain reflections also:

Rev. R. W. Thompson came, saw and conquered to the tune of sixty-eight dollars for the Orphanage. Uncle Dick has a brand-new sermon.

Ye Mister Editor spent one day and preached a soul-stirring sermon. He is one of us, and we were glad to see him. Dr. Nunn, of Polytechnic, was present during the entire session. He talked with the delegates, made a good speech on education and incidentally secured patronage for his school.

Dr. Alderson, of the Paris District, some time P. M. out here, was another visitor whose presence was highly appreciated, and whose sermon we greatly enjoyed.

Bro. Crutchfield, Wages and Nash occupied the pulpit, as well as the other brethren mentioned.

R. R. Stanton was granted license to preach. G. W. Whistler was recommended to Annual Conference for admission on trial. J. J. Hines is a candidate for deacon's orders, being recommended by us.

An Educational Loan Fund was created for the benefit of needy young preachers. G. J. Wilson, of Chico, will receive twenty-five dollars. He goes to Vanderbilt next year.

W. F. Manning, of Wichita Falls, a converted Jew, was granted seventy-five dollars also. He is at Mrs. Wall's School now. There is money enough left for another young man.

W. F. Manning, Sil Stark, Rev. G. W. Walzler and G. G. Nelson are delegates to Annual Conference.

On Thursday morning an old-fashioned breakfast was conducted by Rev. P. A. Edwards. This was one of the best features of the conference.

Another delightful service was the baptism of several infants by the presiding elder, as was also the reception of several members into the Church by pastor Beckham.

The reports showed salaries well up and good revivals at several places. Collections partly up in a few places; while Bro. Lee Rippey, at Alvord, had more than his up in cash and good subscriptions. This is a splendid record.

A new parsonage at Boyd, a new church at Bryson, debts paid at Chico and five hundred dollars added to parsonage at Bellevue were among improvements noted.

Arrangements were made to hold a district camp-meeting, beginning August 2, at a place not yet designated, but to be announced soon. Laymen and preachers from the six counties in the district agreed to attend and camp. Bro. Peterson will have charge.

Taken all in all, a more religious District Conference was never held out here, some of the older brethren saying that they had never attended such a delightful meeting in many years.

We have a noble band of staunch preachers, who faithfully and unflinchingly take their load of instrument, and they deserve the thanks and prayers of the Church in other parts.

I know I shall be pardoned for referring to our presiding elder personally, and what I say will be but the reflection of the sentiment of the whole Church out here. Bishop Chandler never made a wiser selection.

Bro. Peterson has thrown his whole life into his work. A patient, but firm, presiding officer, a deeply pious Christian gentleman and spiritual preacher, he magnifies his position and measures up to the responsibilities and opportunities of his office, and Zion suffers not in his hands. He has the strong love and respect of all, and the whole Church is encouraged to believe that greater things are yet in store for us under the leadership of this faithful servant of the Lord.

The next conference goes to Paradise-Wise County. E. R. EDWARDS, May 15, 1901.

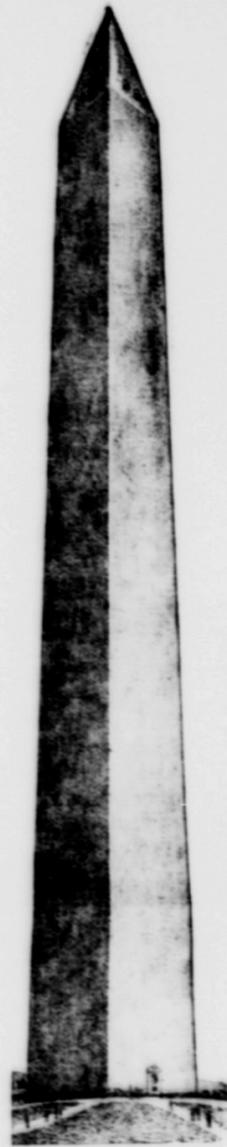
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# Higher Than Washington Monument.

Could all the chairs, crutches and other devices for the comfort and help of rheumatic sufferers be gathered in one great pile, Washington Monument, the tallest, most beautiful and imposing shaft ever erected in any age or by any nation, would seem small in comparison. Millions are expended every year in a fruitless effort for relief from the torturing pains of Rheumatism. Potash, the various alkalis and mineral salts, baths, electricity, plasters and liniments are faithfully and patiently tried without success, and at last the despondent, pain-racked sufferer, hopeless and perhaps moneyless, must hobble through life on crutches or spend the greater part of time in the invalid chair. The old methods of treating Rheumatism will be abandoned when the disease is better understood. It is the height of folly to dose with acids an already too acid blood; to cure a disordered stomach with medicines that further irritate and nauseate, and this is just what the treatment that is usually prescribed does. To build up the constitution and purify the blood is the only rational treatment for Rheumatism, and for this purpose S. S. S. is pre-eminently the greatest and most reliable medicine ever discovered. It is a simple vegetable blood purifier and tonic, but combines all the properties that make a perfect and safe cure for Rheumatism. There is nothing in it to inflame the stomach; there is everything in it to build you up and purify the diseased blood. Whether the pains be muscular or articular, no matter in what part of the body, they are caused by an over acidity of the blood, and so long as this poisoned blood circulates through the system the pains and aches will continue.



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### SOME QUESTIONS.

In the Advocate of May 2, 1901, H. G. H. says: "The crucifixion not a necessity was obscurely and illogically argued by G. W. Banks in a late Nashville Advocate, and the theory ably refuted by J. M. Weems in same paper of April 8."

As there are brethren in Texas as obscure and illogical as Bro. Banks who may not read the Nashville Advocate, but who read the Texas Christian Advocate will Bro. H. G. H. or some one else of his way of thinking, answer the following questions and thus aid his benighted brethren?

