

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE RUBYAIYAT.

Some time ago a literary Leaguer insisted that "The Rubyaiyat of Omar Khayyam" ought to be in our League libraries and course of study. In answer to my protest, he argued that for art's sake it ought to be there, and that all other features of the book that are unwholesome could be eliminated by the reader for this same art's sake.

The object of this article is to review briefly this poem, and to show that it has no place either in a League library or any other collection of books in a Christian home. The author was a heathen philosopher of the Dark Ages who seeks to fathom God and his mysteries, and, failing to do so, renounces the verities of Christian faith. The poem in full, as we find it in the only manuscript extant, 1490, contains 158 quatrains, of which Edward Fitzgerald translated into English 101.

The translator himself says the poem is "sadder perhaps when ostentatiously merry," because this merriment is only an effort to cover up the longings that would be satisfied with simple faith, but which are stifled because the author can not understand the mysteries. The truth is, we need not understand. We do not understand the mysterious flow of the electric fluid which lights the page as we read this article, but we do not doubt its existence or its utility. To understand God would abase him to our level or exalt us to his heights, either of which is absolutely incongruous and inconsistent with the nature of man or the attributes of Deity. A God once understood is no God at all. When the intelligence of Greece and Rome understood Zeus and Jupiter, Olympus lost its mystery and its charm, and the entire system of mythical deities faded forever. One of the blessed things in our faith is that the Christian's God can not be located by the mariner's compass or measured by a carpenter's rule, or analyzed like a problem in Euclid. Give the Leaguers, and the rebellious and presumptuous sin of denying where we can not comprehend, but the sublime philosophy of Ruskin, that the highest type of faith is to believe where we can not understand.

Omar Khayyam—that is, Omar the Tent-Maker—would have done better had he been a poor Galilean fisherman a thousand years before his time. His chief study was astronomy, but he never heard the music of the spheres. Give the Leaguers those poets who can tell us, not of "the unnumbered skies" of Omar, but of that literal truth that "day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." This poem teaches us that yesterday is dead, that to-morrow is not born, and therefore let us drink and be merry to-day. Earth is all and heaven nothing. Ah, if this were true, indeed "what thrice-mocked fools we be" to spend our days in carnal and debauch, or to seek that sensual gratification to be found in nerve-shattering and character-killing awarding with bodily appetites as the chief end of life.

"Dust into dust and under dust to lie, Sans wine, sans song, sans singer and—sans end!"

What sort of philosophy is this for the Leaguer's faith? What sort of faith is this for the Leaguer's philosophy? Again, he says of the prophets, that though they talked wisely of the future, nevertheless "their words to scorn are scattered, and their mouths with dust are stopp'd." Rather let us believe, Leaguers, that their words are blazoned on the skies and their mouths are filled with glad anthems around the throne! He talks of wine as though the vintage of Horace were the summum bonum of existence. Thus, if the grape be the growth of God, who dare call it a snare? "If a curse, who set it there?" This sophistry is of flesh rather than of mind—of the stomach rather than of the head—of the appetites rather than of Christian love. Omar's heaven is nothing—or, if anything, it is at best only the sensual Paradise of Mahomet. Leaguers, this is not the goal for your faith.

"If a curse, who set it there?" Ignorance mingled with defiance of God! A challenge like that the serpent made to Eden! Self-sufficiency, haughty pride! By that sin fell the angels!

"One thing is certain, and all else is lies. The flower that once has blown forever dies!"

What does this mean? That life once lived forever dies? As if man were not a separate creation and a distinct kingdom from the flowers of the field! All ambiguities cease when we enter the spiritual world.

"Into the universe (I came), the why not knowing; Nor whence, like water, willy-nilly flowing; And out of it as wind along the waste,

I know not whither willy-nilly blowing."

Agnosticism for the Leaguers! Let us go back a thousand years beyond the Christ and sit in the twilight with Job, not amidst doubt and negation, but with "I know that my Redeemer liveth!"

"Hurried whence and hence without asking! And many a cup of this wine (of forgetfulness and negation) must drown the memory of that insolence!" What "insolence?" The insolence of God in giving birth without the asking! He talks of "heaven's unopening door," and "the door to which I found no key." Let us tell the Leaguers of that door of which it is said, "Knock, and it shall be opened!"

"How then tomorrow, when you will be you no more?" I am glad we shall be changed! That mortality shall put on immortality! The question is characteristic of agnosticism and infidelity. It is easy to puzzle men who are limited in knowledge, but let the Leaguers know that they may question God and be heard and answered; that if they search the Scriptures they shall know the doctrine. Take another sample:

"What! Out of senseless nothing to provoke
A conscious Something to resent the yoke
Of unpermitted pleasure, and, under pain
Of everlasting penalties, if broke!"

Mark the word "pleasure." It has to do with earthly things. It has not even a spiritual suggestion in it. Pleasure is not even a sign of well-being; happiness always is a sign of well-being. Pleasure is sensual; happiness is spiritual. Here is the charge against God for bringing man into existence with free moral agency! Is the book wholesome?

"What! From His helpless creatures be repaid
Pure gold for what He lent him dross-alloyed!"

