



COMMUNICATIONS.

MISSION TO CHINA AND ELSE-

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The first General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South met at Petersburg, Va., May 1, 1846. One of the first acts of the conference was the organization of a Board of Foreign Missions. Charles Taylor, a young man of 28, from New York originally, was the first missionary selected from the Southern Church to go to China. His father was a Presbyterian. Mr. Taylor had been a school teacher in Colchester College, South Carolina. The next selection was Benj. Jenkins, a printer, who proceeded to Philadelphia to prepare himself for medical missionary work. These two men, with their wives, sailed from Boston in 1848, in a small vessel, by way of the Cape of Good Hope. The trip required nearly three months. In 1852, W. G. E. Commission and wife were sent out. In 1854 followed Messrs. D. C. Keller, J. W. Lambuth and J. L. Belton, with their wives. At the Georgia Conference of 1858, Bishop Pierce read our Young J. Allen as "missionary to China." He did not sail until the close of 1859. He has been a missionary to China forty-two years, and not a half century, as some one seems to think in mentioning his great work. The writer of this article sat in the gallery of old St. Luke's Church, Columbus, Ga., in the fall of 1888, and was watching Bishop Pierce with breathless interest as he called the names of the works to which the preachers had been assigned. His own name followed to "Valde Mission, Texas." I was frightened out of my wits, but in one month's time or less was on the road to this then far-off and unknown region to me. We came through Columbus, Montgomery, New Orleans, Galveston, Houston, out to Richmond on the Brazos, thence to San Antonio in an old-fashioned four-horse stage, walking many miles, carrying a stolen rail on our shoulder to help brace the wheels of the stage out of the mud, and arrived in San Antonio in time to take Christmas dinner with Ann Mitchell, a San Jacinto veteran and a member of the first commission for the government of Austin's colony. Thence to the Honda, with Ives H. Cox, P. E., where Geo. W. Hayner put us on the outside of a mountain, and told us to "Go West," which we did, with a fearful six-shooter strapped to our side. On Comanche Creek, near Sabinal, we found J. R. Hayner in a protracted meeting. I joined him, entered upon our work, and heard the first shout to which we listened in Texas from Henry Gibbons. It sounded very like the same thing we had heard in old Georgia. That has been forty-three years ago, but it seems only yesterday. John S. Gibbons was on a work just a few miles this side of our mission. We soon met. Well, the reader will excuse this—see how it came. On the 6th day of last March, Gillett and I met in Dr. Moore's office, calling in an effort to disburse or distribute the funds of the General Board of Church Extension. I thought of the old meeting when we were both gay as larks. At this late meeting Gillett appeared to be a little "grumpy," but we had failed to find dependent. A rich letter from one of the brethren made Gillett laugh like he was on the wild prairies of the far West—when he was in love. Nearly next door to me live seven of his grandchildren. Old as he is, I still love him, and would rather hear him preach than to hear myself.

OUR LITTLE HEATHEN.

Someone has said that every infant born into this world is at birth a little heathen, and that a Chinese infant is no more a heathen than is an American infant. That which differentiates them is the different educations that they receive in the course of their lives. The Chinese infant may be developed into a benighted cooie and the American infant may be developed into a great intellectual and moral giant. It is this fact that set our foreign missionaries to caring for the heathen children and establishing schools to bring the children under their Christian influence. This also accounts for the great stress the missionaries are making in their fields of labor and the gratifying results we hear from them. But while there is cause for gratitude in these fields by the adoption of such wise methods, we are in danger of letting our little heathen at home remain heathen. Some few are developed with Christian characters, but the vast majority are born heathen, live like heathen, and die heathen. Webster gives as one definition of heathen: "one unacquainted with the true God." If this definition is correct, then we have a great many in this land. Many of our boys and girls know little more of the true God than does the Chinese cooie. Suppose you undertake to get the consens of the children in your own town and then contrast that number

with your children professing Christianity. How few comparatively of this latter class will you find. It will alarm you. Then we should remember that childhood is the formative period of life, and that if these souls are not converted and developed into Christian characters in their childhood, the chances are decidedly against their ever being made Christians. Let us look facts squarely in the face. Last year the entire Southern Methodist Church, with a membership of nearly one and a half million souls, had only an increase of a little over five thousand members! What is becoming of the children of Southern Methodists? There is hardly a conference in the connection that ought not to have reported that much increase from the children born into the homes of Southern Methodists. No wonder our Bishops are alarmed. No wonder conferences are being held and asking what is the matter. Something is radically wrong. It behooves the Church to find it out and remedy it. It behooves us to keep asking that question until we get the right answer.

If I were to give my answer to this question, I would say that it is because our children never receive the gospel, and the "gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Here lies the trouble. Do you question this statement? Let us see.

They do not receive it around the family altar. The family altar has been discarded in almost all of our Methodist homes. The man who has a family altar is now the exception and not the rule. It is now a mark of pre-eminence piety that a family altar should be kept up in the home. So the child born in that home without the family altar never hears the Bible read or expounded by his parents, and its truths applied to the lives of the children. They never hear the sweet songs of Zion sung in the family worship. They never hear the prayers offered for their salvation. There is no application of Divine truths to their hearts or lives. There is no making plain to them the deep things of God. There are no molding influences brought to bear upon them in this formative period, and consequently they remain heathen until faint eyes character and character lines destiny.

Then the children do not get the gospel in the Sunday-school. The parents may drive them off to the Sunday-school, and it is uncertain if they ever get there. Those that do get to the school may meet a teacher or may not. That teacher may have a message for the children, or may not. It is the rarest thing to find a teacher that is capable of teaching the children. It is still rarer to find one that makes preparation for teaching. It is still rarer to find one that is capable that prepares for teaching, and that is spiritual and will try to win the soul for Christ. Where there is one teacher of this latter class, there are hundreds of the other classes. The superintendent may groan in the spirit over this, and the pastor may be ever so much concerned, but these are the facts as they stand throughout our Church with here and there an exception. Wherever you do find an exception, you find good results. The names of our children do not get the gospel in the Sunday-school, and what they do get is so emasculated as to make it worse than nothing.

Then they do not get the gospel in the churches. The parents have a way of permitting the children to return home after Sunday-school, and so they do not hear the gospel from the pulpit. Bishop Keener, with that wisdom that characterizes this old Roman, raised a warning note at this point a few years ago, and said that if the Sunday-schools kept the children from the preaching services, the Sunday-school was proving a curse instead of a blessing, and that if it could not be remedied it would be better to do away with the Sunday-school. The mass of our children never hear the gospel any more than if it were never preached in our churches. At night they are generally too sleepy to attend, and during protracted meetings they are often in school, and can not quit their studies to go to church.

Is it any wonder that the little American heathen is never converted? Is it any wonder that our Churches show a falling off in membership, or such a slight increase? Is it any wonder that our streets are filled with wicked boys and young men, and that the criminal classes are constantly growing? Is it any wonder that our girls are equal to the boys in ungodliness and evil ways? Is it any wonder that the gospel preached from thousands of pulpits produces such meager results? It is but the result of our own course. Our children never hear the gospel. They can not believe except they hear. They can not be saved except they believe.

Now, a word as to the remedy. Let the Bishops go to thundering these truths into the ears of the preachers, until they inaugurate a regular crusade against these vicious practices.

Let the preachers go to calling the people back to the family-altar religion. Let the preachers so revolutionize the Sunday-school that the children can attend at least one service during the Sabbath. Some of our preachers have adopted the Wesleyan Methodist plan of holding an afternoon service instead of a night service. This enables the children to attend the Sunday-school in the morning, the parents to attend the 11 o'clock preaching service, and both parents and children can then attend the afternoon service. In this way the children can hear the gospel once, at least, on the Sabbath. We had better inaugurate new plans than to continue to lose our children. The life-blood of the Church is ebbing away through this rent in the body. I once heard an old minister make this sage statement: That if we would only save the children, after awhile all the old sinners would die, in the natural order of things, and then we would have a Christian nation. If we would spend half the pulpit work on the children that we do on hardened sinners, our results would be a hundred-fold more. Let us look after our home heathen.

SHALL WE ABANDON THE RURAL LANDMARKS?

Under the present management, is Southern Methodism being extended in that portion of Texas where the early white inhabitants planted their first religious footprints? In passing through the country, especially in East Texas, it is frequently the case you see large cities of the dead well taken care of, and on inquiry you find that a strong Church but a few years ago marked the spot adjacent to the grave-yard. Why allowed to decay and its membership lost sight of is one of the mysteries to ye laymen of this day. On inquiry we find that the communities surrounding these once loved and flourishing religious gathering-spots are more thickly inhabited than they were when our people abandoned it for Church purposes. Some will say it is because some of the pillars, or most of them, have moved away or died. Be it so, what have the pastors been doing that they have not new ones to take their places? Shall Methodism wane because of removals and death? Nay, verily; but its work should be so arranged as to keep the old signboards painted anew, as well as the establishing of new ones. It seems that the idea is to follow up the towns as the railroads plant them, and forsake the country. Are not the souls throughout the rural districts as precious to Methodism as those of our towns? Surely so. Then why forsake them? These failures are working untold injury to our progress. It appears to me to be an important item of our Church Extension to look after these matters and devise or suggest a remedy. It don't seem to me it is progression to abandon one field that is full of unsaved souls to build a fence around new ones. A spirit of rehabilitation of our once proud and beloved institutions, as well as piercing new fields with Southern Methodism would be a glorious work for Texas. To break the monotony of sending a pastor to fill four principal charges that have long since been established with about all the work done except its natural growth, will be a step to further the interest and broaden the field for new-born babes to our fold. Instead of four principal charges, give each pastor three and point out new work of establishing churches or the rehabilitation of old ones.

Churches, like families, can not live and thrive in hired houses or temporary shelters. It is not sufficient that a man and wife should have a place to stay, to eat and to sleep; their life-purpose can not be accomplished without a home. Nor will it be accomplished in a torn-down, neglected, inviting home, and the comparison holds true in regard to Churches. The influence of environment can not be over-estimated as regards Church or individual. Love for the Church and its institutions can not be developed and maintained without a suitable building and an altar all its own. Where love is lacking there can be no loyalty. It seems to me that home-missions are sadly neglected in some sections. I enjoy reading the letters of pastors from the various charges, but I get tired of so much about poundings, fine churches, deaths, visitors, "first or second Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past, and our beloved presiding elder was present and preached two excellent sermons, preacher's salary well up," etc. Brethren, we all know that your beloved presiding elder preaches good sermons, or if he doesn't he should. Write more about what you have done in the way of missions and Church extension. Let us hear more about your spiritual affairs and the souls you have been instrumental in bringing to Christ. Where Christianity plants her footsteps, the erection of good and commodious churches, the elevation of society

and good morals is the natural result. If our pastors will follow the footsteps of our Savior, their pastoral work will be replete with happy results. Our little city of Winnsboro, as well as others around it, shows what the establishment of good Churches does in a secular sense. It encourages good schools, it brings the population and moves the business world to surprising advancement. Fixed and undefiled religion is a power along all the avenues of life. May God help in extending its soul-cheering rays throughout the inhabited globe, to the salvation of all men. And now, in conclusion, allow me to urge upon the pastors, and laymen as well, the importance of this Church Extension work. Let us see, brethren, if next conference you can not have your collections come up a great deal better in this department. I am sure your money could be nowhere placed for better results.

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THE PREACHER AND THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

In all our attempts to determine the characteristics of the preacher for the times, we must bear in mind that the essential elements of success are substantially identical in all ages. Human nature and sin are always the same. There may be outward changes of form and mode, but the selfishness, passion and unbelief which have to be vanquished by the Word and Spirit of God are essentially the same in all times, in all cases and in all classes of human beings. We must therefore, to a great extent, learn what the preacher for the times should be from the work he has to do and the circumstances under which that work has to be done. In the first place, we notice his mission. The greatness of the object of the institution of this ministry invests the study of the character and work of the ministry of our times with profound and practical interest. It is the mission of the Christian preacher to "teach all nations," and by manifestation of the truth to scatter the obscuring shadows of ignorance of God which enshroued our benighted world; to proclaim to sinful men their guilt and danger, and the full and free provisions of our loving Father's mercy, for their salvation through Christ; to so present the warnings and promises of divine love, in the ministry of reconciliation, that the erring prodigals of earth may be brought back to their forgiving God; to so manifest the Spirit of the Master in the life of the preacher that the children of disobedience may be won to Christ by the beauty of practical godliness; to contend earnestly against all forms of antagonisms to truth and holiness till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God and his Christ, and by the victories won over the powers of sin and darkness to make known, not only to men below, but also to principalities and powers in heavenly places, the wondrous grace and manifold wisdom of God.

The qualifications required by the human instruments for its accomplishment none but God can supply. The circumstances and conditions of the world in which this work of evangelization and spiritual uplifting is to be wrought, by God's blessing on Christian effort, heighten the interest and increase the difficulty of the problem. Ignorance of God darkens the mind of vast myriads, who are enslaved by superstitions, fables and misleading falsehoods.

Even in Christian lands enthroned selfishness makes might rather than right the law of life. There is also a widespread tendency to glorify the forces of unintelligent nature as all-sufficient causes, in a way that destroys faith in a living and personal God. Within some of the preachers of to-day there are alarming signs of feebleness of faith and conformity to the world. It is still an unquestionable fact that the "harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." My brethren, how are we to grapple with these powers of evil? What conditions of Church life furnish just ground for hope of success in these conflicts? In attempting to answer these questions, I can refer briefly to only a few things that seem to be specially required in the evangelistic work of the times in which we live, and by the special conditions of life which prevail in this Western world.

Secondly—A true minister must have a definite message of truth for hungry souls who are seeking light. No sentimental speculation can satisfy anxious seekers for deliverance from perplexing uncertainty, who want truths that will be a solid foundation on which an intelligent faith can rest.

We are often told, "He can't be wrong whose life is in the right." But his life can not be right who cherishes false views of God and of himself—of his duty and of his destiny. Right beliefs are the roots from which the

fruits of right conduct grow. It is true, a mere profession of faith in a creed has no transforming power. But a living faith in the great Scripture truths respecting God, the character and work of Christ, and man's condition, duty and destiny, is a mighty impelling influence to "do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God." The belief of the truth has been the inspiring power that has moved the great souls who have moved the world. We are sometimes told never to mind creeds and dogmas—that to love and follow Christ is the supreme thing. True, but we are certainly not less likely to trust and love Christ because we receive in faith those truths respecting his divine character and mediatorial work which are the chief grounds of our confidence in him as an all-sufficient Savior. Yet what we think and believe about Christ is a doctrinal creed. The great truths of divine revelation are God's answers to the profoundest questions of the soul. The human heart cries out for the living, personal God, whom it can worship and love, whose will shall be the supreme law of life; for an all-sufficient Savior who can give pardon and peace to a guilty conscience; for an assurance of an immortal destiny beyond this earth, and for reasons for the duties enjoined that shall have authority for the conscience. The minister that gives an uncertain sound in answer to these demands of humanity can not meet the world's need and is only a blind leader of the blind. Much depends upon the manner in which the minister presents this message. The air is full of speculations which tend to undermine faith in the truth and authority of the holy Scriptures. The wide prevalence of doubt and disbelief calls for strong faith in the truth as an essential element of moral power. Every time I heard Dr. John Matthews, pastor McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn., preach while a student in Vanderbilt University, I felt that the strongest element of his influence on the audience was the impression that he made that he believed what he taught with a mighty undoubting faith. Preachers must believe the gospel which they preach to others with an unflinching faith. They can not confirm the faith of the doubting and perplexed if they themselves hold the truth with a feeble and temporizing hand. Faith is power. There is inspiration to the faith of others in the ringing words which voice the hopeful confidence of a brave, trustful soul.

Without being unduly dogmatic the Christian preacher, like his great Master, should declare the counsel of God with authority, and not as the scribes of an earthly and unverified philosophy.

Thirdly—The preacher for the times should be earnest and aggressive. This is an age of intense activity in all spheres of thought and action. Such times demand a minister in which love and zeal shall prompt to energetic, earnest work. There are hoary and powerful errors to be overthrown. There are fascinating forms of worldliness to be resisted and repelled. The armies of opposition to truth and holiness are numerous and mighty, and are distinguished by an intense zeal which greatly increases their power for evil. On our preachers to-day is laid the obligation of laying the foundation of nationhood, in this vast young country, in truth and righteousness. No mere ingeniously constructed organization, conference or association of half-dead members, living on the memory of past achievements and glorifying in their ecclesiastical respectability, can achieve these results. There must be the energy begotten by the pulsation of a potent spiritual life. This needed aggressive earnestness can be gained only by the baptism of the Holy Ghost given unto them, while holding fast the form of sound words.

Fourthly—The preacher of the twentieth century should be liberal and elastic in his methods, rather than narrow and rigid. The New Testament enjoins no precise form of Church government; if it does, it is an episcopal form. It presents no formal or complete creed; if it does, it is the apostles' creed. It recognizes the prerogative of a living ministry to be largely molded by its inner life. A close imitation of what the apostles did, under widely different circumstances from ours, is not necessarily apostolic. They took note of the hand of God in history as indicating his will. A living ministry should be free to recognize the changing conditions of its environment. There is need of a wise adaptation of modes of teaching, and of work and worship, to the condition of things in the world around us. By all means, my brethren, "let all things be done decently and in order." But the preacher that makes it a duty to run in the fixed grooves of invariable modes, and that can not recognize the changing currents of human thought and life and adapt its methods to what they require, must

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And finally, the Church of to-day needs a loftier type of Christian ministers, a better illustration of the power of the gospel, manifested in the lives of those who preach the word.