Was the crucifixion of Jesus wicked? If not, why is it said, "Ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God raised up," etc.?

If it was wicked, was that wickedness necessary to the salvation of the world? Did God put wickedness into his plan of redemption? Is that consistent with the divine nature?

If crucifixion was necessary, how about other indignities heaped upon the innocent sufferer? Were they also necessary?

When ruffians buffeted him, were they doing God's will or helping to save a sinful world?

Did spitting on the Master help to save sinners?

If they were carrying out God's plan, can they rightfully claim a reward at the last day for having thus helped so wonderfully in the great plan of redemption? If not, why?

If death by crucifixion was necessary, has the world been redeemed?

Did Jesus die of crucifixion?

Did any one ever die of crucifixion in the same length of time that Jesus died on the cross?

Did he not say, "No man taketh my life from me; I lay it down of myself?"

It seems to me that the necessity theory of Calvinism ought to be left out of our Arminian theology, even though it may appear new to some.

W. H. H. BIGGS.

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### A TEXAS WONDER.

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#### A WORD AS TO FACTORIES.

Manufacturers have proven, the books of the wealth values owned by the Eastern and Middle States, and are impeding commerce in favor of the Southern States, possessing necessary facilities. Texas has been blessed in the matter of natural resources. Curious explorations and accident have revealed the presence of large mineral deposits, and these with the more familiar products of the soil, vitally elements which make manufacturing possible and necessary, that the people of Texas secure their full advantage of existing conditions. The producers of raw material are dependent upon the season for compensation. These communities which manufacture draw upon the raw material, and continue to augment in matter how short the crops. The demand for factory products is never ceasing, and with our raw materials going in a steady stream beyond the State and the manufactured article coming in equally as steadily, it may be seen at a glance that the conditions are not equitable. The balance is against us, and will continue so until such time in the State is provided with establishments which will convert the fruits of plain, field and orchard and

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Mr. Jacob A. Hill, autobiographer, published under the signature, "The Making of an American," in The Outlook, continues to attract attention and forms one of the most popular serial features ever published in that periodical. The installment contained in the May Magazine Number results in a somewhat interesting way on many incidents and adventures which befell the young French immigrant in his attempt to gain a foothold in American life. The full-length story is published in the "The Making of an American," by Mr. Thomas T. Fortune, who is rapidly becoming better known as one of the best of American magazine writers. The Outlook Company, 27 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

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The time for holding the District Conferences in our bounds is drawing near, and it is hoped that the Secretaries of the various districts will plan interesting programs and urge all auxiliaries to send delegates. Get the presiding elders and pastors to aid you in making your part of the District Conference the most interesting and helpful of the occasion.

Let us all strive to make this the successful year of our existence. In view of the fact that Mrs. D. L. Sanders, Secretary of Tyler District, has moved from the bounds of our conference, Mrs. G. V. Ridley, of Mineola, is appointed to fill the unexpired term.

MRS. A. S. WHITEHURST, Pres. Conf. Society, Marshall, Texas.

A MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

One of the immediate results of the General Missionary Conference is an aggressive forward movement to emancipate the home Church from indifference and lethargy. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions held a meeting of all delegates present while in New Orleans, and a resolution was carried to request each missionary at home on leave to write a letter of her work, which the General Secretary, Conference and District Secretaries were to send to each auxiliary. I send the first letter of this series to the Woman's Department of the Advocate, hoping thereby it may reach some one who can not be reached through the auxiliaries.

This pen-picture can not fail to increase our interest in our Szechow work, where Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Park are rendering such effective service.

MRS. I. H. POTTS, Cor. Sec. W. F. M. S., N. T. Conf., Gainesville, Texas.

LETTER BY MRS. NORA L. PARK, SOCHOW, CHINA.

Our hospital is for men, and we try to have all men patients, not only in the wards, dispensary and out-calls, but as private patients—that is, those who come to our house with friends; but here we meet a difficulty that is not easily done away with. After being seventeen years in a place, a man is well known, and having cured some men, the friends of this man, whether men, women or children, all want the same physician, hence the frequent requests from the women to be seen by the "Old Doctor."

Once he goes into a family, it makes an opportunity for friendly inquiries as to his wife and children, and the first thing I know here comes a boat-load of people, or a procession of chairs bringing ladies, with their servants following or running ahead. They come with the introduction: "Dr. Park has been to see So-and-So." Whereupon I am supposed to know all about the case—what Dr. Park thought about it, what medicines were prescribed, and the prospect of a cure. It will readily be seen that I have to keep my wits about me to remember all that I get from the doctor, so as to have the right answers ready for those who ask me, thus helping them to feel that we are really interested in them. Whole afternoons have been taken up in entertaining these ladies. Some of them are frightened at first, and I often wonder at their daring to come into a foreign house when they believe so many dreadful things about us. It always fills me with happiness when I see how undisguisedly astonished they are when they find they can understand me. I always feel convinced more strongly each time that it ought to be the duty of each one, who has learned the language when a child, to work for these people, who are so hard to reach. I talk to them, play on the piano for them, sing to them, show them the life-size mannikin, which fills them with awe and makes them exclaim: "Foreigners are wise," take them all over the house; for I like them to get it well impressed on their minds as to our regard for cleanliness, and also to show them that we have no dreadful hidden horrors of which we are ashamed. We have tea and cakes served, look at pictures, talk on all sorts of subjects, and in a few cases have had geography and Bible studies. I scarcely ever fail to find a good opportunity for presenting the gospel. It may be presumptuous, but I feel that during the past year I have been in position to do as much good as the most of authorized workers, and with love for these people, my heart in the work, and praying God for his blessing, who can limit the results that may come "some day, some time?"