See for a debt he never did contract,
And can not answer—Oh, the sorry trade!"

I heard an intelligent woman—formerly a Christian—quoting these lines—quoting and gloating! It was art, she said. And while admiring the art, the philosophy, the sophistry, had entered her soul! Give me art with its clothes on! Art with spiritual lines gracing the figure and the bloom of immortality on the cheek! Give me poetry where the finger of the author has been touched by the finger of God. Words are things. The reader who reads for art's sake must have wholesome art, or he will absorb the melancholy of Cowper, the depressing tendencies of George Eliot, the boorishness of Walt Whitman, the hypochondriacal of Poe, the vitriol of Swift, the revengefulness of Byron, the agnosticism and the spiritual insolence of Omar, the Tent-Maker!

"Of all that one should care to fathom, I was never deep in anything but—wine!" And we are disposed to believe him!

This poem must be placed on the list of literary fads. It has been popular in certain circles since 1881. It comes attired in the livery of heaven, but in it are rottenness and dead men's bones. It has no business among our Leaguers except to shake the foundations of young faith and overshadow it with a cloud that will never be lifted up again.

The translation is in itself beautiful, but you can not mentally divorce the picture of an apple from the fruit itself. Images are suggestive. Lewd pictures beget lewd thoughts, and then follows self-abasement, lust, murder. The translation is charming, but if Edward Fitzgerald had translated into the Persian language some of the hymns of Zion and some of the philosophy of the Christ and sent it all over to the descendants of Omar, the Tent-Maker, he would have done greater service to humanity. The book is a snare. If your children ask bread, give them not this serpent!

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SONS OF GREAT MEN.

H. G. H.

We shall not speculate about the facts below mentioned, but give them for what they may be worth:

The son of Daniel Webster was sent to Congress after the death of the "Great Commoner." The young man sat in a chair in the House most of one session, then went home to be heard of no more.

The people of Kentucky would not rest until the son of Henry Clay was elected and sworn in as a member of the National House of Representatives. The young man was so out of place that his unhappiness was painful to himself and his political friends. One session was enough.

The world admits the transcendent greatness of Prince Bismarck. His son has just died, and was accounted

to have been a man of very ordinary parts.

Herschel V. Johnson, of Georgia—Governor, Senator, Judge, candidate for Vice-President on the ticket with Stephen A. Douglas—was called the "Battle Axe" because of the tremendous force of his intellectual blows. His son was known only for his polished manners, his flowing locks, the color of his neckties.

The son of Napoleon Bonaparte was a weakling, and the fact of his existence is hardly known in history.

The effort to make a great statesman of the son of Abraham Lincoln and a great General of the son of U. S. Grant has proven a dismal failure.

Of the sons of John C. Calhoun, Robert Y. Hayne, John McPherson Herrien, William H. Seward, John Marshall, very little if anything is reported in the annals of their families.

Greatness and military genius seemed to be hereditary in the Lee family of Virginia, and statesmanship and eloquence in the Breckenridge family of Kentucky, in the Adams family of Massachusetts.

To find the parentage of such men as Webster, Lincoln, Grant, Seward, Stephens, Marshall, you must go back into obscurity, and sometimes for three and four generations.

Andrew Jackson's greatness was not accidental, and yet he came from a home-life of obscurity, ignorance, poverty.

Take the great Generals of our armies. Their sons are corporals, third lieutenants, clerks in commissary departments.

Take our venerable and distinguished Senators in the United States Senate. Their sons are pages, clerks of special committees, and are the pets of social functions.

It is difficult to tell from whence greatness will spring. It is certainly not all born. Genius sometimes is hereditary—but only at marked intervals in the course of human history. Destiny is largely the outgrowth of character. The highest and most forceful elements of character come less from birth than from environment, high purpose, accompanied by almost fortuitous circumstances.

Genius and greatness are more universal to-day than ever before in the history of the world—not springing unbidden from the clouds of the valley, but the genius of toil, high purpose, massive character, deeds that tell for the destiny of the human race. The "Hall of Fame" is crowded with the names of men whose deeds and genius have given renown; but what of the fathers and mothers of those great men? Of hundreds of them, history is as silent as the grave as to their parentage—thus from greatness to obscurity and from obscurity to greatness.

LETTER FROM MISSOURI.

Fifty years ago I had a local preacher on my circuit, who often told us in his exhortations that "procrastination was the very thief of time."

It is just as true now as it was in Brother Gregory's (that was his name) day. Week by week it (procrastination) has stolen two months from me.

For one sixth of a year I have been intending to write this letter next week. Now I am going to redeem the time by writing to-day.

Yesterday Central College closed the most successful year of work in its history. Two hundred and seventy-two students matriculated during the year and twenty-two diplomas were given at its close. The day before Howard Payne gave eighteen, making forty graduates from the two colleges here during the year.

The baccalaureate sermon before the two colleges, was preached Sunday morning by Rev. Fielding Marvin, the only living son of the Bishop, both of whom were born in Missouri.

It was a great sermon, the theme of which was "Character Building."