The silent eloquence of a holy life is one of the most effective means of preaching Christ. We want more of incorruptibility, integrity in the transaction of business, more unflinching faith in the promises of God and greater practical sympathy with the needs of the bodies and the souls of men. We want the dead members in our Churches quickened into life, so that those who now count for nothing in religious work may become living witnesses and earnest workers for Christ in the spheres in which they move. Those who disparage the ministry and refuse to co-operate with them dishonor the wisdom of the great Head of the Church who has sent them out "to proclaim glad tidings of joy to men." Though I believe the ministry has need of a larger measure of power from on high, I have no sympathy with those who think they evince their superiority by disparaging the ministry because they do not adopt the fads and theories which they proclaim as the panacea for the world's woes.

Clorious victories have been won for Christ by our ministers. Heathen ignorance and idolatry have been overcome by them. They have faithfully rebuked the most popular forms of selfishness and sin, and lifted up the standards of heaven amidst the ungodliness and degeneracy of earth. They have organized Christian sympathy into agencies for the relief of every form of want and suffering. The power and excellence of the religion of Christ has been vindicated by the serene fortitude of her confessors and martyrs, and the unselfish devotion of her missionaries and evangelists.

The victories achieved evince the presence of God in our history and attest the divinity of our mission.

Let Zion's watchmen all awake,  
And take the alarm they give;  
Now let them from the mouth of God  
Their awful charge receive.

Thy not a cause of small import,  
The pastor's care demands;  
But what might fill an angel's heart,  
And filled a Savior's hands.

They watch for souls for which the Lord  
Did heavenly bliss forgive;  
For souls which must forever live  
In raptures, or in woe.

May they that Jesus whom they teach  
Their awful redeemer see;  
And watch them daily over their souls,  
That they may watch for thee.

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AN EAST TEXAS LETTER.

I have just finished reading the Advocate of May 9. It is fully up to its usual high work. The editor deserves and doubtless has the indorsement and thanks of the Methodists of the patronizing conference for the extended notice given in this copy of the paper of the part taken by our Christian women in the recent great conference. Indeed, the entire write-up is simply first-class, especially to have been secured under the trying circumstances which well-nigh cost us our editor in that threatened attack of spinal meningitis. Your mild criticisms anent the favoritisms, essay readings, etc., will be indorsed by almost the entire membership, especially the essays. It was disappointing to say the least of it, to many of us, who had gone so far to hear those great men speak, to have to sit and hear man after man read his piece, many of whom we all knew could lay his little essay down and stir the great assemblage with his message. And to think those were Methodist preachers! Shades of the mighty past, "where are we at?" Had they been Episcopalians or Presbyterians, we would have been prepared, but Methodists! "From all such evermore, good Lord, deliver us!"

I was also much impressed with another article in the paper, under the elegant caption, "Praising God in a Pen" in which the writer indulges in a good deal of ungenerous criticism. He has not only done injustice to some of the best men and women the Lord has in his indiscriminate attack on the choir, but he has, in my judgment, asserted that which can not be proven. The Methodist preachers are not afraid of their choirs. In my brief ministry I have never had a choir of this kind. There may be one possibly two, similar to the one he describes, but with very few exceptions our choirs are composed of good men and women, whom we could hardly do without. About the only kind of music he seems capable of appreciating is a chorus of tree-frogs. He wants the choir "busted." He would spare the others for further trial, but the organist must be "killed off." This is too bad, and, besides, it would be murder. We wouldn't kill Bro. Mills—just turn

him over to that growling basso and kitten tenor. Let them decorate him with a few pea-fowl feathers, and he would soon strut himself to death.

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SOME BROTHERLY CRITICISMS.

We frequently meet with criticisms of one kind and another in the Advocate that tend more or less to the well-being of the Church or of society. I have thought that a little criticism of another kind, which will tend to make public speakers more uniform in their utterances along certain lines, would not be amiss even in a religious paper. Our preachers are public teachers, and they help educate the masses as well as teachers in our public schools and colleges, and if they give a wrong bias in any department of knowledge, that bias is damaging to society in general. For instance, I lately heard a minister, in alluding to Joseph's imprisonment, say he was imprisoned for seven years. This may have been a mere slip of the tongue, but still it was hardly excusable.

But it is along another line I wish to call attention. A very objectionable innovation is prevailing to a very large extent all over the country in reference to the pronunciation of a large class of English words, and for which I can find no authority whatever. I have special reference to the long sound of the vowel u. We most men right from the shades of Webster and Worcester—standard authorities for English pronunciation in America—perverting the established usage of the best lexicographers of our language, and their influence is biasing our people to an alarming extent even here in our own loved Southern country. Fifty, sixty and even more years ago we were taught to give the letter u its long sound after nearly all the consonants of the alphabet, but now an affected, pedantic taste would have us ignore the old landmarks and almost obliterate the long u and sound it like oo.

And hence these innovators would have us say tuition, introduce, conservative, duplicate, dusty, Dostoevsky, etc. Lately one said opportunity and soon-book and teens. Another said Tuesday for the third day of the week. Even our college-bred young men call themselves students and people of such and such institutions of learning. And then comes the expression, the pulpit and the post. Why, I would as soon say that I once ate milk and mush with a spooner spoon. And then the mind reverts to such expressions as a new thing, the daily newspaper, New York, the New Testament, motor verbs, nononsense, and other sayings, some would say too numerous to mention. La me! why can't a real student do as I once heard a D. D. say he did during a four months' furlough from regular duty—peruse an unabridged dictionary from beginning to end? And then he might with propriety claim to know something of correct usage. Surely Cornell and Harvard and Vanderbilt and our State universities do not countenance such a departure from our standards, as we frequently hear from the bar, pulpit and platform in these latter days. I do not say that we should make a strained effort to lug in the long u after j, l (none claim it after r), s, y and z; but as to the other consonants, the long u follows them with both ease and euphony.

This much I have said in the interest of our mother-tongue, without any desire to mar the feelings of the aesthetic. It will not trite the sensibilities of any astute student. Such know what is right. W. J. WILSON.  
San Saba, Texas.

THE OLD-TIME RELIGION.

We hear the old-time religion talked about and read about and sung about, and we often think about it, but how little we see of it this day and time. When we meet each other, how hard it is to get up a religious conversation, and how easy it is to see the faults in each other, and stop going to preaching because we have found a defect in the preacher, and some of our folks get too old and feel they can't go to preaching. In winter it is too cold and in summer it is too hot, but it is not too cold or too hot to go to town or attend to some temporal affairs. Their children notice this. A few days since I called to see a lady who had been sick. No one was at home but her little son. I asked after his mother. He told me she had gone visiting. She claimed she had been sick the day before. I asked him, "Were any of them at preaching last night?" He answered, "No, ma'am; papa was sorter sick last night, but he went to work this morning." The old-time religion didn't use to affect in that way. I can't now call to mind any old man or woman who professed to be Christians who ever got too old to go to preaching, and can't call to mind one who had too much work to go to preaching. They dropped out of line now and then, and their seats were left vacant, but they were gone to their reward.

They lived religion and talked religion and walked religion. Now the young people, more especially the young professors, watched the old professors. I did for one, and I saw there was a reality in what they professed. Their light shone upon me that I was constrained to glorify God. The parents in those days and times had their children given them alive from the dead. Now some people do not like to hear you say that religion is at a low ebb. "Why," they say, "there never was a time when the Church outnumbered the present." No doubt we have a greater number now than ever before. But are we living the old-time religion? You say times have changed, but I have never seen where the word of God has changed. Yet with the light of the world and the salt of the earth. But if the salt has lost its savor it is good for nothing. The sinners can't see the light and were saved.

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RUSSELLISM.

No. 1.

With your consent I will make some criticisms of what is known as "The Millennium Dawn," a work of one Mr. Russell. While, in my judgment, it is a work that ought to disgust any reasonable mind, yet he comes to you with the pretense of unfolding Daniel's prophecy in such a way, by the use of his chart, as to sidetrack the reader, and before he is aware of his intentions he has his reader hypnotized in such a way that he is made to lose confidence in the ministry and in the common applications of Scripture and eagerly look for his (Russell's) construction.

His first chart is ingeniously arranged, beginning with creation and ending with the flood is the first dispensation; then comes the patriarchs, then Jewish, then mosaic then millennial, then one to come. With this and other positions taken, you would accept him as a believer in the truth of God's Word, when in fact he is an infidel of the most dangerous character. Would you to some sad results from the circulating and reading of his literature. And my observation is that his missionaries propagate his pedantic literature, like Mormonism. They first induce you to read pamphlets which poison the mind, then when prepared for it you then are induced to get the books. Christ says "take heed how you hear," and again, "take heed what you hear."

With this introductory, I begin an analysis of his books.

Volume I, page 8, and on for several pages, he seeks to turn the reader from the teaching of all Churches and "sects," as he calls them, to what he calls the truth-seeker. Hear him, on page 12: "Truth-seekers should empty their vessels of the muddy waters of tradition and fill them at the fountain of truth—God's Word." And no religious teaching should have weight except as it guides the truth-seeker to the fountain.

On page 17 he presents Christ as a man in contrast with the beast as a sacrifice, and on page 29 he concludes from an argument in which he quotes many Scriptures, seemingly fair, by saying:

"They saw also that, before the blessing of either Israel or the world, a selection would be made of a little flock from both Jews and Gentiles, who being tried, would be found worthy to be made joint heirs of the glory and honor of the Great Deliverer, and shewers with him of the honor of blessing Israel and all nations."

On this and other similar teachings, a lady on my work a few years back said her name was Joe Jesus, that she was as good as Christ, and never expected to die.

In volume I, pages 68 to 70 he makes the present age the reign of Satan, and the third heaven that Paul speaks of he makes to mean the millennial dawn. If this is true, Paul looked forward in his vision nearly 1900 years instead of being caught up. On pages 81 and 82 he makes those who are baptized of the Spirit equal with Christ, and he and they constitute the Church and on page 84 the deliverer. The Church is composed of many members. On page 105 he teaches a chance to repent or reform after death, and on 107 those now buried will be brought back to get the benefit of the gospel.

Pages 115 and 116. He gives the honor to the devil of having greater success than Christ, if his theories are incorrect, instead of putting sin on its true basis.

Pages 117 and 118: He claims that God permitted evil as a wise and valuable blessing to man.

Don't you see, if this is true, the more human devils the better for man ultimately?

Page 129: He makes the law of right and wrong a part of the divine nature, and on page 121 he teaches annihilation of the final impenitent, and on page 121 the gospel age is the time to

select the royal priesthood, who, with Christ, are to be the world's redeemers. And now comes an opiate that so many in this age would had with by who are unwilling to serve God. Hear him: "And should any one daring that age of trial, under its full blaze of light, upon the offered favor and make no response toward perfection for a hundred years, he will be reckoned unworthy of life." Thus all must have at least one hundred years of trial." And those who refuse all offers will be remained back in death, except, as he has no life separate from the body.

In my next article I will show some of his vile infidelities and some of his contradictions. If you will, send my criticisms, you will see that it is one of the rottenest books now extant, as it makes such gross pretenses and is so contradictory.

I have never seen any one who professed his theories that was ever in season of justification of truth.

S. W. MILLER.

A COINCIDENT OR DREAM.

On August 1, 1887, my son Willie died in Quitman, Wood County, Texas. We shipped his remains to Tarrant County for interment. His sister Minnie at the time was very sick and unable to go, but was left at home with her husband and infant babe. While we were gone she dreamed Willie came back, but not to stay. She said all the family got ready and started back with him. All went together to a certain place. She said she had been there before, and he said, "You all come, but sister," and he took her by a stream of water with an old bridge across it and he told her to stop and he would come and said, "Now, sister, go back and stay till I come."

When we returned she told it with a great deal of earnestness, and said, "I will be the next one of the family to go." We tried to talk her out of such an idea, but she always said, "I will be the next." So on November 17, 1890, she dreamed her brother came, again took her to the same stream of water and crossed the old bridge, and said, "Now, sister, go back again, but the next time I come for you I will take you with me." She told her husband, Rev. S. L. Burke, about it. Her mother and myself went to see her the next day. I never will forget her look when she looked me in the face and said, "Papa, I had the same dream, and Willie said, 'The next time I will take you with me.'" I said, "Oh, my sister, nothing but a dream." True, she said, "but I don't like it."

The next night she had a light vision, but while all were asleep she saw her brother really come just as natural as he ever came, jumped on the gallery, got down his pillow and said, "You ready, sister; I have come for you." She woke her husband and told him her brother was in the hall. Later she said, "Must be a dream." "Yes," she said, "but he is there, though, and talked to me." Next morning she told us all about it, and said, "I was not asleep, and papa, no more as I am here. Willie came. He was here. He came for me, and I am going to die." So that evening she took fever and died a few days later, and two days before her death Willie was her constant companion. He was with her all the time and about her last words were, "Come a little closer, brother. Oh, me! there are two come, and they are so pretty." I have said can be substantiated by many witnesses. I never was separated from him in my life, but do not know what to make of this. G. R. HIGHTSHAW,  
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Secular News Items.

Dr. Thomas F. Rumboldt, a noted surgeon of St. Louis, has died, aged 71. Charles Boyassot, Republican doyen of the French Chamber of Deputies, is dead.

General De Wet has resumed operations, and is reported to have crossed into the Transvaal with 2,000 men.

A London yachting paper expresses the opinion that Lipton's new boat has no chance of success.

The country home of Thomas B. Wainwright at Meadow Brook, Pa., was burned. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

The bubonic plague has appeared in Constantinople. It has created great alarm, bordering on a panic.

The strike at St. Petersburg has been crushed. A number of strikers were killed and many were arrested.

Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, stated that the idea of the South's becoming a Republic was "nonsense."

The appropriation by Congress for the establishment of the school system in the Philippines is \$600,000.

Japan is raising a fund to erect a monument to the memory of Commodore Perry, who opened Japan to the world in 1853.

Two hundred delegates from all parts of the United States were present at the Hardwood Lumber convention in Chicago.

Smallpox was reported on the United States transport India at Taku, China. Infancy will be delayed in reaching Manila.

By the bursting of a dam at the Victor reservoir at Pike's Peak, Col., four towns in the vicinity are threatened with a water famine.

The Attorney General of South Carolina decided that Charleston County, in that State, had no legal government, and had had none for two years.

The fuel problem in Mexico is to be solved by generating electricity by burning peat. Coal costs in that country on an average of \$20 per ton.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$10,000,000 to establish free education in the Scotch universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St. Andrew's.

It is reported from Peking that the United States will consent to no increase in the Chinese tariff unless commercial advantages are conceded in return.

Three former United States army officers have begun to serve out their sentences in Manila prison, being convicted of participation in the commiserate frauds.

The question of transporting and providing accommodations for the 700 American teachers who will be sent to the Philippines is causing much concern at Manila.

Emperor William has issued stringent orders to exclude newspaper reporters in future from all public and semi-public functions where the Emperor intends to speak.

A delayed dispatch from St. Petersburg reports a riotous demonstration near that city by striking employees of the armor plate ordnance works. Several strikers were killed.

The Zeeder Zee will be drained. The plan requires an outlay of \$20,000,000 and eighteen years to complete the work. The land to be reclaimed will amount to 24,000 acres.

The dedication of the Hall of Fame will take place May 29. The tablets of the twenty-nine great Americans selected last October have been completed and placed in position.

The foreign Ministers at Peking have declined to accede to the figure of \$200,000,000 indemnity set by the United States. Mr. Roebill will continue his attempt to have the amount scaled down.

A conference on taxation called by the National Federation was held in Buffalo in the rooms of the Historical Society, being called to order by Prof. Edwin Seligman, of Columbia University.

John Morley, in the British House of Commons, denounced the war policy of the Government in the severest terms, calling it "a stupendous folly for which retribution will follow in a thousand shapes."

The war tax reduction law will go into effect July 1. The tax is repealed on bank checks, money orders, certificates and promissory notes, express receipts, telephone and telegraph messages, houses and mortgages.

The battleship "Ohio" was launched at San Francisco, May 18. Miss Barber, a niece of Mrs. McKinley, pressed the button that started the "Ohio" down the ways. Mrs. McKinley was not present on account of serious illness.

Liam Chi Chao, a Chinese reformer, is in Australia. He says he has been advised to return to China, and is waiting for a call to Peking when the

Emperor arrives, who will put into operation some of the reform measures that were checked three years ago by the Empress Dowager.

John J. Mitchell, President of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, and John W. Gates and friends have formed a combination to enlarge the plant and extend the field of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company to compete with the billion dollar Steel Trust.

The Sultan has issued orders prohibiting the settlement of Jews in Palestine. Of late there has been an evident purpose to realize the desire of the Jews to return to Jerusalem. It is said that one-half of the Hebrews in the world are on Russian soil, and it is not difficult to foresee that very striking political complications may soon arise from following the new orders.

A remarkable scene occurred in the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 5. Led by 100 white-gowned girls, the entire congregation, numbering 1,168 persons, marched up the hill at dusk to the church, and took the pledge of total abstinence, to neither taste, touch nor serve wine or spirituous liquors during his or her lifetime.