Since last conference I have had in

all two hundred and thirty-five different lady callers, all these, with but few exceptions, being brought to me through our medical work. These two hundred and thirty-five would mean three times that number, probably, had I registered the servant women and children who have come with them, and who of course had the opportunity of hearing and seeing all that the ladies were told and shown. There have been other visitors, some Christian friends or Church members, some poor people who have come in for various reasons, but I have only kept an account of the much-to-be-pitied Chinese ladies, who seldom ever leave their homes, and who come to me with a mixture of curiosity to see a foreign lady and her home, and a feeling of pleased gratitude for the foreign physician's aid and interest.

I could write whole books on the subject of Chinese ladies and their needs, so deeply do I feel for them in their much-deplored state. Many of these ladies have come to me time and again, some have talked to us as to one of their own family, weeping as they poured out the misery of their hearts and lives, without hope for the future, and without a certainty even for the present.

Two young ladies who were with me daily for some weeks, while having eye treatment, expressed themselves as believing and quite ready and willing to come into the Church, but their friends, of course, objected, and they were not strong enough to take the step in spite of so much opposition. Another lady and her husband insisted upon being allowed to go into the Church, he wanting to build a church, and she willing to give of her wealth, but we feel they need more teaching, and in the meantime we are praying for them. A young man, whose eyes were cured, when he was nearly blind, was ready, he and his wife, to accept our religion, but a return to their home and friends put a stop to such a step for the present.

In towns all about us are people full of gratitude for cures that have been made, and who are constantly begging us to come to see them. The "Epworth," built for the purpose of following up these patients, has been very nearly useless, just because we have more than we can do to keep up with the work just at hand.

God has indeed greatly blessed us, and we thank him for all he has done and is doing.

MARRIAGES.

McKee-Abernathy.—In the Methodist Church, Ropes City, Texas, Wednesday, May 1, 1901, at 8 p. m., Mr. Marvin McKee, son of the lamented Rev. J. M. McKee, of the North Texas Conference, and Miss Berts Abernathy, accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Abernathy, Rev. J. Marvin Nichols officiating.

Padgett-Fritz.—At the residence of the bride's parents, 99 Noble Street, Wednesday, May 8, 1901, at 8 p. m., by Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, Mr. J. D. Padgett and Miss Lillie May Fritz, both of Dallas, Texas.

Walker-Parish.—At the residence of the bride's parents, four miles south of Leonard, Texas, Mr. W. A. Walker of Cadde, L. T., and Miss Angie Parish, Rev. S. L. Hall officiating.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

May 8—Z. B. Pirtle, subs. T. J. Layton, charge. H. M. Sears, sub. J. H. Trimble, has attention. R. J. Birdwell, has attention. A. H. Hussey, sub. H. J. Maxwell, sub. L. G. Rogers, sub. W. S. Easterling, sub. J. P. Wagner, sub. May 10—F. B. Hibborn, sub. J. H. Geyer, sub. L. H. McGee, has attention. R. F. Dunn, sub. H. M. Pirtle, sub. W. W. Harner, sub. P. P. Ray, sub. R. A. Walker, sub. E. R. Wallace, charge. J. W. Harmon, sub. W. J. Morphis, sub. Nath. Thompson, charge. F. L. Allen, charge.

May 11—W. W. McAnally, sub. W. T. McDonald, sub. M. H. Neely, sub. Atterton Webb, sub. J. B. Davis, sub. May 12—Walter Griffith, charge. W. M.

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All of God's demands are but invitations to privileges.—Ram's Horn.

Lane, sub. I. F. Pace, sub. D. W. Perkins, sub. J. A. Walkup, sub. May 11—S. P. Brown, sub. has attention. J. A. Pledger, sub. W. H. Brock, sub. Chas. E. Brown, sub. W. O. Shurtart, has attention. R. S. Helzer, sub. May 12—R. J. Smith, sub. S. W. Turner, sub. L. R. Tooley, sub. L. G. White, sub. May 13—A. L. Scales, sub. J. A. Phillips, sub. E. S. Williams, sub. has attention. G. E. Holley, sub. R. R. Wagner, sub. W. S. Easterling, sub. J. A. Old, sub. M. P. Daniel, sub. May 14—A. A. Kidd, has attention. J. M. Adams, sub. E. P. Buck, sub. May 15—H. M. Sears, sub. P. P. Ray, sub. May 20—E. L. Spurlock, sub. A. S. Whitehurst, sub. E. L. Sisk, sub. W. M. Overholwood, sub. G. C. Hardy, sub. T. T. Blodworth, sub. Zoro B. Pirtle, trial sub. May 21—L. M. Fowler, sub. L. F. Palmer, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. Jno. M. Barcus, sub. H. M. Pirtle, sub. Jno. S. Davis, sub. H. H. Greenhouse, sub. G. S. Mills, sub. S. D. Cook, sub. G. E. Cameron, has attention. May 22—T. T. Booth, sub. J. W. Beckham, sub. J. H. Reynolds, sub. H. B. Smith, has attention. J. M. Smith, sub.

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Edward A. Allen, Ph.D., professor English in the University of Missouri, discusses "The English of the Twentieth Century New Testament," which is at this time attracting so much attention and discussion at the hands of the Methodist preachers in Texas. Prof. Allen commends this new translation into English, very highly, and calls attention to a number of instances of obscure meaning in the authorized version which are thoroughly clarified in this translation. Considered as a whole, he considers the Twentieth Century New Testament as worthy of a hearty welcome from readers of the Bible who do not regard the various versions as distinctly inspired. On the other hand, he calls attention to some rhetorical and poetic defects in this English rendition.