I said at its close he would go home a D. D., which he did, the degree having been conferred on him yesterday by Central College. The same was also conferred on Rev. Z. M. Williams and John Anderson, of the Missouri Conference, and Rev. C. E. Patillo, of the St. Louis—all missionaries except the last, who delivered the annual address to the literary societies of Howard Payne.

I must not fail to add that the annual sermon to the young people's societies was preached Sunday evening by Rev. A. F. Smith, an alumnus of Central, a Missourian, and the son and grandson of Missourians. Also the annual address to the literary societies of Central College was given by a Missourian, Hon. Webster Davis.

This is a good place for me to congratulate the Southwestern University for having procured Missourians to preach and make the literary address on the occasion of the late Commencement, and to thank the Advocate for giving me the privilege of reading that most excellent address.

In 1816 Mr. Perkins' Mother taught a school in her own home, near Hickory Grove Church, in Polk County,

Mo., and I was one of her pupils. Elijah was then but a small boy. In the years 1818 and 1819 I was a pupil in the Southwest Missouri High School at Ebenezer, Greene County, Mo., and so was he. His father, Rev. Elijah Perkins, was my ideal of a man. He joined the Holston Conference in 1828, the year before I was born, came to Missouri in 1837, and died in 1853. For 25 years he preached the gospel as but few men ever did. On his invitation I went to the altar of prayer, a penitent, and found pardon. When life's work is done I shall meet him in the home of the blest.

From the middle of April to the 5th of June we had no rain. During the last eight days we have had an abundance, which has very much improved our crop prospects.

My last letter to you brought me a letter from J. E. Price, of Pilot Point, Texas, telling me of a medicine—"Disinfectant Restorative"—of which he is the compounder and maker.

Our Veteran Missouri Preachers' Association will meet this year with the Missouri Conference which meets in St. Joseph, September 1. The program calls for a paper on "The Importance of Reading Correctly the Hymns and Scripture-Lesson in worship," by Rev. J. F. Riggs.

Since the program was made he has gone to his reward. He is the third member of our society that has died during the year—Dr. T. M. Finney and Rev. D. T. Sherman being the other two.

One of our members, A. F. Scruggs, is now 98 years old, and others, J. C. Berryman and Daniel Penny, are 92. Eight others are over 80. Ministers live to a good old age, die well, then rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

No changes in our college faculties worth naming. W. S. WOODWARD, Fayette, Mo., June 15, 1901.

HOW A MOMENT OF REFLECTION CHANGED A PERSONAL HISTORY.

The writer has related to his children and some of his friends how it came to be that a moment of reflection—at a certain crisis—changed the latter half of his own personal as well as family history. In every one's life there are crises upon which turn the course of individual history for weal or woe—to the actor as well as those whose interests, in the natural course of human events, become, more or less, blended with his own, even extending outward and onward to a world of possibilities—multiplied to indistinctness.

Perhaps it may serve some minds if the writer should present some of the conditions that surrounded one of the crises of his own life. It occurred during the war between the States, while he was a prisoner in Federal hands. Gen. W. had reason to believe that torpedoes had been buried about the fort that had just passed from our hands to Federal possession. One officer after another came to this writer to learn whatever he could about the number and position of the concealed torpedoes. The writer kept his own counsel concerning what he might or might not know in that direction. They offered liberal inducements in the way of pay and privileges, applied every art of skillful language, till the writer frankly told them that he was a Confederate soldier and would consider it treason upon his own part to enter their service in any capacity whatever. They seemed then to have abandoned the matter, and I concluded that the trouble was over.

The next morning there came an officer whose breath and general demeanor was that of a drunken man. He was violent and profane, and swore vigorously that if I did not go with him and dig out those torpedoes he would kill me on the spot. He made me believe that he was swearing the truth, so I consented to go as a matter of force, under protest.

This officer, with a Sergeant and five men, escorted me to the task. I knew how to locate the explosives, but meant to get along with as little torpedo-hunting as possible. I was declared foreman. I called for men who had worked with surveying parties. He gave me the men, and we soon had several pegs set over as many buried torpedoes. The Sergeant and the two guards by their evident sympathy, had gained my confidence, so I let them complete each excavation and removal after I had provided against accidental explosion.

When we had uncovered the sixth torpedo, a strong reaction of feeling had such possession of my being that I took off my cap, held up my hand and solemnly swore that this should be my last torpedo. The officer in charge applied to me some very forcible and profane language. I had been indignant all of the time, and now I became extremely angry. There were about three hundred Federal soldiers all around us—crowding so closely that we could hardly work. The officer himself was crowding almost into

our excavation as he forced his offensive whisky breath and foul odors upon me. I felt that I had endured enough.

I looked at the uncovered cap of the torpedo, that would only require one light tap of my spade to send the whole party to destruction. Why not strike the blow? I could, any how, kill that dirty officer and many enemies by just giving myself to go with them. As I raised my spade to strike the fatal blow, thoughts of wife and two children came thronging upon me and plead for their sakes that I should think again. How rapidly one can think when the whole soul is wrought up to its highest energies! For perhaps one or two seconds I was debating with myself whether, perhaps, there was a possibility that I might some time get back to my wife and two children. I do not know which way I should have decided if my attention had not just then been drawn aside by the exclamation of the officer, "John, what are you going to do?" "Blow you up!" I answered, in low monotone.