The Austrian premier has introduced in the Lower House of the Reichsrath a bill authorizing the construction of four canals in the Danube, Molden, Elbe and Vistula districts. The work is to begin in 1904 and to be completed in twenty years. The funds for the purpose are to be raised by a loan, bearing interest at four per cent and redeemable in ninety years.

The Government of Uruguay has adopted measures to prevent any surprise by conspirators. Every steamship going to Buenos Ayres, Argentina, is being watched by secret agents to prevent the departure of suspicious persons, because it is feared that they would prepare a coup d'etat from Argentine soil. Troops and police are being mobilized by the Government to meet an insurrection.

A royal decree has been issued from Madrid, which orders that Spanish residents in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines may recover their nationality by the same process that applies to Spaniards who have lost it by residence in other foreign countries. Under this ruling Spaniards who have forfeited their right to pensions by residence in these islands may recover what is due them by application to the authorities in Madrid.

At the Industrial Conference held in Bombay in the interests of famine children, ninety missionaries were present. Papers were read by managers of industrial institutions, which showed various ways in which children may be taught to work at useful trades. Carpentry of all kinds, blacksmithing and rug-weaving have been taught in many of these schools. The last is found to be a profitable work, as the children can make rugs which sell as high as \$500 each.

The syndicate controlling the Diefeltingen steel plant and the Dannsbau colliery is in financial difficulties and has asked its creditors for time. The Darmstadter bank has undertaken the reorganization of the concern, and is offering the creditors twenty per cent in cash and the rest in preference shares and obligations at five per cent. The embarrassed syndicate is one of the largest in the trade in Germany. It controls two other large properties besides those mentioned.

Negotiations are now pending between Great Britain and the Congo State authorities on the subject of the Bah-el-Ghazal, with the object of reestablishing the full rights of the Congo State under the lease of 1894, which were waived by King Leopold in deference to the protest of France. It has always been held by the Congo authorities that this action on their part did not invalidate the lease contracted with Great Britain as between landlord and tenant, while Lord Salisbury has held that it did.

The New York Times has been making an estimate of the amount by gift or bequest in sums of \$5,000 or over given to philanthropy in the United States during last year. This sum excludes the ordinary denominational contributions for educational, benevolent and religious purposes, and all popular funds for the relief of sufferers by famine in India or by flood in Galveston. Compared with former years, the record stands thus: 1892, \$29,000,000; 1894, \$32,000,000; 1895, \$22,500,000; 1896, \$27,000,000; 1897, \$45,000,000; 1898, \$28,000,000; 1899, \$22,000,000; 1900, \$47,000,000. It will be seen that in 1899 there was a tremendous increase not easily to be accounted for, and that since 1896 there have been great fluctuations.

The Boer commander at Boshof, in the Orange River Colony, in answer to an English officer, who had asked him to surrender, gave the following reasons for refusing to surrender: First, Mr. Stead predicts the general downfall of England; second, Olive Schreiner is of the same opinion; third, General Bullair, who was in the Trans-

vaal in 1881, writes that England will lose South Africa, forever; fourth, the Council of the Dublin Commune and the Irish at Marseilles presented President Kruger with addresses; fifth, Kaiser Wilhelm, now that Queen Victoria is dead, will choose the side of Europe and the Boers. These are remarkable reasons and there is no doubt that the attitude maintained by President Kruger encourages the Boers to continue the struggle.

State Superintendent of Mines R. A. Shifflet arrived this morning and began a thorough investigation, which will occupy several days. Everything points to the fact that the accident was caused by a dust explosion, as no gas has been found in the mine.

Memphis, Tenn., May 28.—Twenty-three hundred and five members of the United Confederate Veterans, survivors of the great armies that battled for the cause of the South during the war of secession, and representing 1123 camps of the organization, met in Confederate Hall, Memphis, Tenn., May 28, for their eleventh annual reunion. It is expected that when the gathering comes to order there will be fully 2500 old soldiers in attendance.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 28.—By a vote of 50 to 63 the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church this afternoon adopted the report of the Judiciary Committee upon the change of creed with regard to Article 15. This action is interpreted to mean that it forbids the admission of members of a secret society to the Church and according to some of the delegates expels those belonging to the Church which are now members of secret orders.

Although the convention in point of oratory, enthusiasm and all other respects was a most brilliant success, the weather put a damper on the one feature of the reunion which the good people of Memphis had arranged with especial care and pride for the entertainment of their many guests. This was the great floral parade, which, owing to the threatening clouds and muggy streets in the outskirts of the city, was postponed until May 29.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 28.—The 112th Presbyterian General Assembly was dissolved at 6:15 o'clock May 28, in Philadelphia, Pa., after having been in session for nearly two weeks. Chief among the important matters considered was the revision of the confession of faith. After a discussion continuing nearly four days this subject was referred to a special committee of twenty-one commissioners who will make recommendations as to how the creed is to be revised and present the report to the next assembly meeting in New York.

A great change has taken place in the foreign policy of Serbia since the marriage of King Alexander and since the removal of King Milan. The result has been to lead Serbia to return to the Russian fold, and has caused great satisfaction at St. Petersburg. But it is not the intention of the Russian Government to fast satisfied with the action of Serbia, but every effort will be made at St. Petersburg to turn the present situation to the best possible account in anticipation of future eventualities. The Russian Minister of War, General Kuropatkin, is said to have submitted a plan for inducing Serbia to conclude a secret military convention with Russia, which stipulates for the co-operation in certain contingencies of the Serbian Army with that of Russia and also specifies certain political advantages to be accorded Serbia.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 28.—The Board of Trustees of Marysville College at their annual meeting to-day selected Prof. S. T. Wilson as president to succeed Dr. S. W. Bardman resigned. Prof. Wilson has been connected with the college a number of years. A co-education of the races in the college was finally disposed of by the board deciding to abide by the act of the Legislature which forbade the education of whites and blacks together and by appropriating \$20,000 to a C. K. Memorial Institute (colored) at Rogersville from the endowment fund. No colored students will hereafter be admitted to Marysville College.

The President and members of the Cabinet feel that this Government was right in protesting against exactions which might force China to the wall, and from the position taken by the United States there will be no retreat. The demands of the other powers are considered exorbitant and are likely, if insisted upon, to result ultimately in the crippling or dismemberment of the Empire. The United States will continue to urge this view at every opportunity. If the powers proceed alone and force China to accede to their demands, this Government, of course, will accept the share of the indemnity assigned it on the present basis. It can distribute such amount as is necessary to liquidate the claims of our citizens and subsequently determine, if such a

course should be deemed wise, whether all the remainder should be retained by this Government as its proper share. The United States is not in favor of the proposed scheme to raise and guarantee an international loan for China, out of the proceeds of which she can liquidate her indebtedness to the powers. The United States is willing to accept the bonds of China without indorsement by any power at 3 per cent interest and thus make manifest to the world the sincerity of American profession proclaimed at the outset that the United States desires to help China to her feet and preserve her political integrity.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 28.—A special from Dayton to the Times says: The total list of the deaths from the explosion in the Richland mine is twenty. Harry Pope, who was incorrectly reported dead, was not injured, having left the mines a few minutes before the explosion. Ed Craig was just going out of the mine when the explosion occurred and was blown several hundred feet into a creek. His injuries will not prove fatal. Andy Medley and Will Rose were taken from the mines at a late hour last night in a frightful condition. Although at least five of the wounded were considered fatally injured, none have died, and it is possible all may recover if injuries are not internal. Those who were killed will be buried here to-morrow.

A Milwaukee Judge has taken the position that a healer who depends on prayer cannot be arrested for practicing medicine without license. The complaints are that when the patients needed drugs none were used. The court held: "So the whole question at issue in this case resolves itself to this: Is prayer medical treatment? If it is, then the defendants are guilty of an offense under the laws of this State; if it is not, then they are not guilty and must be discharged. It would seem as if this question answered itself, the act of prayer is so unlike anything that is popularly regarded as medical treatment that it looks like an absurdity seriously to argue the question." What will be the bearing of this on Christian science is quite another matter; for prayer concedes sickness, while Christian science smiles at the idea of suffering.

The Christian Register, in a recent issue contains this fine appreciation of a right kind of a sermon. "It is said that no kind of literature grows old and loses its value so quickly as a sermon. That is true of occasional sermons and of all sermons that never ought to have been preached. But nothing lasts like a good sermon or a real prayer. Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg will not live so long as that scrap from an address reported to have been made by Paul on Mars' Hill, and the Sermon on the Mount has not yet lost its savor. The 40th of Isaiah was no doubt part of a sermon. When William H. Channing read it in Washington after one of the last battles of the Civil War, it was as fresh and thrilling as when it was first delivered, twenty-five centuries before."

Electric cars racing for a switch, while running in opposite directions at the rate of forty miles an hour, cost five lives last Sunday afternoon at Albany, N. Y., by a terrific collision in which over forty prominent people were injured, some fatally and others seriously. The lobby of the local post-office filled with dead and wounded, hysterical women and children looking for relatives and friends, surgeons administering temporary relief and ambulances racing through the city, taking the wounded to hospitals, were the early intimations of the accident. The scene of the accident was a point about two miles out of Greenbush, on the line of the Albany and Hudson Railway. The point where the cars met on the single track was at a sharp curve and so fast were both running and so sudden was the collision, that the motor-man never had time to put on the brakes before the south-bound car had gone almost clean through the other car and hung on the edge of a high bluff with its load of shrieking, maimed humanity.

With all the pomp and circumstance of a military funeral and rites of the Episcopal Church, former Gov. Tanner was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery Springfield, Ill., May 28, almost within the shadow of the national Lincoln monument. The funeral was the largest seen in Springfield since the burial of President Lincoln in April, 1865. There were strangers in the city.

Miss Susa B. Anthony, of the Woman's Suffrage Association, says: "We have devoted most of our time this year to the work of organization. We have had three times as much money in the treasury as ever before and our membership has doubled. The greatest work done the past year by the society apart from organizing new branches has been the preparation of the monster petitions to Congress ask-

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ing for a sixteenth amendment and also asking that in the constitutions of the new islands the word "male" shall not appear in the suffrage clause. We have also sent petitions from the officers of organizations representing over 2,000,000 laboring men and many labor societies have voted to support our cause and have instructed their officers to sign our petitions."

A most successful counterfeiting mill was discovered in operation in Moyamensing prison, Philadelphia, May 17. It is a startling climax to the notorious counterfeiting conspiracy case of Lancaster, Pa., of twenty months ago, for participation in which secret service agents sent to the penitentiary for long terms a dozen men, including a former United States Attorney and his assistant, John L. Semple, a prominent member of the Camden, N. J., bar, is charged by the secret agents with aiding two of his clients in the manufacturing of spurious \$20 Hamilton notes, while they are awaiting trial in connection with the great Kendrick-Jacobs frauds. He was arrested and gave bond in \$10,000 to answer at court. The method was to clean off \$1 notes of Government issue until they were left entirely blank and then from plates that they had made manufacture \$20 bills. They disposed of 150 notes in this way. The two counterfeiters have confessed and implicated Mr. Semple, who obtained the \$1 notes for them, and the brother of one of the prisoners, who did the counterfeiting of the notes.

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WICHI

W. H. Brown, fine revival at the great day yesterday and several more graciously blessing night our house-crowd, and we had to-day and an abun-dance we can well afford to "glorify" in this our court-house, our congregations glory forever.

COON

C. R. Gray, our former school-teacher, was a great interest of the Church, preached one of the men's souls, which for the remainder then had dinner at a dinner as can be seen in the quarterly session was held at Klondike, present was reduced, served with power, very opportune to the Church, we fruit We had on days I saw every Friday, which was close of the year will be devoted June. All friends invited to be present.

COOPEE

E. L. Sparlock, Conference of the past, Dr. Pladger, was Friday morning, after dinner was the ground, he is here. The first good, nearly half being paid. We began, lighted the and made some improvements. The tion of the Church during this year, a hundred members one new Church, day morning came, large crowd great o'clock. He preached, after while Chapel Church, sections, as order, women, and received subscriptions, even that Church. At afternoon at 4 o'clock of the Lord two babies. So, ously meeting for

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L. W. Carleton, ed attention last faithful and efficient, A. A. them well on the gram, and we gave appreciative listen well, and we enjoy Epworth League I ough work. It was The same old fore, so crippled we last the victory this 10. Who can be at is moving up along Quarterly Conference of June 8 and 9, conference.

PEACH STREET

S. A. Barnes, Me a fine meeting at 10, ten-five conversations, seventeen by birth the Church is in b has been for years thirty-five members, three-eight children, on improvements, the benefits of the No better nor true-ty than Fort W. sympathy are the our presiding at 10, in preaching at 10, and feel his sym-Then there are of and Sam Barnes, M Little, Williams an- ing has been a lit- and they are in struggle and hard our congregations, we can well accom- We are expecting his generous heart the best prayer-mem- none excepted. We none better in the-out of debt, then s our other Churches, now, if you will, I many Churches ha- the debt we have a- have been dead. A- dying, but growing our being "So not

GREEN'S CH

J. J. Morton, L. erty Conference for at Bunyan, May 11 House, our preside- (ways) does, in the His singing, his p- and his exhortation and power in them Bro. Boone grows, he may be continue years limit express- ing was a glorious made a good report K. S. Van Zandt, the general state are six appointments the seventh one at Conference, and th- appointment is the nic, framed church ganize, at Indian C- doubt about its per- cess. Under the Boone's preaching, ing Sunday, the pe- mined to "rise up a- raised in cash and about \$20. These t-

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTICES.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Program of the seventh Texas Epworth League Conference, to be held in North Street Church, Austin, July 2 and 3.

Monday, 7:30 p. m. Song and prayer. 8:30 p. m. Entertainment. Tuesday, 9:30 a. m. Song and prayer. 10:30 a. m. Address of welcome and reports. 11:30 a. m. Entertainment of delegates. 1:30 p. m. The Epworth League, National Department. 2:30 p. m. General Session. 3:30 p. m. The Epworth League, Texas Department. 4:30 p. m. The Epworth League, Austin Chapter. 5:30 p. m. Entertainment. 6:30 p. m. Song and prayer. 7:30 p. m. Entertainment. 8:30 p. m. Entertainment. 9:30 p. m. Entertainment. 10:30 p. m. Entertainment. 11:30 p. m. Entertainment.

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In addition to this, the ladies of the H. M. S. have raised sufficient money to pay my expense to the reunion of my old Confederate comrades at Memphis and from there to "Washington," where my eldest and best-loved soldier lives. Then to cap these blessings with a glorious climax, God sent the Holy Spirit into our midst and converted many souls and then after these conversions pointed the Spirit out on my Church and gave us a glorious revival. As in our Church, the visible results are: Twenty-three additions (twenty joining by rituals) and every member who attended the services throughout the meeting was made happy in the Lord. To God be all the glory.

EVERYTHING is moving on well on this charge. The congregations are large, and the people are of one mind and working together for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The circuit is now out of debt, which is largely due to the faithful efforts and untiring energies of our good women. We have our church and parsonage well secured against fire. Have just put a sheep-picket fence around the parsonage. We can truly say the people here are very good to us. They have proved their faith by their acts, by sending as many good things to the parsonage from time to time, but last evening the pounding came in full force. About sundown the people began to come to the parsonage, which caused the preacher and his family to feel suspicious, and in a short time the fireman arose up to the gate with his wagon loaded with good things to eat and to wear, together with several dollars in cash, which all told amounted to \$22, all of which is greatly appreciated and service to encourage us to give them the year's services of our friends. God bless and save the good people of Gilmer.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

FLATONIA. A. J. B. May 27: Our pastor began a meeting last night. Seven or eight up for prayer at first service. One man more than 50 years old inspiring the way of life. We are praying for a great revival.

Is the race to become extinct while our women hunt for work higher than that which God gave them? It is inferior, lower work. What Woman's Club or Woman's Column can match the home which the wife and mother makes beautiful and sacred for her husband and sons? What are a thousand canyaves to a live child with its fairly dimpled body and living soul?—June Ladies' Home Journal.

Notes From the Field. NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WICHITA FALLS.

W. H. Brown, May 27: We are in a fine revival at this place now. Had a great day yesterday. Several professions, and several more this morning. God is graciously blessing every effort. Last night our house would not hold the crowd, and we had a large congregation to-day and an all-style revival. I believe we can well afford to sing "A Time Religion" in this city now. We will move to the court-house, so we will have room for our congregations. To God be all the glory forever.

COUNTY LINE.

C. R. Gray: Our second Quarterly Conference, which was held at Bethany May 19, was a great occasion. Bro. Fladger was present, looking carefully after every interest of the Church. At 11 o'clock he preached one of those sermons that stir men's souls, which put us in good shape for the remainder of the exercise. We then had dinner on the ground, and such a dinner as can only be found at a Methodist quarterly meeting. The business session was held at 2:30, and Dr. Barboe, of Klondike, preached at night. His sermon was replete with thought and delivered with power. Bro. Fladger made a very opportune talk at 2:30, on "Loyalty to the Church," which is already bearing fruit. We had one of the most spiritual days I have ever spent. Our church at Pecos, which was destroyed by the cyclone of February 2, has been rebuilt, and will be dedicated the second Sunday in June. All friends and former pastors are invited to be present.