Our Dr. G. C. Rankin, of the Texas Christian Advocate, has a sketch of Rev. John W. F. McKenzie, D. D., the pioneer of Methodist education in Texas. To a Texas, the author and subject of this contribution are sufficient guaranty of its merit.

Dr. Tigert's editorial department is up to the usual standard of his ability. His comments on the topics of the day, ecclesiastical events, his book reviews, etc., are well worth the perusal of every one.

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Waco District—Third Round. Hewitt, at Spring Valley, June 1 2. Morrow Street, June 8 9. Abbott, at Lynum, June 15 16. Whitney, June 22 23. Moody, June 29 30. Fifth Street, July 6 7. West, July 13 14. District Conference, at Moody, June 27 28. B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Third Round. Hillsboro ch. at Hillsboro, June 1 2. Ferris ch. at Bristol, June 8 9. Palmer ch. at Chapel Hill, June 15 16. Waxahachie ch. at Waxahachie, June 22 23. Itasca ch. at Pleasant Point, June 29 30. Lovelace ch. at Mountain Spgs., June 29 30. Grandview ch. at Barnesville, 11 a. m. July 6 7. Alvarado ch. at Alvarado, July 13 14. Venus ch. at Wyatt, 11 a. m. July 20 21.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. San Angelo District—Third Round. San Angelo cr. at Leppan, 4th Sun. May. Sherwood, at Sherwood, 4th Sun. May. Merdville, at Copera, 24 July 7. Brady, 4th Sun. July. Milburn, 4th Sun. July. Pontotoc, 24 Sun. July. Mason, 24 Sun. July. Theophilus Lee, P. E. San Antonio District—Third Round. Hondo and Devine, 24 Sun. June. Pleasanton cr., 24 Sun. June. Moore cr., 4th Sun. June. Sherman cr., 5th Sun. June. Comal, 8 p. m. 5th Sun. June. Bexar cr., 1st Sun. July. Pearsall, June 27. Cotulla, July 4.

Hardwell ch. at Avalon, July 12 14. Fog ch. at Auburn, July 19 20. Midlothian ch. at Midlothian, July 26 27. Red Oak ch., July 26 27. Milford ch. at Berry's, July 27 28. Ray ch. at Bethel, 11 a. m. Aug. 3. Kniss ch. at Ennis, Aug. 3 4. Crisp ch. at Carroll, Aug. 10 11. Horace Bishop, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round. Hutto, June 1 2. Bartlett cr., June 8 9. W. L. Nolms, P. E. Dublin District—Second Round. Hico, at Lanham, May 25 26. Carson, etc., at Jewell, May 29 30. W. L. Nolms, P. E. Weatherford District—Second Round. Elvasville, at Irvin's Chapel, May 25 26. Harperville, at Harperville, June 1 2. Gordon, June 8 9. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. Sherman District—Third Round. Denton, Waples Memorial, 24 Sun. June. Denton Mission, 24 Sun. June. Whitewright, 24 Sun. June. Whitesboro, 4th Sun. June. Sherman, Travis Street, 5th Sun. June. Sherman, Willow Street, 5th Sun. June. Shermanville, 1st Sun. July. Sherman cr., 24 Sun. July. Southmayd, 24 Sun. July. Pottsboro and Preston, 4th Sun. July. Van Alstyne, 1st Sun. Aug. Toga, 24 Sun. Aug. Bell, 24 Sun. Aug. Gordonsville, 4th Sun. Aug. Howe, 24 Sun. Sept. Pilot Grove, 24 Sun. Sept. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Greenville District—Third Round. Commerce sta., 24 Sun. June. Quinlan, at Spring Town, 24 Sun. June. Fairlie, at Fairlie, 4th Sun. June. Lone Oak, at Twin Oak, 24 Sun. June. Kingston, at White Rock, 24 Sun. July. Greenville, Wesley Church, 24 Sun. July. Campbell, at Jones' Bethel, 4th Sun. July. Merit at Harrell's Chapel, 1st Sun. Aug. Wolfe City, 24 Sun. Aug. Commerce mts. at Center, 24 Aug. 20. Celeste, at Lane, 4th Sun. Aug. Greenville, Kavanaugh, 1st Sun. Sept. Greenville mts., 24 Sun. Sept. Leonard, 24 Sun. Sept. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Dallas District—Third Round. Oak Lawn, 11 a. m. June 9. Haskell, 5 p. m. June 9. West Dallas, 11 a. m. June 16. Oak Cliff, 8 p. m. June 16. Gray, 11 a. m. June 23. Floyd, 8 p. m. June 23. Farmers Branch, June 29 30. Lancaster, July 6 7. Wheatland, at Wilmer, July 13 14. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at D., July 20 21. Argyle, at China's Chapel, July 27 28. Denton, Aug. 3 4. First Church, 11 a. m. Aug. 10. Trinity, 8 p. m. Aug. 17. Grand Prairie, Aug. 24 25. Lewisville, Aug. 31, Sept. 1. Caruth, Aug. 31, Sept. 1. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Third Round. Como cr. at Forest, 24 Sun. June. Bolly Springs, at Prater's Valley, 4th Sun. June. Mt. Vernon, at Hopewell, 1st Sun. July. Lake Creek, at Ennis, 24 Sun. July. Sulphur Springs sta., 24 Sun. July. Cumby cr. at Barker's Sp., 4th Sun. July. Sulphur Bluff, at Nettie, 1st Sun. Aug. Den Franklin, at B. F., 24 Sun. Aug. Winstboro sta., 24 Sun. Aug. County Line, at Moss Chap., 4th Sun. Aug. Cooper, 24 Sun. Sept. Haggin Fort, 24 Sun. Sept. The District Conference will convene in Cooper June 27, at 9 o'clock a. m. Conference sermon will be preached 11 a. m. same day. C. R. Fladger, P. E.