I had already felt the hand of one of the guards, drawing my sleeve to derange the aim of my threatened blow, as I heard exclamations on every side of "He's going to blow us up!" and then there was a wild stampede of every one but the three men on duty. The officer outran everybody else.

I was so diverted at the idea of my making three hundred men run so recklessly, and at seeing our drunken officer, off at a distance of about one hundred yards, calling to the Sergeant to attend to matters while he should go to headquarters to report. The diversion put me into a good humor. I then told the men that I did not want to hurt one of them—only to kill that scoundrelly officer.

Well, I did not blow up the torpedo. I did not dig out any more. The war is over now, and I have always been glad that we did not have that explosion. Thirty-eight years of personal, social, family, industrial and religious history have forced upon my mind many reminders of the value of prudent reflection and right decision in every crisis of every personal history.

G. ONDERDONK.

THREE LIGHTNING PREACHERS.

By that title they were known in the sixties. They were Geo. W. Carter, Frank C. Wilkes and C. C. Gillespie, all members of the Texas Conference, and each raised a regiment of cavalry for the Confederate Army and did valiant service for the South throughout the Civil War.

The article in the last Advocate, announcing the death of Geo. W. Carter, closes the career of the last survivor of the trio.

They were remarkable men. The writer was not personally acquainted with Col. Gillespie, and can not, therefore, speak from personal knowledge of him, but he was extensively known in Texas as a strong preacher, editor of the Texas Advocate and otherwise connected with editorial work. His last days were not his best, and his death may not have been what it should have been, but it was touching to read how tenderly the press of the State spoke of him, not one paper saying aught of his faults, but each speaking of his good qualities. The stone at his grave in the cemetery here reads: "C. C. Gillespie, Scholar, Orator, Soldier, Editor."

Wilkes, with his regiment, was captured at the Arkansas Post, in the winter of 1862, and suffered a long incarceration at Johnson's Island, that left lasting marks on his nervous system. After the war he returned to his place in the ministry in the Texas Conference, and when he died was a supernumerary preacher of the Tennessee Conference. His eloquence as a preacher was known far and wide. His sermons on many lines are remembered to this day by many people, although delivered twenty-five and thirty years ago. His power to sway congregations was unexcelled by few, often causing whole audiences to rise to their feet by a motion of the hand. One of his favorite themes was Daniel—"And Daniel opened up his windows toward Jerusalem and knelt down and prayed three times a day as he did aforetime." When really warmed up on this subject, his matchless eloquence was irresistible. Late in years he suffered almost total paralysis, and preached sitting; but as late as 1881 he electrified the people of Marshall by his eloquence, although he could not stand to deliver the message. He died in great peace at Lampasas, Texas, and his devoted Christian wife and a number of children and grandchildren survive him.

G. W. Carter was probably the greatest orator the Methodist Church has had in Texas. The writer remembers his thrilling campaign speeches when inciting men to volunteer in the Confederate Army. Never will I forget one delivered from the balcony of the old Plaza House, on Military Plaza, in

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As a preacher he was as a cyclone. The writer in the Baltimore Advocate speaks of him as a "deliberate" speaker. Not so in Texas. Here he was "as the rushing of the mighty waters," foaming at the mouth, when truly wrought up, as an untamed beast, and then it was that all things were swept before him by his wonderful words.

As a neighbor, friend and pastor he was as gentle as a lamb, his visits to sick chambers being as a benediction from on high.

After the war, Dr. Wilkes was passing through New Orleans and called at his apartments. Carter looked at him in astonishment, and said: "Wilkes, what are you doing here?" Wilkes replied that he "had come to pay him a friendly call." Carter asked a few questions about the family and friends, then took up that ever-present French harp and played, in the most melancholy strains, "Home, Sweet Home," which left no dry eyes in that house. Then reaching out his hand he said: "Good-bye, Frank; this is no place for you. Good-bye." And thus he waved him from his haunt of vice.

I will not vouch for the truth of the following story as to Dr. Carter's reclamation, but I have heard that one day a friend (possibly Dr. Duncan), while preaching, discovered Carter in the audience near the door, and at the conclusion of the sermon he asked Carter to lead in the closing prayer, which he did in the most touching manner. Then the minister announced that Dr. Carter would preach in that pulpit that evening, which he did; and thus began his return to the ministry.

The last of these three friends—brother soldiers and brother ministers—has been called hence. We remember them as they impressed us. It is not ours to judge.

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ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

Pilgrimage Among People and Preachers—in Their Homes.

At Trinity and Lovelady, with Bro. W. J. Owens, a privilege and a pleasure.