COOPER CHARGE.

F. L. Spurlink: The second Quarterly Conference of the Cooper charge is a thing of the past. The presiding elder, Bro. Fladger, was promptly on hand Saturday morning, and preached at 11 o'clock. After dinner was served, which was "on the ground," he held the quarterly conference. The financial report was very good, nearly half the preacher's salary being paid. We have bought a nice new organ, lighted the church with electricity, and made some other much-needed improvements. I think the spiritual condition of the Church has greatly improved during this year. We have added nearly a hundred members to our roll, organized one new Church and one League. Sunday morning came bright and clear. A large crowd greeted Bro. Fladger at 11 o'clock. He preached a most excellent sermon, after which he dedicated Foster's Chapel Church. We then took our collections, as ordered by the Annual Conference, and received in cash and good subscriptions every dollar apportioned to that Church. After preaching in the afternoon at 1 o'clock, we had the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and baptized two babies. So ended the second quarterly meeting for the year 1900 and 1901.

NORTHWEST T. X. CONFERENCE.

FERRIS CHARGE.

L. W. Carleton: Our children had special attention last Sunday afternoon. Our faithful and efficient Sunday-school superintendent, A. A. McHenry, had trained them well on the Children's Day Program, and we gave them a house full of appreciative listeners. The children did well, and we enjoyed the program. Our Epworth League has begun to do thorough work. It will exceed, this time, the same old force has to be met that so crippled us last year, but we will get the victory this time. "The Lord is for us. Who can be against us?" The charge is moving up along all lines. Our second quarterly conference will be held at Bristol June 4 and 5. We look for a great conference.

TEACH STREET, FORT WORTH.

S. Barnes, May 25: We have closed a fine meeting at Teach Street, with twenty-five conversions, twenty ascending seventeen by baptism. The members say the Church is in better condition than it has been for years. We have received thirty-five members since conference, baptized eight children, expended about \$50 on improvements. We are still reaping the benefits of the District Conference. No better nor truer men compose a district than Fort Worth. Both in heart and sympathy are they great. Dr. Campbell, our presiding elder, has but few equals in preaching, and to know him is to love and feel his sympathy for his preachers. Then there are others, such men as John and Sam Barnes, Morris Carr, Hawkins, Little, Williams and others. Their coming has been a blessing to our Church, and they are in more sympathy with our struggles and hardships at Teach Street. Our congregations are fine, as many as we can well accommodate in our church. We are expecting some one to open up his generous heart and help us. We have the best prayer-meeting in Fort Worth—none excelled. We have a fine location, none better in the city. We need to be out of debt, then we will crowd some of our other Churches in Fort Worth. Laugh now, if you will, but we will do it. If many Churches had been burdened with the debt we have always had, they would have been dead. We are not dead, nor dying, but growing, moving and having our being. "So mote it be."

GREEN'S CREEK CIRCUIT.

V. J. Morton, L. E.: The second Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at Bunyan, May 18 and 19. Rev. E. F. Bowers, our presiding elder, came, as he always does, in the Spirit of the Master. His singing, his prayers, his preaching and his exhortations all have spirit, point and power in them. As the years go by, Bro. Bowers grows upon us, and we hope he may be continued with us till the four years' limit expires. The quarterly meeting was a glorious success. The stewards made a good report, and our pastor, Rev. K. S. Van Zandt, made a fine report on the general state of the Church. There are six appointments on the circuit, with the seventh one added since the Annual Conference, and the beauty of this new appointment is that they are building a nice, framed church house before they organize, at Indian Creek. So we have no doubt about its permanence and final success. Under the inspiration of Bro. Bowers' preaching at the quarterly meeting, Sunday, the people at Bunyan determined to "rise up and build," hence they raised in cash and good subscriptions about \$50. These two new Churches will

give us a church house at every appointment on the circuit. On the 11th day of June we are to begin the construction of a new room to our parsonage and the re-painting of the old rooms. Also, on last Sunday, Bro. Van Zandt took a collection at the Green's Creek Church, and raised in cash and good subscriptions \$127.50 to paint the church house at that place. The people at Harbin and at Cox Creek appointments have already painted their churches this year. And, best of all, under the pointed and earnest preaching of our stirring pastor, there are signs of the on-coming of a great revival. There is the best of harmony and good-will existing between Bro. Van Zandt and his local preachers. Surely we ought to take this country for the Lord.

MOODY.

W. H. Thornton, May 28: We closed a three and a half weeks' meeting in Moody April 21. It was said by some to have been the best meeting Moody has had for years. Bro. Ediston, our presiding elder, held quarterly conference and preached at one time during the meeting. His preaching was direct and charged with power. On Sunday he raised all but \$5 of our conference assessments. It is a preacher good to get such a lift by his presiding elder. The pastor did the other three weeks' preaching, and when the meeting closed the good people of Moody showed their appreciation of his services by raising the money and sending him to the great Missionary Conference in New Orleans. All this because the pastor and people closer together and closer to God. Our Church here is in much better condition than at any time since I came here. Our District Conference meets in Moody June 27.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

MOORE.

M. T. Allen, May 29: Children's Day services at Tehuacana last Sunday were good. Collection \$2.60. Our new church house, out there will be dedicated the fourth Sunday in June. Rev. H. Harris is to preach the sermon. All former pastors invited to attend the services. We are to preach in our new house at Big Foot next Sunday. The people have done well in building these two houses. Now that we have done well in material things, may we also do well in spiritual things. We need some good revivals.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HOLCOMB CIRCUIT.

H. B. Smith, May 27: Had Children's Day yesterday at Ratcliffe. One thousand people were on the ground. The exercises passed off successfully. The children acquitted themselves well. Those who trained them deserve thanks. Home was decorated tastefully for the occasion. Collection \$37. Hurray for Ratcliffe!

WILLS POINT MISSION.

Jose Willis, May 27: We are doing nicely on Wills Point Mission this year. Our congregations are larger than at any time during the two and one-half years we have been on the work. The people seem to be more spiritual and take more interest in the work of the Church. We have received two churches at a cost of some two hundred dollars—that is for material, this scribble doing most of the carpenter work. We also have in hand money to buy the material for one new church. Our collections are all in sight. On Saturday evening of the 25th inst. the good people of Palmer Grove, or number at least, gave the preacher and family a real pounding, for which we are grateful. We are praying for and expecting some good revivals this year.

SHADY GROVE.

Mrs. Mary D. Well, May 25: Our second quarterly conference convened at Shady Grove May 1 and 2, which was indeed a grand occasion. We had four very interesting sessions, one each by our pastor, Bro. Bridges, and Bro. Pink White, of the New York Circuit, and two by our presiding elder, Bro. Smith. The manifestation of the Spirit seemed present throughout the entire meeting. Christians seemed impressed to a higher degree of Christian living and determined to live more devoted to God's cause than ever before. Sinners seemed to be moved to conviction, which led to many conversions in their conversion, and five children were baptized. How angelic those little ones looked while they were being dedicated to God! We had plentiful supply of candles on the ground both days. There was a wonderful number of official members from the entire charge. The Methodists of this community have erected their very beautiful little church house, of which all are very proud. Sunday, Bro. Smith delivered a very eloquent sermon, and dedicated our church to God, for whose noble cause he built. He said, "Bro. Smith can preach!" Our people love him more all the time, which speaks well for him. We do not think that the Bishop could have made a better selection than when he sent us the pastor we have. He seems to be loved and admired by all who know him.

MT PLEASANT.

Smart Nelson, May 25: I have just closed one of the most remarkable meetings that I have ever been in. I began the meeting on the 1st Sunday of this month. On the Wednesday following, Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, D. D. of State Line, Texas, came to my relief, and conducted nearly all the services until the night of the 15th. Bro. Timmons is an able preacher, and knows exactly how to conduct revival services. His preaching is clear and logical. There is no sensationalism about him, but he exercises a mighty influence over his hearers. To him, under God, the success of the revival in saving sinners is mainly due. Another distinguishing and admirable trait of his well-rounded character is the fact of drawing the Church in closer and more helpful contact with their pastor. In fact, the more I am with him, the more I admire and love him as a clear and capable man. To my organist, Sister Mamie Smith, my grateful acknowledgments are tendered. During all the meeting she was absolutely punctual, and never lost her temper, even when some of the choir were tardy or absent. Mr. Tom Caldwell has put me under loving obligations by presenting me with a real fine suit of clothes and a handsome bonus in legal tender notes. Mr. Joe Badi, Mrs. Lillinstern, Seb Caldwell and others have assisted in the decoration of the physical man, until I am as presentable as a Dallas

# The Home Circle

## DRIVE THE NAIL.

Drive the nail aright, boys,  
 Hit it on the head;  
 Strike with all your might, boys,  
 Give the time the lead.  
 Lessons you've to learn, boys—  
 Study with a will;  
 They who reach the top, boys,  
 First must climb the hill.

Standing at the foot, boys,  
 Gazing at the sky,  
 How can you get up, boys,  
 If you never try?  
 Through sun and storm, boys,  
 Never be faint yet;  
 Try and try again, boys,  
 You'll succeed at last.

Rise, ye sluggards, boys,  
 Though your task is hard,  
 Tull and happy heart, boys,  
 Bring their own reward,  
 Never give it up, boys,  
 Always say you'll try,  
 You will gain the crown, boys,  
 Study, by and by.

## "STONEWALL'S" FIRST RECORDED VICTORY.

The following incident in the life of General Thomas J. Jackson, which I believe has never been given to the public, but which I had several times from the lips of my venerable uncle, Mr. Conrad Kester, who lived at Weston, in Lewis County, Va., (now West Virginia), some three miles above the "Old Campaign Jackson Mills," where young Jackson lived with his uncle, will serve to show that those sterling qualities of head and heart which so characterized his life in after years were innate in the boy, and even at the early age of ten years his high sense of honor and deep perception of the right led him to do what he could not easily be supposed to do.

At the time mentioned the West Fork River, on which boats stood the old mill, was well stocked with fish, among which none was sought after so eagerly as that noble game fish called the trout. This was so familiarly called, generally supplied the demands of the limited fish market at the little village of Weston.

One day Tom proposed to Mr. Kester that he would let him have all the fish he wanted, but in length or over at the price of fifty cents each. Mr. Kester accepted the proposition, on the solemn compact was concluded.

Tom returned to perform the contract, naturally, and sold every trout he caught at the regular price, until he had sold the last one. He then went to the mill, and found that the trout were all gone. He went to the mill, and found that the trout were all gone. He went to the mill, and found that the trout were all gone.

## THE BADGE OF COURAGE.

If every soldier who wears the Victoria Cross or its American medal equivalent had to wear it the decoration through its very consciousness would lose much of its significance and value. The man in ten wars it and lives; the other nine die in striving. writes E. B. Clark in the Chicago Times-Herald. It has been said authoritatively that after the institution of the Cross of the Legion of Honor, the Victoria Cross and the Congressional Medal of Honor individual deeds of valor increased nearly four-fold. It is probable that the existence of the decorations and the known fact that they were to be worn simply called the attention of officers more sharply to the duty of reporting all acts of valor which came under their

notice, and that this more than any hope for reward accounted for the apparent "reinforcement of courage." The intrinsic value of these badges of honor is about one cent, yet for the privilege of wearing them the soldiers of three countries seem always ready to tread Gray's "paths of glory."

The French cross may be won by civilians; the English and American crosses are pinned only upon the breasts of soldiers and sailors. In the armies of all three nations officer and private, peasant and prince have equal chances of wearing that which nothing but attested bravery may buy.

The first Victoria Cross granted for bravery in the present South African war was given to Col. Ian Hamilton of the Gordon Highlanders for conspicuous gallantry at the battle of Elandlaangie.

By common consent the British authorities give the palm for surpassing bravery to a private named Karamath who succeeded in bringing Colin Campbell to the relief of Lucknow. This deed has a parallel in the American army. In the year 1876, during the Sioux uprising, General Terry, whose camp was on the Big Horn, wished to communicate with General Cook on the Powder River. The country between the two commands was infested with hostile Sioux Indians. Trained phisicians, scouts who had been Indian fighters all their lives, abandoned the courier task as hopeless. Then Private James Bell, Company E, Seventh Infantry, came forward and told General Terry that he would carry the dispatches. They gave Bell the papers and told him that he was going to his death. The scouts said "suicide." Bell said nothing, but went. He rode principally at night, hiding in the rocks. Twice he was within gunshot of stamping herds of the Indian ponies bearing their riders by his hiding place. A mishap from his horse mount capture and death. Yet, Bell got through and gave Terry's message to Cook.

Some years ago when the Comanches, Cheyennes and Kiowas were on the war path along the Washita River, Texas, Sergeant Zachariah T. Woodhall, with four privates of Troop I, Sixth Cavalry, agreed to carry dispatches through the very heart of the redskins country. The troopers were attacked by a band of 125 warriors of the allied tribes. Woodhall and his men held an advantageous place, with water and food and with an abundance of ammunition. They could have held off the pack probably until relief arrived, but Woodhall said to his men: "These dispatches must go through." Accordingly, the little band set its way through the circling herds. Woodhall was desperately wounded, but clinging to his horse and his dispatches and succeeded with his followers in reaching their destination. They pinned a medal of honor on his horse while it was hanging alongside his cot in the hospital.

Space forbids giving detailed accounts of the courageous deeds which won medals for other enlisted men in the United States army. There was Charles Boese, a musician. Who, though wounded himself, went out under a scathing fire and tended two wounded comrades. There was Sergeant Foreythe of the cavalry, who though dangerously wounded by the Indians, left cover and rescued his commanding officer, who had been shot down by the Sioux in the open. This Foreythe did under the direct fire of his rifles. There are some twenty-five other cases, all of them well worth the reading.

## THE WONDERFUL GIFT.

What a wonderful Savior is ours! Indeed, it is surprising that we should have a Savior at all, but most wonderful is the expression of infinite love. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God! Behold what love—what kind of love—what an amount of it is this, considering the unworthy state and attitude the children of men were in by the disfiguring inroads and effects of sin, woefully entailed upon us.

By him, the glorious Son of God, the worlds were made, and without him was not anything made that was made; and yet he is my Savior, my adorable Redeemer, my Ransom, my atoning Sacrifice. He it is who is my Master. I am his servant, and it is for the servant to know and understand what the will of the Lord is, and to do it from the heart, fearing not what man may do unto him. It is not only my bounden duty, but my highest privilege, to love and serve him with all my ransomed powers.

Words are mediums of expression, and Christ being the expression of God's love to the world of sinners lost, is therefore "the Word of God." Well might the prophet exclaim, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty

God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isa 9:6); for he is wonderful in every way we may view him—in his own nature and in his relation to us, the rebellious children of the Most High. He came to "seek and to save that which was lost." How marvellous his condescension!—William M. Wright.

## PUSH 'EM UP.

It was a long, slippery, steep hill, covered with snow and ice, and the old darkey and the mule and the heavily-laden cart were toiling up. They were on the car track in the hope of making the climbing easier, but could only creep along; and then—here came the electric car whizzing up behind, with its changing bell and impatient passengers. When the car had come to a standstill behind him the old man got out as nimbly as his well-wrapped feet—two bundles of rags—would let him, and with his thin old coat blowing about in the sharp wind, vainly tried to urge the mule on. At last he called out, "Boss, dat mule can do no mo' den he is doin'. He's pullin', sah, with all his might."

There was some grumbling among the passengers. All at once an idea struck the conductor: "Let's hitch on and push 'em up the hill."

So he told the old darkey to take his seat again, and slowly the electric car was moved up against the pole that projected from the cart's back. Then, with the electricity turned on, darkey and mule and cart were soon speeding up the hill. The mule pricked up his ears and expressed astonishment from his head to the tip of his tail, while the smile on the old darkey's face will long be remembered.

Be patient with the weary, the weak and the old. Whenever you have a chance, hitch on the electric car of your youth and strength and give them a push up the hill of life!—Mrs. E. Y. Mallin.

## A PENCIL THAT BROUGHT FAME.

A pretty story going the rounds tells a little romance connected with the girlhood of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett. The scene is laid in a little town away down in Tennessee.

Everybody in the little Tennessee town loved pretty Fanny Hodgson, including a young man who appeared to be staying in the neighborhood. He was considerably older than she. But the disparity between them was not so much one of years as of birth and station. This young man had been born to wealth and ease, while the father of Frances was a mechanic.

Young Burnett was small of stature and very lame. He became interested in the girl, and amused himself sometimes by talking with her when she brought a tin pail filled with blueberries to sell to his mother. It is a literal fact that the proceeds of her first blueberries were invested in the purchase of a lead pencil with which she wrote her first story. She took the story to the young man, and he told her how to touch it up here and there and put it into shape. It was a childish tale, but the young man recognized in it signs of talent, and he believed that the latter was well worth fostering. The girl burned with wonderful ease and rapidity. The young man's interest developed, and it was not long after that they were united in marriage. Very soon the couple went abroad. While Dr. Burnett perfected himself in his chosen profession the proceeds of the young wife's work went to help pay the expenses of her husband's higher studies. In "That loss of Lewis's" Mrs. Burnett herself stands for the original of the pet girl whose rude, rough life was quickened and developed by love of the London engineer; for Derrick, says the knowing ones, simply read Burnett; for Joan, Fanny Hodgson.—Epworth Era.