Gainesville District—Third Round. Aubrey, at Oak Grove, June 1 2. Pilot Point, June 8 9. Gainesville mts., June 15 16. Broadway, Gainesville, June 22 23. Denton Street, Gainesville, June 29 30. Secena, June 29 30. Montague, at Mt. Tabor, June 29 30. Richer, at Ringgold, June 29 30. Rounder and Roubert, at Justin, June 29 30. Bonita, at Corinth, July 6 7. Sanger, at Bolivar, July 13 14. Rosston, at Rosston, July 20 21. Marysville, at Van Slyke, July 27 28. St. Jo, at Myra, July 27 28. Ira and Valley View, at Spring Creek, Aug. 3 4. Woodbine, Aug. 10 11. Spanish Fort, at Prairie Mound, Aug. 17 18. Dexter, Aug. 24 25. Burns, Aug. 24 25. J. I. Morris, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round. Chiles, at Sand Flat, May 12 13. Bryson, at Oak Glen, May 19 20. Jacksboro, May 26 27. Greenwood, at Rush Branch, May 26 27. Rhame, at Rhame, May 26 27. J. M. Peterson, P. E. Bonham District—Second Round. Brockton and High, 4th Sun. May. Trenton and Marvin, 1st Sun. June. Lannus, 21 Sun. June. Hardolph, 24 Sun. June. Gober, 4th Sun. June. Pannin, 5th Sun. June. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

West Texas Conference. Golden, at Davis Chapel, June 7. Maudslayi, at Ing. Sady, June 7. Tyler cr. at Red Springs, June 14 15. Wills Point mts. at Clifton, June 15 16. Wills Point sta., June 16 17. Cedar Street and St. Paul, June 16 17. Lindale, at Harris Chapel, June 23 24. Grand Saline, at Crossville, July 7 8. Canton, at Morris Chapel, July 14 15. Malakoff, at Malakoff, July 20 21.

West End, July 11. Prospect Hill, July 19. South Heights and South Flores Street, 24 Sun. July. Del Rio, July 27 28. Eagle Pass, July 24 25. Uvalde, July 24 25. Carrizo and Batesville, July 26. Travis Park, 24 Sun. July. Utopia, 4th Sun. July. B. Harris, P. E.

Cuero District—Third Round. Runge, at Helena, 1st Sun. June. Sweet Home, at Terryville, 24 Sun. June. Victoria, at Victoria, 24 Sun. June. Edna, 24 Sun. July. Rancho, at Sandle, 4th Sun. July. Flannonia cr. at Middletown, June 22. Clear Creek, at Cheapside, 24 Sun. Aug. Leoville, at Hancock, 24 Sun. Aug. Ganado, at Hubler, 4th Sun. Aug. Cuero, Aug. 20. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

Beeville District—Third Round. Sutherland Springs, at Elmendorf, May 25 26. Laveria, at Sandy Elm, June 1 2. Laredo sta., June 8 9. Corpus and Rockport, at R., June 15 16. Oakville cr. at Lebanon, June 22 23. Wade's cr. at Skidmore, July 6 7. Beeville sta., July 13 14. J. M. Alexander, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round. Boerne cr., May 25 26. Llano sta., June 1 2. San Saba mts., June 8 9. San Saba sta., June 15 16. Cherokee cr., June 22 23. Kingsland cr., June 29 30. Blanco cr., July 6 7. Round Mountain cr., July 13 14. Willow City cr., July 20 21. Center Point sta., Aug. 3 4. Kerrville sta., Aug. 10 11. Rock Springs cr., Aug. 17 18. I. K. Waller, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE. Austin District—Third Round. Elgin and P. Grove, at P. G., June 8 9. McDade cr. at Morgan's Ch., June 15 16. Cedar Creek cr. at Watterson, June 22 23. Eagle Lake and Rock Island, at E. L., June 29 30. Smithville sta., July 6 7. Lathrop sta., July 13 14. Bastrop sta., July 20 21. Columbus sta., July 27 28. West Point cr. at Ford's Prairie, July 27 28. Welmar and Osage, at Osage, July 27 28. Flatonia sta., Aug. 3 4. Manor sta., Aug. 10 11. Center Point cr., Aug. 17 18. Webbville cr. at Osburn Ch., Aug. 24 25. Merrittown and Walnut, at High Hill, Sept. 1 2. Manchaca cr. at Carl, Sept. 8 9. Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin, Sept. 14 15. South Austin, Sept. 15 16. Tenth Street, Austin, Sept. 22 23. First Street, Austin, Sept. 29 30. E. S. Smith, P. E.

Houston District—Second Round. Alvin, May 25 26. Richmond, June 1 2. Matagorda, at Bay City, June 8 9. Dickinson, June 15 16. Shoarn, June 22 23. Geo. A. LaCere, P. E. Brenham District—Second Round. Pleasant Hill, at Pleasant R., May 25 26. Benarnold, June 8 9. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round. Rosebud sta., Fri., May 25. Travis cr. at Powers, Sat., May 26. Petteway cr., Fri., May 26. Tremont and Reagan, at H., Sat., June 1. Marlin sta., H. M. Sears, P. E. Huntsville District—Second Round. Zion cr. at Sulphur Springs, May 25 26. Dowge cr. at Old Waverly, June 1 2. Cold Springs cr. at Shepherd, June 8 9. Centre, June 15 16. Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

East Texas Conference. Beaumont District—Second Round. Jasper mts. at Magnolia, May 25 26. Jasper and Kirbyville, at J., May 27 28. Oak cr., June 1 2. J. W. Johnson, P. E. Palestine District—Second Round. Brushy Creek cr. at Pace's Chapel, May 25 26. Groveton cr., June 1 2. Grapeeland cr. at Hay's Springs, June 8 9. Crockett cr., June 15 16. W. F. Davis, P. E.