Bro. Owens is one of our older preachers who has a young heart, and he is much loved and appreciated. The work that he is doing at Lovelady and Trinity will abide. Sister Owens is a true assistant pastor and finds herself perfectly at home with the good women who are known far and wide on that work for their zeal, energy and consecration. They have quite a fund on hand for putting new pews in the church, and will add a coat of paint, put in a new organ, and make other needed improvements to church and parsonage as rapidly as their efforts can crystallize. With such workers as Sisters S. E. Barnes, A. J. Frick, E. Bright, Sallie Lehman, I. N. Parker, Leo Bergman, and other devout women, there is no wonder at the good work being done there. Bro. Owens certainly has a magnificent corps of assistants in carrying on the full work of the church there. And at Lovelady he is equally fortunate. He has at Lovelady such goodly women as Sisters Dillie Frazier, J. P. O'Keefe, W. F. Rayburn, R. M. Emerson, D. J. Cater, J. H. Johnson, E. M. Bayne, J. H. Wakefield and others. Truly it is a work to inspire one because of the readiness of so many to "come up to the help of the Lord." These pious women keep up the auxiliary organizations. At Trinity the W. F. M. Society is fully organized, with Mrs. Sallie Lehman, President; Mrs. E. Bright, Secretary; Mrs. I. N. Parker, Treasurer. The W. H. M. Society has also a splendid set of officers: Mrs. A. J. Frick, President; Mrs. E. Bright, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. S. E. Barnes, Treasurer. Bro. Owens is as fortunate in his official boards as in his "devout women not a few." The stewards at Trinity are I. N. Parker, S. E. Barnes and Leo Bergman, who are all men at the head of large mercantile establishments, but who find time from their business to attend to the Lord's business. W. H. Manry, who used to run the big hotel there, and now has farming and stock interests, and M. V. Holland, one of the leading citizens. At Lovelady the stewards are Dr. A. J. Collins, who takes time from a large and successful practice to look after the affairs of the Church; J. P. O'Keefe, the agent of the International and Great Northern Railroad there for thirteen years, who adds one more to the long list of the active and prominent men in charge of the affairs of this well managed and great railroad who finds it not hard to attend to their duties faithfully, and at the same time live consistent Christian lives and be active in Church work; C. B. Moore and R. M. Emerson who carry on large farming interests and other business enterprises, but never neglect Church work, and Charley Parker, a young man in business who starts out right—by living the higher life before his companions and giving a part of his time to the Church. Happy the pastor who finds such helpers. Bro. Sam E. Barnes

is superintendent of the Sunday-school at Trinity, and one of the most devoted in Texas. And it would do any one good to attend and see the great Bible class that has been taught there by Bro. A. J. Frick. Few men in any walk of life have such a hold on the affection and confidence of every one in and out of the churches as has Bro. Frick at Trinity and Lovelady, where he has been known so long. He reluctantly gave up his class when he moved to Lovelady to edit the new paper he has recently started—the Lovelady News. But the Lovelady Sunday-school will profit by his move. He is an able man, and has put his heart, mind and energy in the work of character building among the young people. His Bible class was composed of men and women from 18 to 75 and numbered from twenty to thirty. Let some of our city schools pause and think of that. Bro. C. B. Moore is superintendent at Lovelady, and he is an answer to those who say they can not find as capable a man for this work in the country or in smaller towns as in larger ones. And the young people's meetings, principally held under direction of that prince of Christian school teachers, Prof. Martin, principal of the school, were a delight to me. The church was comfortably full Sunday afternoon with the leading young men and women, and the program is rendered in a way that holds the attention of the mind and catches the ear of all present. It is a well prepared program, showing path, care and thought on the part of each—and a religious, spiritual atmosphere pervades the whole.

It is a good year Bro. Owens is going to have. And when it comes to recreation and rest I wish to advise lovers of the fishing sport to go down to Trinity and let Sam Barnes, Bro. Owens, Frick, Johnson (who will take Bro. Frick's place in that Bible class) take them out to the lake seven miles from town. We went out one day and caught about 150 fine white perch and big-mouth bass. And those who smoke will find Bro. Sam Barnes' own make of cigars from tobacco grown on his own farm, from the same fine weed that took the premium in Paris last year, as good as they are wont to pay high prices for. I liked to smell them, even if I could not puff at them like a locomotive going up grade with a heavy freight train. It was reluctantly that I turned my face from Trinity and Lovelady and started east, but it was that I could not take those good folks and add them to those I felt I was to find elsewhere.