## I GAVE THEM MYSELF.

Said a mother to me one day: "When my children were young I thought the very best thing I could do for them was to give them myself. So I spared no pains to talk with them, to read to them, to teach them, to pray with them, to be a loving companion and friend to my children. I had to neglect my house often. I had no time to indulge myself in many things which I should have liked to do. I was so busy adoring their minds and cultivating their hearts' best affections that I could not adorn their bodies in fine clothes, though I kept them neat and comfortable at all times."

"I have my reward now. My sons are ministers of the Gospel; my grown up daughter a Christian woman. I have plenty of time now to sit down and rest, plenty of time to indulge myself, besides going about my Master's business whenever he has need of me. I have a thousand beautiful memories of their childhood to comfort me. Now that they have gone out into the world I have the sweet consciousness of having done all I could to make them ready for whatever work God calls them to do."—Life of Faith.

## A KERNEL OF CORN.

"Oh, dear! There is something in my shoe!"

Mark limped along a few paces. Then he stopped; there was no use trying to hurry when something hurt like that.

So the boy seated himself on a big stone which lay by the roadside, and began unbuttoning his shoe. It was not a long task for only part of the buttons were fastened.

As his fingers moved, he looked round him. Along the sides of the road the green grass was springing up, and only a little way from where Mark sat a cluster of hepaticas boldly held up their purple-blue cups. The buds on the trees were swelling. From afar off there came the cheery chirp of a robin.

"Summer will soon be here," Mark thought, his heart swelling with joy. "I will be so glad!"

By this time his shoe was off. He drew out the substance which had hurt his foot, and looked at it. It was neither a pebble nor a stick.

"It's nothing but a kernel of corn," Mark exclaimed, and was about to throw it away when a mellow little voice cried:

"Nothing but a kernel of corn indeed! What did you expect to find? I wish you would remember that there are few things in the world of more importance than corn."

Mark was too astonished to speak. The grain of corn was gone. In its place stood the queerest little figure. It was about six inches high, plump and round. Above the portly body and short legs rose a large head covered with closely-cut yellow hair. The boy's pants and short coat were of the same yellow tint as was his hair.

"Well, why don't you say something?" and the sprite looked teasingly up in Mark's face.

"I don't know what to say. I—why, who are you? Where did you come from, and what do you want?"

"Is that all you want to know?"

For a moment the two stared at each other. Then the boy laughed merrily, and the little creature sprang upon Mark's knee.

"I'll sit down and tell you all about it. I am corn, and fell in where your shoe was unbuttoned when you fed the chickens. You have seen millions of us growing on the long ears."

"Oh, I see! You are the kernels. Is every one of you a separate somebody?"

Corn nodded his head.

"Of course he is, just as each boy is a separate person. Our real name is Maize; we are an old family. Columbus found my forefathers here when he arrived, for—"

"I know," Mark interrupted. "You were all the grain the Indians knew anything of."

The little creature held his head proudly erect.

"We are enough. And now—why, now in the Central Western States Corn is King. There are millions of bushel raised every year. If you have any idea how many kernels there are in a bushel, you may be able to guess how many of us there are in the world."

"It makes me dizzy to think of it. Say, is it not poky diving in summer shut up in those husks?"

Though Corn's face was almost as yellow as his clothes and hair, it grew red, and his eyes flashed.

"Poky, indeed. It's lot better than being where there are rude boys. I should think you would be ashamed."

"Why, I didn't mean any harm," Mark hastened to explain. "I think you are jelly, and I wish you would tell me all about yourself."

"That would take too long. First, I must tell you we have a happy life. All through the summer we nestle together in our happy home. We feel the warmth of the sunshine and the moisture of the rain and dew, but are protected from harm. The breeze sings the sweetest songs in our leaves, and our life is one long joy."

Mark put out one finger and stroked Corn's shoulder curiously and said, "I am glad."

Corn smiled up in the lad's face. "We are one of the cereal plants. The part you call the tassel is formed in the language of the botanist, of terminate flowers each with two-celled anthers. The ear is really a short auxiliary branch of the stalk, and what people call the silk is composed of styles and stigmas. You know how the grains grow in parallel rows. There, I have told you as much as you

can remember. Now it is time for you to hurry on to school."

Mark rose.

"What will I do with you?" I would not like to throw you away!"

"Thank you, Mark. The highest honor that can come to a grain is to be planted. Then it can produce many, many grains, and they each can produce as many more. There is a good place over there, especially if a boy will keep the weeds down."

Mark understood.

"I will," he whispered, as he placed the kernel of corn in the moist brown earth. "I will see, Corn, that you have good care."—Advance.

"When I was a little boy," remarked an old gentleman, "somebody gave me a cucumber in a bottle. The neck of the bottle was small, and the cucumber so large that it wasn't possible for it to pass through, and I wondered how it got there. But out in the garden one day, I came upon a bottle slipped over a little green fellow that was still on the vine, and then I understood. The cucumber had grown in the bottle. I often see men with habits that I wonder any strong, sensible man could form, and then I think that likely they grew into them when they were young and cannot slip out of them now, they are like the cucumber. Look out for such bottles, boys!"

Children may be praised, but it should be done judiciously. On the other hand, when rebuke is necessary, let it be administered with discrimination. Rebuke must be had to time, place, temperament, and influence in parental government. Children must be dealt with kindly, soberly, cautiously, circumspically, and wisely. They should be brought up to fear God, love right, recognize authority, and live virtuously and christianly. They should have the atmosphere of a godly, loving, cheery and helpful home, and everything should be done to make them useful as well as happy.—Exchange.

## The Value of Charcoal.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better, it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It also absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it detoxifies the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them, they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a potent preparation yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

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## THE HEAVENS

By Andrew

After God had made  
 And spread abroad  
 And marked their  
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 And after he had  
 And moulded the  
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NORTH TEXAS MISSION CONFERENCE.

The mid-year session of the North Texas Mission Conference was held in Whitewright the 20th to the 22d inst. It was intended to make this more than the meeting of the Conference Mission Board, and quite an elaborate program was arranged. But from some cause or other those who had it in charge failed to give to the meeting any extensive advertising through the columns of the Advocate, and as a result it was not so largely attended as was hoped. Nevertheless quite a goodly number of the preachers and the laymen were promptly on hand, and the conference opened on schedule time. This writer and Bro. Everett of the Branch House, ran up on Tuesday morning and spent the better part of the day with them. The trip after the rain was very delightful. The air was balmy and bracing, and the green fields had a look of thrift and beauty about them. The wheat for the most part was destroyed by the green bugs, and so was the oat crop. But now and then we passed some fine fields of wheat and oats in full bloom that escaped the ravages of this pest. Those fields devastated had been prepared and put in cotton and corn, and these crops look flourishing. Such are the resources of our soil that if one crop fails on us as early as did the wheat and the oats, we can resort to another one and offset the loss. So it is in this instance. If the seasons continue, the corn and cotton will be luxuriant.

Whitewright is one of the best of our North Texas towns. It is situated on the line of the Katy Road, about eighty miles north of this city, in one of the most fertile sections of the

State. It has a population of nearly two thousand, and much wealth obtains. It has the modern improvements, and it is a local option community pure and simple. The Church influence dominates and the people are religious. Grayson College is under the management of Prof. F. E. Butler, who is a useful local preacher and a Vanderbilt man. The school is very flourishing, having enrolled more than three hundred pupils the past year. He has associated with him a number of competent teachers. We had the pleasure of dining with the good family of Bro. Butler, and a more hospitable board can not be found. The school is a great blessing to all of that country and vicinity.

When we reached Whitewright it was 11 o'clock, and Rev. C. A. Emmons, pastor at Bells, was in the pulpit reading his Scripture lessons. He came to us last year from the Southwest Missouri Conference, but he went from us to that conference about twenty years ago. We were associated with him in Missouri, during our two years' connection with that body. Bro. Emmons is a fine preacher, and we do not hesitate to say that his sermon at this Mission Conference was one of the most biblical, spiritual and earnest sermons that we have heard in months. He will prove one of our most useful and capable members. In the afternoon we were given the privilege to place before the brethren the claims of the Advocate as one of the leading agencies for the propagation of missionary intelligence. We were accorded a good hearing. After this, Bros. Monteale, Binkley, Bounds and Neely made appropriate addresses. Then Dr. J. H. Pritchett, one of our Missionary Secretaries, made a fine address on the principles underlying mission plans and methods. This closed the day's work. Dr. J. H. McLean was made chairman of the conference, and conducted its business with great satisfaction to the brethren. Dr. Neely, the pastor, made everybody feel at home. He is in favor with his people, and his health looks to be much better than at the late session of our Annual Conference. He is one of the best preachers in Texas Methodism, and as lovable a man as one wants to meet. He and his family occupy one of the best parsonages in the conference. It does the soul of this writer good to see our faithful preachers and their households thus provided for. Our visit, though brief, was to us very enjoyable, and we hope to repeat it at no distant day.

sign is Gothic. Carpets have been placed upon the pulpit and altar floors and down the approaches. The building is very attractive, and the pastor, Rev. A. F. Hendrix, and his family are happy in their work. They occupy one of the best parsonages in the conference. We were permitted to represent the Advocate at will, and the brethren heard us patiently. We had the pleasure of hearing a most excellent sermon from Rev. I. T. Stafford, of Montague. He is a scholarly man and a fine preacher. At night we preached to a house full of people, and hope that some good was done. We enjoyed the hospitality of Brother and Sister Jno. H. King. We also took tea with the family of J. H. Pickle, whom we knew at Sweetwater, Tenn., a long time ago. We were sorry to leave, but had to rush off in order to get to the Southwestern University commencement.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Last week we ran up to Pilot Point to take in the Gainesville District Conference for a day and night. When we arrived it was in session, and Rev. J. L. Morris, the new presiding elder, was in the chair. He had it well organized and in good working order. He is very popular with his preachers and people. They love to hear him preach and to have him in their homes. His presence at the quarterly meetings draws a large congregation and inspires a deep interest. His district is well in hand. From the reports of the brethren, the finances are better up than usual at this season, and many of them have had good meetings. While the green bug has gotten in his work very generally throughout this section, nevertheless Brother Morris thinks that his district will very nearly pay out its claims this year. The preachers were nearly all present at the conference, and there was cheerfulness in their tone of voice. And many of the laymen were also there and taking much interest in the proceedings. The good people of the town gave to the delegates a warm welcome, and many of them were constant in their attendance upon the sessions, especially upon the public services. They had also put their house in order for the conference. The pulpit and the altar had been greatly improved and the woodwork of the entire interior had received a fresh coat of paint. The structure is of brick and the de-

home, be it ever so humble, there is no place like home." In the Advocate of May 23, by some hocus-pocus, the speeches of Bishop Keener and Dr. Palmer before the Missionary Conference at New Orleans were mixed. We reproduce Bishop Keener's speech in this issue of the Advocate. The Advocate is in receipt of the program of the Fort Worth District Sunday-School and Epworth League Conference, which will be held at Grapevine, June 18-20. A copy of the program may be obtained from P. N. Ingraham, District Secretary, Fort Worth, Texas. The Advocate regrets that it cannot find space for these district programs. 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 New Orleans Advocate gives the following correct report of the response of the Bishop to the warm words of his younger colleague: As the King of Israel replied to Benhadad, "Tell him, Let him not that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." After many years I am now putting off the battle harness. I was for twenty-six years on the firing-line, and have sent many of you to difficult almost impossible fields, and I am glad to see you yet alive. I learned during the war that I was greatly wanting in courage—indeed, physically a coward; therefore, there were many transfers and appointments that I ought to have made, which I lacked nerve to make. But we have now in my brethren, the present college of Bishops, men who have courage to wield the men demanded by the great fields of foreign and home work—leading them in person to the farthest Orient. I know no such body of heroes as the Methodist itinerants. I have sent many a man to a skeleton Church, and to many skeleton Churches—men that had but the merest skeleton of preaching power. The two skeletons, very near to being two spirits, succeeded as only men aided by the Spirit of God can succeed. Methodism moves forward wherever planted. The Lord said to Adam directly upon the Fall, "Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and have eaten of the tree, cursed is the ground for thy sake," etc. An event which can not occur but the once, still, woman has her place in respect to the Church, as well as to the world, to be held in mind. She is very rich in sentiment, and has a wealth of loving sympathy, but she is more ambitious than man. She is his helper in doing all that is to be done in sending the Gospel to all lands, yet as the partner and aid of man. The Wesleyan women do a vast deal in raising the large sums of money given by the Wesleyans to their foreign work. The trouble is not yonder, but here at home; there are plenty of volunteers to go, and plenty of doors open, but the means are the want of the present hour. The man who can get one dollar out of every Church member is as great as the one that invented the steam engine. And this is the mistake in uniting missions; it destroys the esprit de corps of the Churches at home, which societies feel when they have their own representatives and missionaries abroad. 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.

THE INTERNATIONAL EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

The approaching International Epworth League Conference will be held in San Francisco next July, and the Leaguers on the coast are making extended preparations for a great time. That the trip is an inviting one nobody will question. To sweep through the plains and over the mountains to the Pacific Ocean is a temptation hard to resist, especially as the rates are so arranged as to bring such a journey within the reach of thousands of young people. It will be the opportunity of a lifetime to see the country and come into contact with the different phases of our civilization and culture. Nevertheless, we must confess that we do not have much patience with the purposes and aims of the International Epworth League Conference. Such gatherings are not qualified to help educate our young people in many matters pertaining to our own distinctive work. As a great junketing expedition, affording a rare opportunity for youthful frolic and fun, the affair will be a decided success, but the spiritual aspect of it will not be of sufficient importance to justify the outlay. Besides this, it will involve a wonderful responsibility. To pack hundreds of young people into cars, carry them across the continent and turn them loose for several days in a great Western city is not without its perils. Then, too, our Northern brethren will mix the color question to their hearts' content, and do it in a way not very palatable to Southern taste. When one gets in California, there is no color line, and hotels, sleeping cars, convention halls and restaurants are just as free to negroes as to white people. Hence the young people from our Church will find themselves very often embarrassed at the International Conference at San Francisco. Besides these objectional features, our young people will spend on this trip more than enough money to put the Era and the general office at Nashville so securely upon their feet as to make them self-sustaining from this time forward. Yes, from all over the South, our Leaguers will flow in thousands and thousands of dollars on this trip to the golden shore. Yet thousands of them are not subscribers to the Era, and are doing but comparatively little to promote real Epworth League work. Yet they will go on this international expedition of pleasure and sight-seeing in the name of the Master! Well, inasmuch as they are determined to go, we wish them a happy and a safe journey; but we see no real spiritual good to come of it. The trip will be replete with recreation and the scenery will be inspiring, but we predict that the conference part of it will leave an unpleasant flavor in the taste of our Southern boys and girls. And the cost of the enterprise will leave scores of them where they will not feel like helping forward any Church enterprise for the next year. And while they are gone, many fathers and mothers will spend anxious nights and thoughtful days until their children return. For boys and girls "There is no place like

has removed her place of abode to Georgetown. We are sure the good people of Seguin part with her reluctantly and that the people of Georgetown will receive her gladly. Rev. L. W. Carlton, of Ferris, was in Dallas this week and did not overlook the Advocate. Rev. Jesse Willis, of With Point Mission, en route to Georgetown, called on the Advocate this week. We very much appreciate a kind letter from Rev. J. E. Stephens, of Claude. He is one of the best friends that the Advocate has. Rev. T. W. Rogers, who is glad to note, is improving in health. He was in Dallas the past week, and made the Advocate a pleasant call. Rev. G. A. LeClere, presiding elder of the Houston District, will hereafter reside in Alvin, Texas, having removed from Houston to that point. Rev. E. A. Smith is still in Dallas with his little daughter, who is under medical treatment. We are glad to note some improvement in her condition. We appreciate a kind visit from Rev. R. C. Hicks and his little daughter, Virgie May, last week. Bro. Hicks has been helping Rev. Marvin Nichols in a meeting at Trinity, this city. Dr. Lebaume Elliott, one of the oldest practicing physicians in this city, passed away last week. He was a leading member of Floyd Street Church and one of the best men we ever knew. We are pleased to have had a call from Rev. T. J. Duncan and his accomplished daughter last week. They were in the city on business, and paid their respects to us. Miss Duncan has just returned from Boston, where she took a course of training in voice culture, expression and elocution. She attended the Curry School of Oratory. She will soon open a studio in this city and instruct classes. A CARD. To the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: Dear Brethren—The office of Book Agent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was not sought or solicited by me originally, and when it was tendered to me by the Book Committee I hesitated before consenting to accept it. Three times since, though never directly or indirectly solicited any man's vote, I have been re-elected to the same position by the General Conference. It would be strange indeed if I failed to appreciate such tokens of continued confidence. During this whole period, without turning to the right hand or to the left I have given myself, up to the full measure of my ability, to my official duties. At no time and in no way have I had any other object in view than to discharge my obligations in the fear of God; my aims and my motives being at all times free from any taint of selfishness or self-seeking. I have now entered upon the final year of the quadrennium for which I was last elected, and am fully aware that this office does not even contingently belong to me for the next quadrennium. It might, therefore, be proper for me to do as I have always done heretofore—namely, maintain an attitude of silence concerning my future. But I hope I shall not be regarded as delicate or immodest in saying to my friends everywhere not to think of me nor to use my name in connection with another election. There are thousands of dear friends who have stood by me with absolute and unwavering loyalty, while a few have dealt with me in a harsh and unbrotherly manner. For the first I have abounding love and gratitude; for the second I have not the least ill feeling. But continued agitation disturbs the peace of the Church which I love better than my own life; therefore I sincerely repeat the request made above. Without the least malice toward any person, indeed with charity for all, I am, most respectfully, J. B. BARBEE.