Palestine District—Third Round. Crockett sta., July 6 7. Jacksonville sta., July 13 14. Rusk sta., July 20 21. Elkhart cr. at Field's Chap., July 27 28. Palestine sta., July 27 28. Wells mts. at Wallace's Chap., July 27 28. Trinity and Lovelady, at L., Aug. 3 4. Ato cr. at Shiloh, Aug. 10 11. Brushy Creek cr., Aug. 17 18. Jacksonville cr., Aug. 24 25. Homosh cr. at Center Hill, Aug. 31, Sept. 1. Groveton cr., Sept. 7 8. West Palestine, Sept. 14 15. Crockett cr., Sept. 21 22. Attention of pastors is especially called to questions 1, 2 and 3. Be ready to answer them just as directed in the Discipline. W. F. Davis, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round. New Boston, at New Boston, June 15 16. Ripley, at Oak Grove, June 22 23. District Conference, at Glimmer, June 29 30. Pittsburg, July 6 7. Glimmer, at Hopewell, Thurs. July 11. Green City, at Law's Chapel, July 18 19. Quitman, at Forest Hill, July 25 26. Pleasanton, at Winslow, Thurs. July 25. Leesburg, at Pleasant Grove, July 27 28. Naples, at Hamill's Chapel, Thurs. Aug. 1. Tyler District—Third Round. Golden, at Davis Chapel, June 7. Maudslayi, at Ing. Sady, June 7. Tyler cr. at Red Springs, June 14 15. Wills Point mts. at Clifton, June 15 16. Wills Point sta., June 16 17. Cedar Street and St. Paul, June 16 17. Lindale, at Harris Chapel, June 23 24. Grand Saline, at Crossville, July 7 8. Canton, at Morris Chapel, July 14 15. Malakoff, at Malakoff, July 20 21.

Emory, at Point, July 27 28. Meredith, at Cottonwood, July 27 28. Abilene crs., July 27 28. Whitcham, Aug. 3 4. Troupe and Overton, Aug. 7. Edom, Aug. 10 11. New York, Aug. 17 18. Marvin, Aug. 24 25. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Marshall District—Third Round. Longview, May 25 26. North Side, June 1 2. First Church, June 8 9. Kellyville, at Trinity, June 15 16. C. P. Kelly, at Cox's, June 22 23. Harleton, at Center, July 6 7. Kildare, at Hickory Grove, July 13 14. Halfford, at Center, July 20 21. Halfford, at Sumnerfield, July 27 28. Rockville, at Pugh, July 27 28. Church Hill, at Oakland, July 27 28. Henderson cr., Aug. 3 4. Henderson sta., Aug. 10 11. Harrison cr., Aug. 17 18. Harmony cr., Aug. 24 25. C. R. Lanier, P. E.

San Augustine District—Second Round. San Augustine and Chisno, at S. A., May 25 26. Clayton cr. at Gary, June 1 2. Minden cr. at Bethel, June 8 9. Carthage sta., June 15 16. Hemphill mts. at Lowe's Chap., June 22 23. Sexton cr. at Geneva, July 6 7. Appleby mts. at Bonita Chapel, June 29 30. District Conference will convene at Lufkin, June 28, at 4 p. m. Opening sermon June 28, 8 p. m., by J. M. Perry. A. J. Weeks, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round. Redwater, at Concord, May 25 26. Daily and DeKalb, at Austin C. June 1 2. Musgrove, at Musgrove, June 8 9. John Adams, P. E.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. El Reno sta., May 25 26. Council Grove, at Council Bluff, June 1 2. Yukon cr. at Matheson, June 8 9. Oklahoma City sta., June 15 16. Pawnee sta., June 22 23. Jennings sta., June 29 30. Stillwater sta., June 29 30. Perry and Morrison, at P., June 29 30. Guthrie sta., June 29 30. Chandler cr., June 29 30. Kookuk Falls cr., July 6 7. Earlsboro cr. at Violet Springs, July 13 14. McLoud cr. at New Salem, July 20 21. Chickering cr., July 27 28. Merced cr., July 27 28. Lexington cr., July 27 28. E. L. Massey, P. E.

Wynnewood District—Third Round. Dougherty cr., May 25 26. Norman sta., June 1 2. White Bond cr., June 8 9. Elys Springs cr., June 15 16. Noble cr., June 22 23. Pottsville sta., June 29 30. Leaning Rock sta., June 29 30. Pauls Valley sta., July 6 7. Wynnewood sta., July 13 14. Franklin cr., July 20 21. Ada sta., July 27 28. Mulgo cr., July 27 28. Chickering cr., July 27 28. Merced cr., July 27 28. Lexington cr., July 27 28. E. L. Massey, P. E.

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CHAT WITH LOCAL PREACHERS.

Give attention to our esteemed correspondents from the land of our Brother in Red.

Daugherty, I. T. Dear Bro. Young—I was more than delighted with your Local Preachers' Conference, and am rejoiced at the beautiful write-up you and others are giving us in the Advocate.

I was licensed to exhort October 21, 1882, at Stringtown, Hunt County, Texas. W. C. Young was presiding elder and Jarvis L. Aniel was preacher in charge. I will ever remember the exhortation you gave me in the line of my duty on that occasion. I held the office you gave me and filled it to the best of my ability for two years. I have the memorable document from your hand before me to-day.

I was licensed to preach November 1, 1884. Since that time I have never had any complaint against my pastors. I have always thought that the Bishops have not to the best men and the best preachers in the conference.