I was welcomed at the parsonage at Groveton by Bro. Walter Mills and wife. They know how to make a pilgrim and a stranger feel at home. And Bro. Mills is fond of ice cream and fishing. So am I! And he provided the first and "almost persuaded me" as to the latter, but time and anxious Methodists who do not take the Advocate, but ought to, do not patiently wait for me, at least. But I did enjoy a few days of social and personal pleasure and success among his good people. Groveton is the county seat of Trinity County, and Methodism is the leading form of Christianity there. The immense lumber manufacturing plant of the Trinity Lumber Co. is located there, and among its managers and operatives we have many members who are not the best capable and acceptable because their Church relations keep them in touch with the higher life. In fact, from conversations with some of the leading mill men I found that those who professed Christianity and lived up to it stood highest in their esteem and in their positions. And I believe this will ever be found true. I want to mention one man—an ex-mill employe, now in one of the leading stores. It is Bro. G. P. Mims, who goes down to Josseland three miles, every Sunday afternoon and holds Sunday-school for them, and has done so for many years. He has on an average of seventy in attendance, and the school is doing a world of good, and is a recognized force down there. Also Sister R. S. Powell, a devout woman, who acts as sexton to the large church in Groveton; and ladies can go with white dresses on and not soil them on the seats. I wish some men sextons I know of—and frequently sit down after—would note this. Prof. J. W. Bright who has been a successful teacher so long, has been captured by Trinity, and he leaves Groveton, vacating the position of Sunday-school superintendent which he ably filled. But his place will be taken by Bro. W. H. Bradley, the postmaster, a young man who recently professed Christianity, and has taken up the work in earnest. He is full of promise. Dr. Robert Parker and Dr. S. H. Sweeney are also among those who occupy high positions in their profession and who find time to devote to Church affairs and take their Church paper. Sister R. E. Erwin, daughter of that staunch Methodist, Bro. Manry, of Trinity, and whose husband is County Attorney, is a power in the Church at Groveton. Bro. Mills is happy in the co-operation of many of the most influential women of the community. And at Josseland he has a host in the Dudleys, the McCless, the Josselands and the Raines. Bro. Mills only had me preach three times the Sunday I was there—twice at Groveton and once at Josseland. At the latter place is the mill plant of Mr. Josseland. His planer

burned the week I was there; but when I left construction was well on with a new one. They move over here.

At Willard, where are the great mill and planer of the Thompson-Tucker Lumber Co. I met with a most agreeable surprise in the person of my old friend—though a young man—Will P. Wallace, of Kyle. Bro. Wallace has never known anything except to be a Christian. He is shipping clerk for this mill, and a fine place is Willard. It ought to be noted by every Christian, and especially remembered by more Church members, that the Lord's promises are verified in the affairs of this company—as I verily believe. Not a lick of Sunday work is done here, or in the woods, or anywhere by any one connected with the great concern! Not even repairs of any sort are done on Sundays, nor have any emergencies ever called out men for any kind of labor on Sunday. Now, from the way many people talk and act, one would expect to find that this mill was in a bad fix, financially, and that it had been in financial straits through such a "narrowly policy." I am sorry to disappoint such worldly, wishy-washy people as think this way; but I am compelled to do so. Sundays at this mill are given up to rest, religious services, Sunday-school—of which Captain Thompson himself is superintendent, the mill having having built a fine church here, and we use it for our Sunday-school. And in the face of all this, the mill is not only prosperous, but always has been; and so efficient is the work done by the men that Bro. Wallace told me they usually sold their lumber for \$1 above the market. They have hard work to keep in stock and fill orders and contracts, and always get the highest prices for their lumber. Most mills repair on Sundays. Here it is done Saturdays or Mondays—usually the latter. And what a welcome in a fine, comfortable, beautifully furnished Christian home Sister Thompson gives one! And what sport to take her fine steel rod and reel, run down to the dam at their private pond, 50 feet from the house, and pull out a few four-pound bass for dinner—as I did the day I was there—and how delicious they were eaten fresh. And what a joy to be in the atmosphere of such consistency and such religious fervor!

I stopped over, waiting for the Southern Pacific, after leaving the Katy at Colmesland, and thought I would run up and call on Bro. Kirkpatrick—and incidentally take a few subscribers while I waited. I found Bro. Kirkpatrick making new steps to the parsonage and fixing up his front yard, and he explained that the children were out in the country. He was urgent that I return soon and take in his work with him, as he needed the Advocate in the homes of his people badly, and assured me that he would be prepared to entertain me when I came back. I went down town and called on Dr. Stewart and Sister Stewart, and got her subscription and that of Bro. M. R. Crow, the latter of Viola, and caught my train for Beaumont. There I learned from that prince of good fellows, Bro. J. W. Johnson, presiding elder of Beaumont District, that Bro. Kirkpatrick meant what he said—he would be prepared to entertain me next time, as Bro. Johnson left next day to marry Bro. Kirkpatrick.

What a business is done by the short piece of road belonging to the "Katy" system over here in East Texas. It only runs from Trinity to Colmesland—seventy miles, but the line is strung with saw-mills, and an enormous lumber business is done. The time and accommodations are good, too, considering there are no quick connections to make. But it connects with the I. & G. N. at Trinity and with the Southern Pacific at Colmesland. And this end of the Southern Pacific is a busy road for the same reason. It was preparing to begin running trains through from Beaumont to Nacogdoches the day I went down. Now you can leave Beaumont in the morning after 10 and get to old Nacogdoches early in the afternoon. What a change is being wrought in East Texas by these great highways! In a few months the Southern Pacific will be running trains over this division straight through to Dallas. Then an enormous traffic will pass that way which now goes via Houston.

I will take in Sabine Pass and Orange from here. Then try and get through with Beaumont in time to attend the District Conference of this district, which convenes at Liberty on June 28. And I anticipate a pleasant time with my good, true friend of thirty years—Prof. W. F. Cummins. WM. A. BOWEN.

THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THE OLOGY.

I have just returned from Georgetown. In many respects the Theological Institute was satisfactory. Dr. Ward is to be congratulated. The attendance was better than many of us hoped for. The lecturers and instructors were all on hand, and did their work as well as could be expected while the Institute was in the process of organization.