ECUMENICAL DELEGATES.

A Correction. By a clerical error, Bishop Hargrove, Secretary of the College of Bishops, omitted from the list of delegates to the Ecumenical Conference, officially furnished me for publication, the names of the Rev. John O. Willson, D. D., of the South Carolina Conference, and of the Rev. J. C. Simmons, D. D., of the Pacific Conference. The names of both these honored brethren, I am informed, were on the list as first appointed by the Bishops. Bishop W.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Bro. S. L. Green, of Celeste, was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office this week. Mrs. A. M. Ireland, for so many years a resident of Seguin, Texas,

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ate a kind visit from Rev. and his little daughter, last week. Bro. Hicks has Rev. Marvin Nichols in Trinity, this city.

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ICAL DELEGATES.

l Correction. d error, Bishop Hargrove, the College of Bishops, the list of delegates to cal Conference, officially e for publication, the Rev. John O. Willson, South Carolina Confer- the Rev. J. C. Simmons, Pacific Conference. The e these honored brethren, I were on the list as first the Bishops. Bishop W.

W. Duncan also writes that his con- ference assignments will make it im- possible for him to be present at the Ecumenical. With these corrections of the published list, it will be found that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has a full representation of seventy (70) delegates, as apportioned at the general meeting in New York.

JNO. J. TIGERT, Secretary of the Western Section.

Those whose names have been pub- lished as delegates to the Ecumenical Conference in London, September next, and who find it impossible to attend, will please give me as Secretary of the College of Bishops notice of this fact before the middle of June.

R. K. HARGROVE, Secretary of the College of Bishops.

BOOK REVIEW.

"The First Interpreters of Jesus," by George Holley Gilbert, Ph.D., D. D., Professor of New Testament Theology in Chicago Theological Seminary, and published by the McMillan Company, New York. This is a strong and scholarly book, well worth the effort to read it and digest it with thoroughness. The author asks and answers a single question in this book, namely: "What do the writers of all of the epistles of the New Testament teach concerning Christ?" First, he takes up the Pauline Epistles and examines them very critically upon this point. The subjects under this head are: "Man's Need of a Messiah," "The Earthly Work of the Messiah," "Development of the New Life," "Manifestation of the New Life," "God's Purpose in Christ for the Race," "The Church the Body of Christ," and "The Consummation of the Messiah's Kingdom." These subjects, as treated by the author, make up a series of most learned and interesting chapters. Then he enters upon the examination of the minor writers of the epistles, such as James, Peter, Jude and John, and takes their testimony through the same analytical process. Then he closes his volume with four most interesting chapters upon "The Christian Manual of Arms," "Participants in the Conflict," "Development of the Conflict," and "The Issues of the Conflict." These chapters are drawn from the writings of the Apocalypse, and are made to contribute their part to the literature of this subject. The book is one of the most thoughtful volumes received in quite a while at this office.

"Twentieth Century Educational Problems," by President Alex. C. Millar, of Hendrix College, and published by Hinds & Noble, New York. It will be observed that President Millar is a Southern man, and has charge of one of our leading educational institutions. He is also a minister in our Church. The subject which he treats is of supreme importance. A book bearing this title should suggest many thoughts to many minds. The teacher who has his heart in his work has his heart in the hope, too, that progress, already the keynote of the glorious new century, will also be its consummation, and toward that consummation he longs to contribute his loyal best. Will such a book help him? The preacher, being also a teacher, will ask himself whether such a book will answer some of the many questions which he must be prepared to help his young men and young women to decide, his charges, upon whom more and more in these days the question of getting an education presses with ever increasing insistence. The legislator must confront these problems, and they are pressing upon him, too, with even more dogged insistence. The citizen can not escape the issue—it is the subject of moment most vital to the welfare of his children and their children. The particular problems which engage the author of our book may be inferred from the chapter titles: I. The Relation of Church and State to Education; II. The Genuine University; III. Opinions Concerning the University; IV. Progress Toward the University Idea; V. The Development of the University Illustrated; VI. The Province of the College; VII. Opinions Concerning the College; VIII. The Typical College; IX. Relation of Public High School to College.

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SPECIALISTS AND SPECIALISM

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selecting their successors, even Omnipotence is limited to the material on hand. Some of the results are that we have sermonizers, who labor earnestly until the mechanism of their productions are without a flaw. We have social successes, who can meet graciously every member of their vast congregations, either on the street, in the public assembly, or at the social function. We have musical directors, who can successfully manage that unmanageable aggregation called "a church choir," and thereby produce sounds that will keep even the bald-headed man of large avoirdupois awake on a sultry day. We have doctors of divinity who can bring soothing sleep to even a nervous woman who knows that there is something wrong with her back hair. We have evangelists who, having failed to succeed in the life of the slums, now entertain audiences that have had no such experience, by relating anecdotes of the doings of themselves and their former associates.

Then there are the commercial classes. The time was when men of honor, integrity, intelligence and industry builded up great commercial institutions, whose good name and fame were a guaranty of safety in the uttermost parts of the earth. Among them were those who, when the day of misfortune came, stepped out of homes of luxury and gave all they had to meet their obligations, and then they would go forth to lead a life of toil and hardship, in order to meet the remaining deficit. Now we have specialists who can take the name and obtain credit therefor, and on the strength of the same accumulate "portable property" which they put away in a safe place, so that when the creditor comes they can laugh at his demand for payment. There are others who can take a large number of small concerns, which make only a small profit, bind them together, double their capitalization and raise the price on their products, and thereby make millions out of hundreds. There are still others who can take a quiet, old, steady-going community, whip it into a frenzy of speculation, increase the price of property by leaps and bounds until the wealth of all becomes fabulous, and then, when the bubble bursts, the boomer is gone and so are the hoarded shekels of the home-folks. There are still others who can take the crops of the world and produce a shortage or surplus at will, although it may destroy and bring to naught the labor of those who in sunshine and cold have toiled the weary year around. Such as these we call the Napoleons of finance.

Look at the laborer. Maybe he was rude and rough in the olden times, but there was kindness in his heart, love of home and country, and kith and kin. Beside the upward road was always open and the better man was entitled to the better place and the better wage. The strong man struggled to make himself master of every branch of the business in which he was employed, so that the day might come when, worth having won its way, the employe should become the employer. Now, under the specialty system, when a man learns only an infinitesimal part of the trade, he learns that perfectly maybe, but that, and that alone, is his limit. The success of the business is not his success. His industry, his intelligence, do not bring their due reward. He is held on an equality with his fellows. If shorter hours of labor come, they come to all alike. If an increase in the wage scale is made, it is an equal and uniform increase. His organization—his union—is a great power, but it is largely a machine. Its results may be, and doubtless are, beneficial to his class, taken as a whole, but he is a minor factor in it. His individuality is lost. He may be, and oftentimes is, noble and true, loving and kind. His heart may swell with ambition. His intellect may reach out and long after things he has not, but the opportunities do not come. His sphere is circumscribed. His hopes must be given up. His ambition must wither.

Thus goes the world's specialism. Year by year the horizon of the vision of its votaries is contracted. That wisdom which drives one to strive after the power to penetrate the hidden secrets of nature is lulled into dreamless sleep. One thing, however, they possess in common. It is a desire for wealth and the power that wealth gives. There may be nobility in the desire for power, but a desire for a power that comes from wealth is vulgar and degrading. It is not like the power of intellect that pierces the veil which obstructs the view of every man. It is not like the power of love, that draws humanity like a magnet. It is not like the power of kindness that holds and consoles the wounded spirit, but it is that gross, obtruding, offensive power that simply controls because it may.

But specialism has invaded a far more dangerous field. It may be dan-

gerous to turn the mental faculties in search of one thing, and one thing only. This is insignificant in its results when compared with the danger of developing one part of the complex nature of man and neglecting the other, and this latter is just what has been the tendency of American civilization during many years. Universal education is a great conception, but to be great, education must be used in its broadest sense. It must lead naturally and upwardly the entire man. It must not be confined to the intellect alone. It will not be sufficient if you add to that culture a physical manhood. You may raise up a people to almost perfection in mental and physical culture and yet have a nation that is ruined. This is our danger. We have been developing the mental faculties of our people. We have spent millions to accomplish that purpose, but we have neglected to educate, cultivate and develop the moral natures. The result is our people are out of balance. Their moral development is not equal to their mental. The condition might be reversed. In fact, history discloses instances where it has been. The Puritans who burned witches and enacted the blue laws were fair examples. But mental culture is easier and by many is thought to be more preferable. The American has taken the easier way. The result is a natural one. We have produced many intellectual people, who have no appreciation of the proper standard of right and wrong, except that of the law. For the State to do or permit this is specialism gone mad, for there can be no perfect manhood without the highest moral culture, and the best type of citizenship can not be produced without it. No government can live permanently that is not based upon it. It can have no such basis unless the people individually possess it. The people may be ignorant but moral, patriotic and brave; the government may stand in the storm of the centuries. They may be intelligent, patriotic and brave, but deficient or depraved in morals and their government will be marked for destruction. The world presents no exception to these rules. Knowing this it is strange we do not guard against it more surely than we are doing. Society will shut its eyes to a defect in morals, but will not tolerate a defect in intelligence, yet the very existence of society depends upon the moral code. The State will issue certificates of moral character to its teachers without special examination or investigation as to what they know of the moral law, but it will require a careful and thorough examination as to their intellectual qualifications. This, too, although the good of the State depends more upon the first than upon the last, and this, too, although the greater proportion of the expenditures of the government to keep order grows out of defective moral culture. Of all defects in our civilization this stands in the first rank. Here is the greatest danger to the Republic. We have a high average of intelligence. We have a fair physical development. Our material resources are practically without limit. Our application of the principles of science to utilitarian purposes surpasses that of all other peoples. We are the inheritors of the virtues of all the nations and races that have gone before us. All things considered, we are probably the greatest world power of our day. The human mind dare not place a limit upon what we may aspire to accomplish. We have many of the greatest and best men the world has ever produced. The specialists to whom I have referred are not in the majority and we must make it impossible for them to ever be so. What we need is a crusade in favor of the cultivation of that portion of human nature the code of which must be the Golden Rule. When a nation gets to a point that a large portion of its population will appreciate the base-born vulgarity and do unto the other fellow as he would do unto you but "do it first," then it is time to sound the note of warning. It is time to investigate to see what is wrong with our system of education. A higher grade of culture is required, not the teaching of a stricter observance of straight-lined iron-clad rules, but a culture that will develop a greater love for honesty, for integrity, for honor and for humanity—the culture that gets away from the idea, that wealth and power are to be sought after more than love and sympathy, that destroys the opinion that obedience to the criminal code is a proof of honesty, or that the observance of the civil code is the evidence of honor. We need to cultivate more love for truth, because it is an infallible guide; for integrity, because it is the preserver of all virtues; for purity, because it is the elixir that sustains the life that will never die.

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MORTUARY.

Under date of May 22 Rev. J. H. Wiseman, presiding elder of Vernon District, sends the following sad intelligence. The prayers and sympathies of his brethren will go out to Bro. Summers in his great affliction. "We buried Sister Summers to-day, the wife of Bro. H. G. Summers, P. C. of Throckmorton."

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BRIEF NOTES

H. G. H.

Bro. W. H. H. Biggs pretends to want light. It's the scalp of the other fellow he wants. The discussion of the crucifixion necessity theory for the past two hundred years reminds me of Bill Arp's railroad, "Forty miles short and two hours long." The discussion has been forty facts short and two hundred years long.

Most heartily do we commend your editorial on church entertainments. I have seen their damaging effect for years, and yet our people are forever learning and never come to knowledge. When the Epworth League goes into the show business it had better be abandoned. This comes of worldly-minded people of immature experience running Church business.

I infer from your editorial that the Epworth Era financially has to be supported from a fund belonging by constitutional law to the widows and orphans and worn-out preachers. This is putting upon the people a double or triple tax for those claimants—the regular collection necessarily increased by the tax for Epworth League department and the incidental involvements in years past of the Publishing House.

For years we have been of the opinion that every Church paper should be self-supporting or be abandoned. That is the only principle upon which the newspapers of the land are run. For the Church to practice any contrary, dishonest policy is worthy of condemnation. The people should and will object to this double tax, and for it to be collected under the plea of benevolence to widows and orphans is an outrage.

The entire M. E. Church, South, was assessed the past year \$110,000 for Church extension; collected \$67,505.28, which is only 61 1/2 per cent of the assessment. Read carefully the Corresponding Secretary's report in Nashville Advocate of May 23 and see why it is many churches must be denied donations.

While the great Missionary Conference was in session—while Bishop Gal- loway was raising \$50,000 for education in China—while the devil is trying to upset the heaven and the earth of Christ's kingdom—for another great Christian body of men to be discussing foreordination, election and the damnation of infants, is appalling!

For \$2000 to be spent alone for Methodist parsonages in Seguin in the past four months is not a bad showing; and then for \$7000 more to go into a new German Methodist church here in the next six months looks well for the religious element of Seguin. And the citizens propose to increase the size and facilities of their already splendid school building ready for next session. Annual Conferences have been held here since 1849—ten sessions up to date, including one for the whole State and those of the M. E. Church, North; and these conferences have had a marked effect in toning up things in this city. Bishop Paine once rode horseback from Houston to Seguin to hold a conference. During its session he ordained I. G. John to the ministry, Robert Alexander and Chauncey Richardson assisting him.

MORTUARY.

Under date of May 22 Rev. J. H. Wiseman, presiding elder of Vernon District, sends the following sad intelligence. The prayers and sympathies of his brethren will go out to Bro. Summers in his great affliction. "We buried Sister Summers to-day, the wife of Bro. H. G. Summers, P. C. of Throckmorton."

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Sunday-School Department.

SECOND QUARTER, LESSON 10, JUNE 9.

JESUS APPEARS TO PAUL.

Golden Text: "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."—Acts 26:19.

From the International Sunday-school Evangel we take the following:

Paul rebelled greatly, in addressing Jewish audiences, upon the narration of the circumstances which led to his conversion to Christianity. This is illustrated in the present lesson, in which he addressed a mob that had just crowded up the stairs of the Castle of Antonia, seeking to wrest him from the Roman officers and put him to death.

Methodism teaches that Jesus has two distinct natures, the human and the divine. His human nature was born of the Virgin Mary, and suffered under Pontius Pilate. In his divine nature he is, as the Discipline says, "the Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father."

HOW WE ENTER CHRIST'S FAMILY.

By doing the will of God. "Whoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." The will of God is revealed in the Bible. It is summed up in the Ten Commandments, and more briefly in the two of Christ (Matt 22:40). It requires all negative virtues, doing no harm; and all positive virtues, doing all the good we can.

FAMILY RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

1. God is our Father. We become his spiritual children in a sense much more intimate and blessed than when only children by creation. 2. Christ is our elder brother. This implies love, sympathy, protection and defense.

Why was Paul converted in the way he was? The answer is to say that he could not have been converted in any other way. But that is only a conjecture. When God selects a given method it is not implied thereby that it is the only method, but that for his purposes it is the best.

It is essential that we understand what kind of a man Paul was before his conversion—that is, what kind of a man morally. He was highly genious, we know; he was a scholar of the finest culture; he was a Jew of the most orthodox sort, and he had the natural qualities for command and leadership.

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Epworth League Department.

Topic for June 9: "How to Enter Christ's Family."—Matt. 12:46-50.

(Topic outlined in Era of May 23.) Reference Word: Brother.—Prov. 17:17; I John 2:19; 4:21.

Daily Bible Readings: Sunday—Genealogy in Matthew; Matt. 1:1-16. Monday—Genealogy in Luke; Luke 3:23-38. Tuesday—Of the Seed of Abraham; Heb. 2:9-18. Wednesday—The Birth of Jesus; Luke 2:7-20. Thursday—Spiritual Genealogy; Heb. 1. Friday—The Family of Christ; Eph. 3:14-21. Saturday—How to Enter Christ's Family; Matt. 12:46-50.

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mainly, while Bro. J. D. Hammons will operate in the Northwest Texas Conference. These two young men of God are students at Vanderbilt, and we commend them to young Methodism in Texas. FRANK REEDY, President State League.

The newsboy on the corner shouted: "Evening papers—Stevenson nominated for vice-president!" and the people passed on, satisfied. In the next street another newsboy should: "Evening papers—Democrats nominate a vice-president!" and the people were curious and bought. "Who's nominated, sonny?" asked a dry old fellow eagerly. "I gave a paper, sir?" was the answer. "A boy was selling the news; the first boy was giving it away. It is easy to pick the winner between the two."