I have ever found plenty to do in the Master's stewardship, and verily more than I could do. I have devoted nearly six years to the itinerant work as a supply part of two years in North Texas Conference, my home for thirty years, one year in the East Texas Conference, and now on my second year in this. The Italian Mission Conference has blessed me and my work. I have tried to do my duty as an exhorter, as a local preacher and as a pastor. I have labored and prayed to bring up my children right and make them an example of the Church. I can say I love Methodism in all of its ramifications. It has the best preachers and the best method by which to carry the gospel to the whole world and to bring it to Christ.

Labors on my brother, as you have commenced. You are doing a great work. Yours truly, J. M. HOLT.

Several things in the foregoing communication deserve serious reflection:

1. Observe that where there is a will there is always a way. Our brother says: "I have ever found plenty to do, and more than I could do." He never found time to complain that there seemed to him to be no place for a local preacher in our Church. If the work was crowded in one place, he went away to find vacant room, and he has ever found it.

2. Observe his loyalty to his pastors and to the Church. He says: "I have never had any complaints against my pastors. I love Methodism in all its ramifications. It has the best preachers and the best method by which to carry the gospel to the whole world."

3. Observe his ability in the ministerial vocation. "I have labored to bring up my children right and make them an example to the Church." It recalls the time when we stood before the bar of the Annual Conference and the venerable presiding Bishop propounded the question: "Will you apply all your diligence to frame and fashion your own life and the lives of your family, according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make both yourself and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?"

The Local Preachers' Conference which met in Dallas appointed a committee of three, consisting of the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary, to select the place for our next annual session. We want to meet where we will not be merely tolerated, but where we are wanted. The place ought to be near the center of the Methodist population of the State and accessible by railroads from every direction. Our local preachers are nearly all financially poor men, and unable to go a long way and pay excessive railroad fare. They give their service to the Church without any pecuniary

compensation, and think, therefore, that they have a reasonable claim to a hearty welcome and a free entertainment in the homes of Methodist families. If they shall have to pay the maximum rates of fare and go to the boarding-houses of the average towns near the centers of population, many of them who would gladly attend will find it impossible. A few of us will be at the meeting at any cost, at any place, that may be selected; but the majority must have the most favorable conditions to make their presence possible.

It does not require the ken of an inspired seer to discern the trend of present conditions. That we are approaching a crisis in the history and the destiny of the Methodist local preacher is too obvious to question. It has become a matter of the gravest concern how to maintain and perpetuate our existence as a class in the ministry of our Church. There is a widespread apprehension, often repeated in a low whisper, that "the local preacher must go." We must come together in consultation to determine how to circumvent the predicted catastrophe. The next session of our General Conference will be noted for some far-reaching legislation in which we will have a deep and abiding concern, and it behooves us to be in readiness to take a hand in that business. If it be that "coming events cast their shadows before them," there is no mistaking "the signs of the times."

Who will open their hearts and homes to give us a royal welcome to our next annual session? The time should be the most leisure season of the summer, and the number in attendance should be in the hundreds. We wait for an answer.

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

SOUVENIR EDITION.

Brothers of the North Texas Conference:

As most of you know, we are planning to publish this fall a "Souvenir Edition" of our conference minutes, containing the half-tone engravings of all the preachers, with a sketch of their lives and much other matter that will be interesting and helpful.

The responses to letters sent out have so far been very encouraging but have not come in fast enough. Will the preachers please furnish me their photographs at once, as we must get them into the hands of the engraver at an early date?

I have written to a layman in every pastoral charge, asking him to make provision for paying for his pastor's picture. Many have responded kindly and liberally. Many more have not. Brothers, please attend to this matter at once. Your pastor will appreciate it, and so will the publisher of your minutes. Of course, the Secretaries of the conference are not attempting or expecting to make any money out of this edition. It is solely a labor of love, and a great deal of labor at that. Will you not co-operate with us by responding at once?

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE

The brethren of East Texas Conference will please remember that I hold in my possession all the notes and subscriptions given to the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund.

In sending money, state definitely whether it is in payment on subscription, note or otherwise. Bro. Sines, Financial Agent of Southwestern University, has appealed to me for funds, which are needed to pay on the university building. Brothers will please remember these necessities and demands and their own obligations.

Our conference school at Jacksonville is also in need of funds to fully equip it for the work.

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W. J. OWENS, Texas Board of E. T. C., Trinity, Texas.

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W. A. GOVETT.

PERSONAL.

I have been preaching here for over a month; had some good meetings; some conversions. I have nothing to do but to preach, and if any of the brethren want help in their meetings, and want the pure gospel preached, I am at their service.

THOS. REESE, Fort Worth, Texas.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

M-KINNEY DISTRICT.

To the Pastors: Please send me at once the names of the delegates from your respective charges to the District Conference, which convenes here on June 26, so that homes may be provided for all who may attend. J. W. BLANKENHORN, Blue Ridge, Texas.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

The Houston District Conference will be held at West End Church, Galveston, June 26-27. The following are the Committees of Examination: For License to Preach—S. W. Thomas, H. C. Willis, J. C. Stewart. For Admission on Trial—Seth Ward, Ira M. Ervin, J. W. Keller. For Elder's Orders—Sam R. Hay, Jno. E. Green, T. R. Cain. For Deacon's Orders—J. L. Russell, D. Knox Porter, W. D. Gaskin. GEO. A. LOCLERE, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT.

The pastors of the Beaumont District will please notify me at once who will attend District Conference from their charges. Please get me the names by June 1. L. A. HUMPHREYS, P. E., Liberty, Texas.

LLANO DISTRICT.

The preachers of the Llano District will please notify me immediately of the number of delegates who will come from their charges to the District Conference. W. A. GOVETT, Llano, Texas.