Bishop Hendrix' lectures were great intellectual treats, and his spiritual fervor bordered on the marvelous. It was one of the peculiar privileges of a lifetime to hear him. Dr. Tigert's lectures on Theism exhibited scholar-

ship. It took much study and great intellectual concentration to prepare them, and the delivering of them was no small task; but he did his work with the enthusiasm of a scholar who feels that he has a scientific message for the world that will demolish long-entrenched error and reveal a long-sought truth. To follow him through the labyrinth of metaphysics to his goal—which is the destruction of the long-accepted dualism of Deceit—was a task that not many of us were able to perform, but somehow we felt like he was bridging the chasm between realism and idealism, and if we could not easily make the whole journey with him, we believed it was because it is exceedingly difficult for men to walk over that gossamer-like bridge that unites matter and spirit! That there is no chasm between spirit and matter this writer has believed for years. That they are united in me I think we all believe, that they are united in the universe I think will some day be equally apparent, and as men have recognized since the days of Socrates that the body of man is not the Ego, so it will be scientifically recognized that the matter in the universe is not the "I Am."

The great lectures were poorly attended by the citizens of Georgetown, and this writer had the pleasure of shaking the hands of but four of the professors—three in the college building and one on the street.

We were, however, delightfully entertained in the homes of our old-time friends, Revs. Jno. R. Steele and W. H. Morphis. Our hosts apologized for the absence of the citizens of Georgetown on the ground that they were worn out attending the commencement exercises. Possibly it would be better to hold the Institute a week or two after the commencement exercises, so as to give the people time to get rested.

There is an air of prosperity about the college. The professors, on the whole, seem to be doing well. Some of them are bankers, some own ranches and herds, and if their attention is not divided in these things they must be marvelous men. One professor I understand has been offered a hundred dollars a month more to go elsewhere, but he—Christ-like—preferred to work where he is. It is good to see a thing of this kind in a Christian college. Our schools would not be Christian if they could not furnish some examples like this. I do not believe that a teacher in a Christian school has any more right to make it simply a money-making business than the Christian preacher has a right to make the ministry a bread-making profession.

I know the modest Professor McSwain would not allow me to write this sentence if he knew it, but I must voice the universal sentiment of all who attended the Institute. His teaching was instructive and his spirit Christ-like. Long may he live to serve the Christ he loves. I only wish he had a salary sufficient to give his intellect scope.

B. H. GREATHOUSE.

ADDRESSED TO THE PREACHERS.

Appreciating your great interest in the cause of missions, and realizing how much of the spiritual power and success of the New Orleans Conference may be justly attributable under God to your prayers and to the intercession of your preachers and people, we desire to give you a piece of information which has not yet been made public, having only been announced yesterday to the Board of Missions now in session.

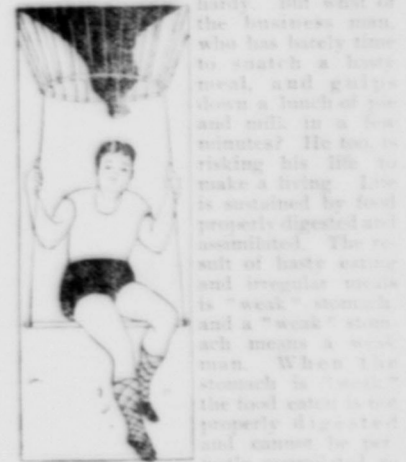
A noble Christian woman, a member of our Church, gives the sum of fourteen thousand dollars to Foreign Missions, the interest upon this amount to be applied during her life to the support of her substitute, one of our lady missionaries in Japan. At her death the interest will go toward the endowment of two professorships in the Mission Colleges of the Board. She withholds her name.

At the General Missionary Conference an appeal was made to the Church for 100 missionaries and \$500,000 over and above the apportionment during the next five years. There were 41 candidates who offered at the Conference, and it is probable that the two boards will send out 22 missionaries this year—over one-fifth of the number mentioned. The subscriptions to the Sochoo University and Laura Haygood Memorial, amounted to \$53,000 at New Orleans; this \$13,000 gives us \$67,000 on the first one hundred thousand dollars.

Bishop Wilson, at the meeting of the board yesterday, announced the immediate and imperative need of \$10,000 for a main building for our Girls' School in Hiroshima. This school, under the splendid management of Miss Nannie B. Gains, has an actual patronage of five hundred pupils—the largest mission school in Japan. The children of the highest officials in the province are in the institution, including the children of the Governor and several of the military officers. We attended a mothers' meeting last year, when eighty-five women—many of

Risking Life

To make a living! And we stand and stare up at the man in the clouds, wondering that any man can be so hardy. But what of the business man, who has barely time to snatch a hasty meal, and gulps down a bunch of new and odd in a few minutes? He too is risking his life to make a living. Life is sustained by food properly digested and assimilated. The result of hasty eating and irregular meals is "weak" stomach, and a "weak" stomach means a weak man. When the stomach is "weak" the food eaten is not properly digested and cannot be properly assimilated, so that there is a daily loss of nutrition, which in time will result in physical collapse.