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BEEVILLE DISTRICT. Beeville District in the Methodist May 1, 1901, with in the chair. Allice is one of West Texas' best the drought-stricken rained enough to good crops are of all this we kinder-hearted reference was new This conference spiritual revival universal expansion, of all this. This is Bro. Allice district, and this conference succeeded. Travel up to the time and the meeting day morning after the business met came to meeting were saved that A program was reference a month of time, and each was assigned some of the I were not dull not est prevailed for John E. Pritche Institute, was w our program, and did address on t spoke for an hou of his audience fr end. It was a sown w was due Prof. Nathan Antonio Female us. Besides ree excellent school for ed a most helpf think, and produ surance in us. We might say of our own speal men—but will no spare. Suffice to made were help speakers did their approval and ble The laymen of resolution to the their appreciation our presiding eld in a large meas made in the dist and a half year, adapted. Baxter W. Na were licensed to Delegates to Ar W. A. SCOTT R. F. COCHIL G. W. NEWB A. F. FRICK Altruists: W. H. Mims. Frank Nason. The licenses of Hargrove were r Kansas City w place to hold the According to th 57 1/2 per cent of t tions are secure tions, and "Ase motto for this y twenty-seven me since conference, has not yet come with the presidi ing and praying We have already only the beginni pastoral charge w vival. J. SAN MARCO FE The session of t Conference for th Wadler, Texas. Rev. Sterling Fin the chair. The opening se Wednesday night of Lockhart, from ashamed of the power of God one that belittl sermon, and show District is not b All the preacher exception of Bro. Marco, who was of his wife. It w were present. Th had a splendid s peculiarly gifted for the entire h harmoniously loss of interest Every feature c considered, and e upon the spiritual in the District. Devotional serv morning, and pro There was not a wanting in carno Bro. Weems W Conference, and I Travis Park and I Angelo, were sh preached a good osted in all the pr Dr. Moore soug on the Rescue Ho a sermon that too one present—clea full of spiritual p Bro. Scott gave- nificant address o lock The missiona out the conference per cent of the as has been raised, a pressed himself o the assessment a paid in full. The was unanimously the work that will "Whereas, It is sences of our pe the subject of mis respect and wote rated on the distri ability of our peo- entire assessment. "Resolved, That sive missionary ev on our District, to time until the first "Resolved, That requested to appoi Committee to assis this subject; if such information otherwise, as to be the desired result. "Resolved, That in the district be pastors in this min



WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 122 Maston Street, Dallas, Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions will be held in Asheville, N. C., opening June 5, 1901. All officers, managers and delegates who expect to attend will notify Mrs. J. H. Weaver, Asheville, N. C. in order that entertainment may be provided them. Visitors will also write her in regard to board, etc.

To the Public:

On Tuesday, June 1, at 2 p. m., we will have our monthly meeting at the Rosewood Home, 229 Carroll Avenue, Dallas. We invite you, one and all, to meet with us. An interesting program, a few minutes for reports, etc., then five-ten offerings of any thing a family of seventy can eat or wear. We don't want you to come in order that we may beg money from you but we want your influence, your prayers, your co-operation. Come, it will do us good to see you and we know you will be proud that Dallas has such a Home for unfortunate girls.

MRS. WILLI L. HENRY, President Rosewood Home Society, MRS. S. H. CHILES, Secretary.

W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, convened at the Methodist Church in Bonham, Texas, on Wednesday, May 8, 1901, at 8 o'clock p. m. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Morris, presiding elder, Gainesville District.

The first business session of the annual meeting opened Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, the President, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, of Plano, in the chair. The President conducted the devotion at exercises, reading the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians and appropriately commenting on the same. After an earnest prayer invoking God's presence and guidance throughout the meeting, the business of the day began.

There were in attendance all the executive officers except the First Vice-President and the Corresponding Secretary. Six District Secretaries were present, and a few attendants of delegates from the various churches. The usual anniversary exercises were held Thursday at 8 o'clock p. m. A beautiful address of welcome was extended the society by Mrs. Robert Steggs, of Bonham, response by Mrs. W. C. Young, of Dallas. The President's annual address was replete with missionary zeal and gems of interest from the different fields. The Corresponding Secretary's report was read by Mrs. J. A. Black, of Bonham, in absence of that officer. The Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Gray, gave a very gratifying report of the year, showing a decided increase in collections over last year.

Friday morning brought other workers, full of hope and courage. Much time was given to the reading of carefully prepared papers on "Our Literature," "Ways of Raising Money for Missionary Purposes" and "Methods Employed in Promoting Missionary Interests," etc., followed by informal discussions—decidedly helpful. A very interesting feature of the annual meeting was "Echoes from the General Missionary Conference," by Mrs. G. W. Gray, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Excellent sermons, full of encouragement, were preached by Rev. J. A. Black, pastor at Bonham; T. R. Pierce, presiding elder Bonham District; W. E. Boggs, Sherman, and P. C. Archer, of Denison—the latter preaching the annual sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday. Rev. J. A. Black was present at every meeting, and the valuable services of our brethren added greatly to the triumphs of the annual meeting.

We rejoice in the knowledge that the work is full of hope; and while, as an organization, we have not accomplished all that we might have done, yet when we consider that the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has in successful operation since its organization in 1878 twenty-two stations in the mission field, fifty-six missionaries, one hundred and fifty-nine teachers, fourteen boarding schools, sixty-two day schools, fifty-six Bible women, two Bible colleges, three hospitals, property owned by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, including the Scarritt Bible and Training School, valued at \$288,727.79, can one doubt for a moment that this is a work of God and directed by his own hand? The success of the work is without a parallel in the history of Southern Methodism. "Let

the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." We desire, by God's grace and help, to carry out the coming year more effectually than ever the plans and purposes we have in view to forward the work. As a Conference Society we have placed our conference pledge at \$700 for the fund for outgoing missionaries. The special work adopted by the Conference Society for the present year is to aid the Eliza Bowman School in Havana, Cuba. Realizing the immediate necessity of building up and strengthening its own educational work, the Conference Society resolved to raise for the benefit of this school one thousand dollars for the coming year—the ten districts of the conference being assessed one hundred dollars each. The assessment seems large in districts having but few auxiliaries, but if there should be an auxiliary organized in every charge (as it should be), then it would be an easy matter to collect the required amount. Let us cheerfully assume the amount assessed us. When Southern Methodism becomes familiar with the work of our beloved Church in her missionary movements, then every member will realize that they should take part in this aggressive march against sin, and help with their money to build up God's kingdom in lands of superstition and idolatry. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Miss Norwood Wynn, our own Dallas girl, will graduate soon and return from the Scarritt Bible and Training School, equipped for the foreign work. The scholarship of this Conference Society will in that school then be without a beneficiary. The fields now unoccupied are ripe unto the harvest. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." One of these commandments is: "Go work in my vineyard." We pray that God may touch the heart of some consecrated woman to the appealing cries of the helpless millions of heathen women and children, and in Christ-like pity cry out: "Here am I, send me."

A vote of thanks was extended the Texas Christian Advocate for the space given in its columns for the Woman's Department, and to the faithful editor of said department.

Mrs. Cora Mattox, of Greenville, was appointed "Reporter" for the Conference Society. Any items of missionary interest sent to her will find their way into the Woman's Department of the Advocate, and will be read with profit by the members.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Plano; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. C. Young, Dallas; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Paris; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. H. Potts, Gainesville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Florence Howell, Dallas; Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Gray, Terrell.

The annual love-feast on Sunday afternoon will long be remembered. God's love was wonderfully manifested in the hearts of his children by a baptism of the Holy Spirit. The hearts and homes of the good people of Bonham were opened to the Conference Society in genuine Christian hospitality. My home was with Dr. T. R. Pierce, the presiding elder of the district. I was charmed with his gentle wife and lovely daughters, who are skilled in the art and tact of making one feel at home.

The next annual meeting will be held at Whitesboro, Texas. My dear sisters, in reviewing the work of the past year and recounting its blessings, we have much for genuine heartfelt gratitude. Let me admonish you to resolve to take up the missionary work in the beginning of the year just opening to us now; cultivate a missionary spirit among our people by talking and organizing missionary societies, and daily remembering our covenant, the non-day prayer. The heart-offerings of so many consecrated women on the same subject at the same hour must and will reach the great Fountain Head of success and victory.

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

This report is submitted by the writer at the request of the President and Recording Secretary.

MRS. W. C. YOUNG, 245 Wall Street, Dallas, Texas.

**The Kidneys and the Skin.** In the spring, the kidneys have much to do. If they are weak or torpid, they will not do it well, and the skin will be pimply or blotchy. That is telling the story in a few words. Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens and stimulates the kidneys, cures and prevents pimples, blotches and all cutaneous eruptions. Don't fail to take it. Buy a bottle today. We do not have to be blind in order to see eye to eye.—Ram's Horn.

**"THE STILL SMALL VOICE."** I hear His voice in the thunder's roar, And the surging waves of the restless deep. As I hurry they lash the pebbly shore, And in the chill north winds that rudely blow; But sweetest 'tis, when soft and low, "The still small voice," so soft and low. When in my closet, on a hushed knee, That "still small voice" I often hear, Ah! then I own, He sweetest to me, As He gently whispers, soft and low, "The sins are forgiven, in peace now go." Then sweet is His voice, soft and low, O child of sorrow! tossed hither and thither, By the waves of sin, and drifting away, Call now on Him, who alone can deliver. In faith believing, O Lord, I cry, Then shall the soul with joy overflow, When you hear His voice, soft and low, T. H. YARBROUGH.

Representatives of the Mission Board to District Conferences of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference: Georgetown District Conference, M. R. Hochstetler; Waco District Conference, H. Bishop; Waco District Conference, J. H. Wiseman; Waxahatchee District Conference, J. M. Sherman; Weatherford District Conference, J. S. Chapman; Gatesville District Conference, C. W. Lammie; Dublin District Conference, W. C. Hillburn; Brownwood District Conference, W. C. Hillburn; Abilene District Conference, O. F. Samsbaugh; Vernon District Conference, J. M. Sherman; Cleburne District Conference, Jno. R. Meritt. So many District Conferences will be held at the same time it became necessary to revise the list of appointments made at the semi-annual meeting of the board. In consequence of conflicts, we have been unable to arrange the services of some members of the board, while two brethren will each reach two conferences. JNO. R. NELSON, Secretary.

Indigestion is the direct cause of disease that kills thousands of persons annually. Stop the trouble at the start with a little PRICKLY ASH BITTERS; it strengthens the stomach and aids digestion.

**UNANSWERED LETTERS.** May 25—Wm. Nickels, subs. H. P. Shrader, subs. E. A. Potts, subs. B. T. Hayes, subs. have attention, O. C. Switzer, subs. Jas. A. Walker, has attention, V. G. Thomas, subs. May 21—E. L. Sherlock, subs. J. T. Bloodworth, change made, H. M. Peltie, sub. J. R. Atchley, trial subs. A. W. Gibson, subs. G. M. Gardner, subs. May 20—C. G. Scott, subs. G. C. Summers, subs. D. H. Hutchins, subs. G. W. Kinkeboe, subs. C. W. Dennis, subs. May 28—S. Crutchfield, subs. 2 cards W. S. May, change, E. W. Solomon, a K. J. Coppedge, subs. R. S. Heizer, subs. W. P. Edwards, subs. H. A. Brazos, sub. May 28—J. T. Smith, subs. S. W. Turner, sub. S. L. Burke, sub. I. E. Hightower, sub. C. W. Young, subs. S. D. Cook, sub. G. G. Roberts, sub. L. H. McLoe, sub. G. W. Riley, sub. J. R. Hitchie, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, has attention.

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 In her last moments she said to her loved  
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 where to find her. Trust her God, loved  
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BELL.—Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth Bell (nee  
 Grison) was born in Tennessee, August  
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 M. E. Church, South, at the age of 12,  
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 E. P. Bell, of Tennessee, in 1845. Bro.  
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 mother of fourteen children, and only two  
 survive her, so there were twelve children  
 and a devoted husband awaiting her ar-  
 rival at the gates of gold. She died peace-  
 fully, in the faith of Jesus. We pray the  
 blessings of God upon the entire circle  
 of relatives and friends who mourn her  
 loss, and we urge that they look away to  
 a father land and a happier shore. Sister  
 Bell was a cripple from 8 years of age,  
 and was a life-long sufferer. She has  
 borne up many years, and now rests in  
 Jesus.  
 C. S. FIELD.  
 Midlothian, Texas.

BRUCE.—Sarah C. Bruce (nee Cole) was  
 born March 8, 1852, in Lincoln County,  
 Tenn.; was married to Joel F. Bruce De-  
 cember 20, 1870. Five children were born  
 to them, and all have gone on before her  
 but one (Mrs. Dr. Butler). Sister Bruce  
 came to Eastland County, Texas, with  
 her husband in 1892 and remained till her  
 death, April 21, 1901. She was converted  
 and joined the Methodist Church in Au-  
 gust, 1890. She was nearly 70 years old,  
 and had been a Christian nearly fifty-one  
 years, and all those years she had been a  
 devout, humble, Christian woman. Bro.  
 Bruce is lonely and bereaved, but has the  
 sympathy, confidence and prayers of a  
 host of friends. He says they won't be  
 separated long. May God in his abun-  
 dant mercies give him grace, and at last  
 bring all the family safely home.  
 C. S. McCARVER.

ROAN.—Morris Roan was born in  
 Quincy County, Ill., March 7, 1833, and  
 died fifteen minutes before a. m. Sunday,  
 March 24, 1901, at Little River, Texas. He  
 sold some cotton Thursday in Hudson,  
 went by Temple to attend to some busi-  
 ness, got off the train at Little River that  
 night, and next morning was found under  
 the bridge that crosses Little River, two  
 miles south of Little River town. When  
 found he was in an unconscious condition,  
 and it is not known whether he fell or  
 was knocked off the bridge. He was mar-  
 ried to Miss Annie Engstrand in Austin,  
 Texas, March 20, 1875. To this union were  
 born three children—two girls and one  
 boy. Both daughters and their mother  
 belong to the Methodist Church. May the  
 Lord give his heart to God, and all live so  
 as to meet "in that sweet by and by."  
 J. DAVID CROCKETT.

MARTAIN.—Daniel Green Martain, son  
 of S. C. and E. A. Martain, was born  
 March 22, 1850, and died March 25, 1901.  
 Daniel was a beautiful child, and it was  
 hard for his parents to give him up, for  
 everybody loved him; but God loved him  
 best, and called him to his home on high.  
 He is at rest. The earthly home is made  
 dark and sad, but heaven is brought  
 nearer and made more attractive. The  
 bereaved, if faithful, will see him again  
 in the sweet by and by. Father and  
 mother weep not, but look up heaven-  
 ward, where your darling boy is waiting  
 and watching to welcome you home. May  
 God help us all to live so we will meet in  
 heaven.  
 J. W. TINCHEP, P. C.

HOUSTON.—Albert Leroy, son of Till  
 and Annie Houston, was born near Little  
 River, Texas, November 23, 1885, and  
 Jesus took him home to himself April 27,  
 1901. This was his only child, and he  
 just stayed in this world long enough for  
 the hearts of the parents and grand-  
 mother to entrain very tenderly about  
 him, and their hearts are almost crushed.  
 His grandfather died just a month be-  
 fore. Look up, fond parents, and live so  
 as to meet your darling boy in heaven,  
 for Jesus has taken him home to take  
 care of him till you go to meet him.  
 J. DAVID CROCKETT.

MILSTEAD.—Jesse T. Milstead, son of  
 John L. and Mildred Milstead, was born  
 in Sevier County, Texas, October, 1872,  
 and spent his youth here. He was bap-  
 tized in infancy by Rev. John S. Mathis,  
 and when he came to the age in which  
 he began to have some conception of  
 obligation to declare himself more fully on  
 God's side, he joined the M. E. Church,  
 South, in Tyler. He was sick for over a  
 year before his death, which occurred in  
 May, 1901, but was patient in his illness,  
 and died in the full assurance of faith,  
 and his end was peace. He was laid to  
 rest by the writer in his city, in await  
 the promise of God in the resurrection of  
 the dead.  
 V. A. GODFREY.

SLIGER.—Willie H. Sliger (little Bud,  
 as he was called), son of Thomas A. and  
 Hettie Sliger, was born near Duncanville,  
 Dallas County, Texas, March 21, 1893, and  
 died November 18, 1901. He was a bright  
 and happy little fellow, the sunlight of  
 his happy home. His favorite song was,  
 "When the roll is called up yonder," and  
 he would often sing it. It seems that God  
 plucks the most lovely and favorite flow-  
 ers from our hearts and homes for the  
 garden of his glory. We'll meet you, lit-  
 tle Bud, where the stars never grow dim,  
 in that eternal home, so free from care  
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The above is a cut of the Union Station  
 at Nashville, Tenn., which is one of the  
 terminals of the Nashville, Chattanooga  
 and St. Louis Railway system. It is one  
 of the most magnificent railroad buildings  
 in the South, and its completion marks  
 an era in the history of this deservedly  
 popular road.

This magnificent station, represented  
 by the accompanying cut, is erected on  
 the southwest corner of Walnut and  
 Broad Streets. It is the most beautiful  
 structure in the South, and the most  
 tasteful railroad building in the United  
 States. It is correct in design, ample  
 in its proportions, highly artistic in its  
 decorations, ingenious in its adaptation of  
 construction, elegant in its appointments,  
 convenient in its arrangements, and is  
 situated in that part of the city where  
 it stands almost alone in its princely  
 grandeur and serene beauty as a splendid  
 architectural triumph.