TYLER DISTRICT.

All who expect to attend the District Conference at Grand Saline, July 2-7, will notify me, so I can have a home for you. Also state whether you are coming by private conveyance or not. It shall be our aim to entertain all who come, if you notify us beforehand. A. MITHVIN.

TAKE NOTICE.

The Boards of Domestic Missions, Epworth League and Sunday-school of West Texas Conference are called to meet in San Marcos, Texas, June 29 and 30. A full meeting is urged. B. HARRIS.

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NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE PROGRAM.

Friday, May 21—8 p. m., Piano Recital. Saturday, June 1—8 p. m., Concert. Sunday, June 2—11 a. m., Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. J. L. Pierce, 8 p. m., Address to Epworth League by Rev. J. J. Clark. Monday, June 3—10 a. m., Elocution Contest, 4 p. m., Art Reception, 8 p. m., Recital and Campus Drill. Tuesday, June 4—11 a. m., Piano Recital by Mr. von Mikwitz and Mr. MacDonald, 4 p. m., Address to Alumni by Rev. W. E. Jones, 8 p. m., Entertainment by Elocution Class. Wednesday, June 5—3 p. m., Graduating Exercises. All friends of the college are cordially invited. L. A. KIDD KEY.

UNIVERSITY TRAINING SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Friday, June 7—8:30 p. m., Entertainment in the Preparatory. Sunday, June 9—11 a. m., Commencement Sermon, Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D. Monday, June 10—2 p. m., Anniversary of the Young Ladies' Literary Society, Address by Rev. W. H. Crawford, 8:30 p. m., Joint Session of the Literary Societies. Tuesday, June 11—2 p. m., Anniversary of the Young Men's Literary Society, Address by Rev. J. C. Mims, 8:30 p. m., Contest for Medal in Elocution and Oratory. Wednesday, June 12—2 p. m., Religious Meeting, 8:30 p. m., Annual Address, Hon. F. P. Works. Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees Monday, June 18, 10 a. m. J. W. ADRISNON, Blooming Grove, Texas.

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE PROGRAM.

Saturday, June 1—Concert by Preparatory Students, 8:30 p. m. Sunday, June 2—Commencement Sermon by Rev. O. F. Senebough, of Waxahachie, Texas, 11:30 a. m., Joint Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Address by Rev. G. E. Cameron, of Millard, Texas, 3:30 p. m., Sermon to Young people by Rev. Jerome Duncan, of Vernon, Texas, 8:30 p. m. Monday, June 3—Reading by Preparatory Pupils, 10 a. m., Disclamation Contest by Freshman Young Men, 3 p. m., Demosthenic and Adelpian Literary Societies, 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 4—Essay Contest by Young Ladies, 10 a. m., Reading Contest by Elocution Class, 3 p. m., Phaino and Ethelma Literary Societies, 8:30 p. m. Wednesday, June 5—Oratorical Contest by Young Men, 10 a. m., Program of Alumni Association, 2 p. m., Athletic Field Day, 4:25 p. m., Concert by Music Department, 8:30 p. m. Thursday, June 6—Graduating Exercises, 10 a. m., Baccalaureate Address by Rev. Addison Clark, L.L.D., of Waco, Texas, 11 a. m., Meeting of Board of Trustees, 2 p. m., Awarding of Medals and Closing Address and Announcements by Hon. T. W. Stephens, of Weatherford, President of Board of Trustees, 8:30 p. m. Visiting Committee—G. E. Cameron, J. S. Tunnell, R. Evans.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Friday, May 21—8 p. m., Entertainment by Music and Elocution Classes. Sunday, June 2—11 a. m., Commencement Sermon, Rev. J. B. Cochran, 8 p. m.

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PROGRAM—PATTON SEMINARY.

Sunday, May 20—8 p. m., Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Geo. W. Truett, First Baptist Church, Dallas. Monday, May 21—2:30 p. m., Pupils' Hospital chapel, 8 p. m., Exercises by School of Oratory, chapel. Tuesday, May 22—8 p. m., Annual Convocation, First Baptist, chapel. Wednesday, May 23—8 p. m., Graduating Exercises, Address by Rev. R. C. Hill, chapel.

SUMMER INSTITUTE AT VANDERBILT.

The third session of the Summer Institute of Biblical and Theological Study will be held in Wesley Hall June 18-28. In addition to the work in the Conference Course with undergraduates, a postgraduate class will review the new books read by them and discuss topics of special interest suggested by these books, under the guidance of Drs. W. F. Tillot, E. H. Chappell, O. E. Brown and John M. Webb. Public lectures will be delivered by men of repute and ability on a variety of interesting and helpful themes. There will be no charge for anything except board, which is placed at actual cost—50 cents a day. The usual reduced rates will be given on the railroads.

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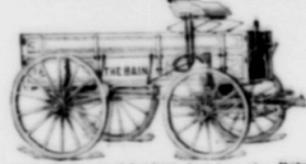
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The University w perons than now, the largest of any a finer body of stud sees. The new bul and grace to the makes one glad th to look upon it.

On Sunday mo spring norther was coats were in dem cloudless and the Methodist Church decked with flower was packed into rium to hear th mon by Bishop I character of the ds for eloquence and its inspired large- was not disappoint in superb trim. H better advantage b titude. His healt standing his aban voice was deep, ful

Just before the graduating class clad in black gown the two pews imm the pulpit, and th occupied the seats. The faculty trust cupied seats on the sic was specially p sion, and it was l preliminaries, the his text, St. Matt, say ye that I am? "The Right Appr sion of Christ." B of his strong utte exact connection, them in passing. "A question is a our Lord was a asking. This mak teacher of men.