The style of architecture is what is  
 known as the Romanesque, which carries  
 with it simplicity, massiveness and  
 strength. It is built of the beautiful  
 olive Bowling Green grey limestone,  
 which gives the exterior a subdued as-  
 pect, but with a suggestion of durability  
 and strength. It stands four stories in  
 height. The main tower rises in grace-  
 ful outlines to the height of 220 feet, with  
 a total of a bronze statue of Mercury,  
 representative of science, commerce and  
 the arts, as well as the genius of life and  
 the patron of travelers. The clock in  
 this big square tower, when finished, will  
 be unique in that it will have movable  
 blocks to indicate the hour instead of  
 hands.

The main entrance to the building is  
 from Broad Street, which has a space un-  
 derneath for a number of parallel rail-  
 way tracks. One passes from the pave-  
 ment on the viaduct into the loggia or  
 stone porch, which is supported by seven  
 massive stone arches, three in front and  
 two on either side. These arches rise in  
 graceful proportions and are elaborately  
 carved in a delicate tracery of stone  
 work. The central arch, in front as  
 well as higher and more imposing than the  
 others. The floor is laid with ornamental  
 tiling, and rises in the center by four  
 steps to the level of the floor in the main  
 waiting room. The ceiling of the loggia  
 is paneled in oak and the roof is flat.  
 There is a fine sculptured stone ante-  
 chamber near the top, upon which a con-  
 crete balustrade stands that rises above  
 and surrounds the roof balcony. The  
 loggia contains vestibules and  
 a trio of heavy archways corresponding  
 in height to the front arches of the  
 loggia. All these arches are artistically  
 carved and present the most perfect out-  
 lines of Romanesque beauty.

The interior of the main waiting-room,  
 by its imposing beauty, excites the most  
 enthusiastic admiration. The harmony  
 of its proportions leaves in the mind the  
 impressions of fitness, elegance and mag-  
 nificence. This hall is 100 feet long, 60  
 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Its ceiling  
 forms one solid arch, lighted by a large  
 skylight of ornamental glass in the roof.  
 Tennessee marble is used in the wainscot-  
 ing, with a base of black marble. The  
 wall between the Tennessee marble and  
 the interior corridor, which forms a  
 break in the continuity of the vertical  
 lines at the second story, is done in a  
 rich olive or colonial green, lighted up  
 with the splendor of gold and carved by  
 a cornice also decorated with gold. The  
 brackets which support the ceiling of the  
 corridor are large in size, giving an idea  
 of support and strength and majesty.  
 Above the corridor shades of much lighter  
 green are used, tipped with yellow or  
 mauve, with brighter golden tints. Higher  
 up the green fades into a yellow and  
 green, which led in beautiful har-  
 mony with the art glass in the panels that  
 form the top of the arch. The whole  
 fresco work of the walls is splendid in  
 execution and gives an added glory to  
 the magnificence of the hall.

At the eastern end one is struck with  
 the significance of the symbolical figures  
 done in metal. Ramesses and his Queen,  
 with all the insignia of royalty, are seated  
 in a chariot of antique pattern.  
 Through clumsy in the extreme, there is  
 an awesome barbaric splendor in its slow  
 movement. While a number of slaves  
 with ropes over their shoulders are draw-  
 ing the chariot, two other slaves follow  
 behind the vehicle, one carrying an  
 earthen vessel filled with water, or it  
 may be wine, the other bearing a palm  
 leaf and holding it as a sunshade over  
 the heads of the royal personages. The  
 whole design brings to one's mind the  
 stately pomp, the awful dignity and the  
 slow transit of 2500 years ago.  
 Immediately above this metal piece is  
 a clock five feet in diameter. The hands  
 and Arabic numbers are white, while the  
 dial plate is black, thus giving a contrast  
 which enables every one to read the time  
 from any portion of the great hall. An  
 exact duplicate of this clock rests upon  
 the southern end wall. Above each clock  
 is a great circle forming an exquisite  
 study in gold decoration.

In the spandrel of the big arch on the  
 northern end is a winged man pushing  
 everything before him. He represents  
 energy and progress. In the opposite  
 spandrel on the left the emblem of Time  
 is represented by Clotho, a beautiful Gre-  
 cian maiden holding the distaff in which  
 the thread of life is spun.

Progress and Life work out in Time  
 the counterpart of this symbolical repre-  
 sentation on the southern end wall. There  
 the Egyptian chariot is replaced by a  
 full vestibule passenger train done in  
 metal, with the modern locomotive No. 19  
 at its head, which annihilates time, de-  
 creases distance, promotes comfort, and  
 secures safety. In the right spandrel of

the great arch Nashville is represented in  
 bas-relief by a beautiful girl habited in  
 Grecian costume colored by lavender and  
 pink, displaying the lines of beauty and  
 high culture in her form and face. In the  
 left spandrel opposite is a white-robed  
 figure typifying Louisville. She is more  
 inclined to form, more perfectly developed,  
 but not so graceful in pose or so beauti-  
 ful and refined in appearance as the figure  
 representing Nashville. These two com-  
 plications are stretching out their hands  
 to one another in tokens of unity, good-  
 will and inseparable companionship.

On the south wall is a highly artistic  
 fireplace, elaborately done in stone after  
 the Romanesque. The fretwork under the  
 mantel shelf is a delicate and labo-  
 rious work of art in Arabesque and  
 harmonious well with the miniature col-  
 umns and arches above. Not the least  
 attractive of the ornaments, because sig-  
 nificant, are those that appear on the top  
 spandrels on the east and west side of  
 the great waiting-room. Five arches on  
 each side spring in grand and noble out-  
 lines. Glass work for the most part fill  
 up the open spaces of the arches. Re-  
 lying on the sloping upper sides of the  
 arches are winged figures of beautiful  
 maiden done in bas-relief, expressing in  
 their outstanding forms symbols of some  
 of the many products grown, made or handled  
 on the lines of the two railroads—flour,  
 lumber, cotton, tobacco, wine, whiskey,  
 coal, brick, saw logs, merchandise, boots,  
 shoes, hardware, groceries, etc., are the  
 offerings of these charming and beauti-  
 ful benefactors. Even the live-stock in-  
 dustry is represented in the Taurus of the  
 Zodiac. The floor of the hall is laid with  
 ornamental tiles, and is a rich mosaic  
 work varied in design and elegant in its  
 subdued colors.

This princely hall may be lighted at  
 night by two magnificent chandeliers  
 pendant from the ceiling, each having  
 thirty-one lights. Besides these, there are  
 from thirty to forty groups of lights,  
 ranging from two to six lights each, dis-  
 posed all around the hall. When all these  
 are lighted, there is a dazzling flashing  
 splendor rivalling that of the sun at mid-  
 day and revealing attractive features that  
 are never seen by daylight.

Time and space will not permit of a  
 further description of this marvellous wait-  
 ing-room. In its proportions and beau-  
 ty, its artistic design and its execution,  
 the kindly palaces of France before the  
 revolution. The drapery of arts, sculpture  
 and painting have been freely em-  
 ployed in making it the most artistic,  
 most attractive, the most pleasing, and  
 without the least comfortable wait-  
 ing-room in America.

The ladies' waiting-room, which oc-  
 cupies the northwestern corner, is fifty feet  
 square, and is a dream of beauty. An  
 ornamental square fireplace gives relief  
 to the massive wall. The room is in-  
 closed in yellow, with wreaths of pink rose-  
 on the ceiling. There are six in-  
 closed brass chandeliers that add manifold  
 splendor to this tastefully decorated  
 chamber at night. The windows are em-  
 bedded with "gutzwiller" glasses with  
 rare and exquisite coloring and rich  
 beauty.

The waiting-room for the colored pas-  
 sengers is thought by many to be the  
 most beautiful of all the small waiting-  
 rooms. It is finished in several shades  
 of tea green, and presents a most attrac-  
 tive appearance. It is the counterpart of  
 the ladies' waiting-room.

The dining-room occupies the north-  
 eastern corner. It is finished in rose color  
 with artistic designs on the ceiling in  
 buff. It has a richly decorated fire-  
 place and mantle. The room is very hand-  
 some, both in size, style and finish.

The luncheon room is in the southwest  
 corner, and is finished in blue. Between the  
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### A CHAT WITH LOCAL PREACHERS.

At the next session of the General Conference it may be proposed to amend Section IV. of our Discipline so that a local preacher may be tried upon a bill of charges and specifications by the Quarterly Conference where the alleged offense was committed without any regard to the place where he holds his official membership. There can be no valid objection to that amendment. The doctrine holds good in the criminal jurisprudence in the State courts. But let it be provided that in no case shall a local preacher be denied the right of trial by a committee of his peers.

"When a Bishop shall be under report, or be accused of immorality, three traveling elders shall, after notice to him, carefully inquire into the case, and if they believe an investigation necessary, they shall report the matter to another Bishop; and it shall be his duty to call together, at some convenient place not less than twelve traveling elders, and the said elders shall be a committee for the investigation of the charges brought against the Bishop. If two-thirds of them believe a trial necessary, they shall suspend him till the next session of the General Conference."

Why not be as liberal with the local preacher? A Bishop is no higher in ministerial orders than any other elder. He is only first among his equals, set apart and consecrated to special official duty. He cannot be denied a trial by a committee of his peers.

"If a traveling preacher be under report of immorality, in the absence of a Bishop the presiding elder shall call together at least three traveling preachers to investigate the report or accusation. If the accused be an elder, the committee shall be composed of elders, and if a deacon, the committee shall be either elders or deacons."

The foregoing applies in case of a cause arising in the interval of an Annual Conference.

"When the accusation is preferred during the session of the Annual Conference, it shall first be referred for investigation to three traveling elders, appointed by the President, which committee shall report to the conference whether a trial be necessary. Every case to be tried shall be referred to a committee of not less than nine nor more than thirteen."

Provided, that the accused shall be allowed the right of peremptory challenge of five in constituting a committee of thirteen, and three in a committee of nine, besides the right of unlimited challenge for cause."

Why not the same right with a local preacher?

"When a member of the Church is under report of immorality, the preacher in charge shall appoint a committee of three discreet members of the Church, who shall investigate the report or accusation. If upon investigation they deem a trial necessary, they shall formulate a bill of charges and specifications. On presentation of such bill of charges and specifications, the preacher in charge shall appoint a committee of not less than five, nor more than thirteen, members of the Church to which the accused belongs, before whom he shall be cited to appear and who shall have full power to try the case."

He shall be allowed the right of unlimited challenge for cause; and the right to interrogate the committeemen to ascertain the cause; and the accused shall also have the right of peremptory challenge of two in a committee of five, and in like ratio for any other number."

Change of Venue.—"The pastor may, for sufficient cause, conduct the trial of a member at a place other than where his membership is held."

But how is it now about the local preacher? The Quarterly Conference has full power to try, and acquit, suspend or expell him.

"When a local preacher is under report of immorality, the preacher in charge shall appoint a committee of three local preachers, and if local preachers cannot be obtained, he shall appoint three members of the Church to investigate the report or accusation. If upon investigation this committee deem a trial necessary, they shall formulate a bill of charges and specifications and shall appoint a local preacher to prosecute the case before the Quarterly Conference."

Now, if there should be no local preacher belonging to that Quarterly Conference, as is some times the case, then the accused would be tried wholly by laymen and not by his peers.

No one will insist that a Bishop, a presiding elder, a traveling elder, a traveling deacon, or a traveling preacher can be tried by a committee or any other sort of an organized body of laymen in our whole connection.

Then we have an exception to the general usage in disparagement of the relations of the local preacher, which ought to be readjusted.

In the trial of a traveling preacher as well as a lay member of the Church, the accused has the right of challenge for cause and the right of peremptory challenge without being compelled to show any cause. More than that, the layman may be allowed a change of venue where the trend of prejudice or the tide of partiality would be likely to defeat the ends of justice. But the law as it is seems to provide no such safeguards for our brotherhood.

There are more local preachers in the Southern Methodist Church than there are effective itinerants; and about one-half of the local brotherhood are local elders, and every one of the elders are the equals in ministerial orders of the highest official functionaries of the Church; and yet the local elder may be tried by a court of laymen without the right of challenge or change of venue; while even the laymen can not be denied either of these rights.

If there should be but two local preachers on the floor of the General Conference having the courage of their convictions at the time that amendment to Section IV is presented, let both of them vote for it; but let one of them offer our amendment to the proposed amendment, and let the other second the motion, which will bring the matter regularly before the conference; provided, that no local preacher shall be denied the right of trial by a jury of their peers; and provided, that he shall not be denied the right of peremptory challenge nor the right of unlimited challenge for cause; provided further, that he shall not be denied the

right to change of venue to an adjoining pastoral charge or to any other pastoral charge in the presiding elder's district if, in the sound discretion of the chair, the ends of justice would be better subserved; nor shall he be denied the right to interrogate the jury to ascertain the cause for change of venue or the right of challenge.

Remember, that one-fifth of the members of the General Conference present and voting, can circumvent the passage of a distasteful measure by force of parliamentary law (see paragraph 35 of the Discipline): "The ministers and laymen shall deliberate in one body; but upon a call of one-fifth of the members of the conference the lay and clerical members shall vote separately, and no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of representatives." Surely one-fifth of the members of the General Conference can be induced to see the equity of our demand and the disparaging conditions of which we complain. W. C. YOUNG, 345 Wall Street, Dallas, Texas.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

**PALESTINE DISTRICT.**  
All visitors who expect to attend the Palestine District Conference, which meets at Lovelady June 27, will please notify me if entertainment is expected. W. J. OWENS, Trinity, Texas.

**HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.**  
The Huntsville District Conference will be held at Madisville, Texas, July 11. CHAS. A. HOOPER, P. E.

**GREENVILLE DISTRICT.**  
The Greenville District Conference will be held at Fairlee, June 18-23. The following are the Committees of Examination: For License to Preach—P. L. Smith, J. T. Bludworth, J. R. Adair. For Admission on Trial—J. W. Hill, J. E. Roach, J. W. Beckham. For Elder's Orders—W. H. Stephenson, H. M. Firtle, P. F. Threadgill. For Deacon's Orders—J. J. Clark, S. L. Ball, R. H. Fields.

Let the pastors see that the Quarterly Conference Records are present, and it is expected that all the local preachers, whether ordained or not, will be in attendance on the District Conference. Rev. J. J. Clark will preach the opening sermon, Wednesday night, June 19. O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

**BRENNHAM DISTRICT.**  
The Brenham District Conference will convene Friday morning, June 14, at 5 o'clock a. m. The opening sermon will be preached Thursday evening by James Kilgore. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E., Rockdale, Texas.

**McKINNEY DISTRICT.**  
On the afternoon of June 26 we will have conveyance at McKinney and Farmersville for all desiring to attend the McKinney District Conference. J. W. BLACKBURN, Blue Ridge, Texas.

**WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.**  
License to Preach—J. H. Stewart, J. S. Tunnell, E. V. Cox. Admission on Trial—B. W. Dodson, H. D. Kuckertbocker, R. B. Bonner. Deacon's Orders—L. G. Rogers, E. R. Wallace, J. S. Hockabee. Elder's Orders—W. E. Caperton, B. J. Maxwell, L. B. Tooley. JNO. R. MORRIS, Per J. R. Pierce, R. S.

**PITTSBURG DISTRICT.**  
The pastors of the Pittsburg District will please notify me by June 19 who will attend District Conference from their charges. L. H. McGEE, Gilmer, Texas.

**DUBLIN DISTRICT.**  
To the Preachers and Delegates of the Dublin District.

Please send me the names of all that expect conveyance from Carbon to the District Conference June 27. Hacks will meet the train at Carbon the 26th. Let all come on the noon train. Now, brethren, if you wish us to haul you out, all come the same day. C. E. STATHAM, P. C., Rising Star, Texas.

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### SCHOOLS.

#### POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The ninth annual commencement exercises of Polytechnic College began Saturday evening, May 18, with entertainment by Elcomtion Department. Sunday at 11 a. m. the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. I. W. Clark, of Dallas. He took an old text, but preached a new sermon, characterized by strength of thought and beauty of expression. The farewell service of the Epworth League in the afternoon was interesting and profitable. Addresses were made by Rev. J. S. Bureau, M. C. Quillian and T. V. Ellzey. The annual missionary sermon was preached by Rev. E. D. Moulton. Bro. Moulton is one of our strong preachers, and he fully maintained his reputation on that occasion.

On Monday morning the inter-society oratorical contest was held. The speakers reflected honor upon their respective societies, and the medal went to A. D. Porter. Much interest was manifested in the inter-society debate Monday evening. The contestants displayed thorough acquaintance with the subject and skill in argument. The decision was accorded to the Philosophians.

On Tuesday morning another oratorical contest was had. As a result, Mr. Miller will wear the medal. Perhaps the choicest entertainment of the commencement was the musicale given under the direction of Miss Mattie Dunlap, assisted by Prof. Belling. Many of the selections were from the masters, and were artistically performed.

Wednesday morning the graduating exercises closed the program. Class Representative J. J. Creed delivered an address. Rev. E. W. Solomon, being providentially prevented from attending, Rev. R. C. Armstrong delivered the literary address.

Thus closes another successful session in Polytechnic College. With a strong faculty, a good record, and a favorable environment, this school, under the providence of God, is destined to fill a still larger place in the field of Christian education. E. P. WILLIAMS

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