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FAMILY FOOD.

Crisp, Toothsome and Requires No Cooking. A little boy down in N. C. asked his mother to write an account of how Grape-Nuts Food had helped their family.

She says Grape-Nuts was first brought to her attention on a visit to Charlotte, where she visited the Mayor of that city who was using the Food by the advice of his physician. She says, "They derive so much good from it that they never pass a day without using it. While I was there I used the Food regularly. I gained about 15 pounds and felt so well that when I returned home I began using Grape-Nuts in the family regularly."

"My little 18 months old baby, who, after being wounded was very ill with dyspepsia and teething. She was sick nine weeks and we tried everything. She became so emaciated that it was painful to handle her and we thought we were going to lose her. One day a happy thought urged me to try Grape-Nuts soaked in a little warm milk.

"Well it worked like a charm and she began taking it regularly and improvement set in at once. She is now getting well and round and fat as fast as possible and on Grape-Nuts."

Some time ago a member of the family were stricken with Lathrop's at the same time, and during the worst stages we could not touch anything in the shape of food but Grape-Nuts and oranges, everything else nauseated us. "We all appreciate what your famous food has done for our family."

Secular News Items.

The Connecticut Legislature has adopted a plan for the revision of the state Constitution.

Mrs. McKinley is so much improved that the daily consultation of physicians has been abandoned.

Anarchists, at a love-feast in Long Island, will shoot at the dummy heads of the sovereigns of Europe.

Cardinal Gibbons, it is reported, is discussing at the Vatican the Philippine and Cuban problems.

The Bismarck statue in Berlin was unveiled in the presence of the Emperor and an enormous gathering of people.

Senator Platt of New York, announces that he will retire from the United States Senate at the end of his present term.

A movement has been started among the Chinese of the United States to secure the repeal of the Geary Chinese exclusion law.

Convicts tried to destroy the remaining wing of the Nebraska State Penitentiary by fire, which was put out by small loss.

The Chancery Court of Knoxville, Tenn., has decided that the "suicide clause" in a Woodmen of the World policy is of no effect.

A big deal has been made in Southwest Missouri by New York capitalists which will bring nearly all the mines under one management.

The British Cabinet has begun to consider the Nicaraguans treaty matter in an easy-going way and may come to a decision in a month or so.

Russia will open negotiations with China regarding conditions of withdrawal from Manchuria as soon as the indemnity agreement is signed.

The Virginia Constitutional Convention has refused to consider a resolution inviting Hon. W. J. Bryan to address the convention upon his visit to Richmond.

Reports from Naper, Neb., indicate that the cyclone did deadly work near that place. Several more deaths are added to the list and crop damage is very great.

Another outbreak has occurred at the Lack Park mines in the Thacker and Marston fields. Several shots were fired and several persons were reported injured.

Pittsburg and Western Pennsylvania have been visited by one of the fiercest storms known in years. At least three lives have been lost and \$200,000 damage inflicted.

Earl Russell will be tried by his peers in the British House of Lords on the charge of duress. There have been only four trials of peers since the reign of George IV.

The possibility of a Pan-European trade combination against the United States has been revived, and the scheme is popular among industrial and commercial circles.

A passenger train on the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham Road was derailed near Winfield, Ala., and the engine and two coaches thrown off the track. No one was hurt.

Richmond, Va., and Columbus, O., had 400,000 votes in the way of entering the Elks' Grand Lodge next year. Columbus will attend it if sufficient assistance is received.

Surgeon General Wyman has issued a circular to medical officers calling attention to the fact that disease may be transmitted through insects, and urging precautions in hospital work.

The Foreign Relations and Publicity Committees of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company are rapidly shaping up the work of the great exposition. Foreign Governments are aroused to the importance of the fair.

The Industrial Commission has adjourned until September. A sub-committee will put the testimony in shape during the summer. Prof. Jerehntah C. Jenks of Cornell University and Prof. William Z. Ripley of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are making an analysis and digest of the material in the hands of the Commission.

Lieut. Hanna, Superintendent of the Cuban schools, is considering the matter of bringing 100 Cuban school teachers to Harvard for a summer course in the English language. About \$2500 results from last year's fund for Cuban teachers, which would be sufficient to pay the expenses at Cambridge. They can be accommodated at the University if the details of transportation can be arranged.

Although seventy-six years old, Rev. Dr. J. G. Paton, the famous missionary to the New Hebrides islands, is about to return to his field of labor after a visit to this country and England. Thirty-two of the islands are occupied by the missionaries and there are 180,000 converts, with 300 native teachers and preachers. The Bible has been

translated into twenty-two new languages for the benefit of these converted cannibals. Dr. Paton is anxious that the New Hebrides should be taken under British rule.

Owing to the bubonic plague in Bombay the death rate last year amounted to the percentage of nearly fifty-two in a thousand. In New York it was less than twenty-one, and in Philadelphia less than twenty.

Five hundred school-teachers, one fifth of whom must be women, are to be sent to President Taft, of the Philippine Commission. The men who were in arms are now engaged in trading, and the people want civil government and schools. Accommodations will be furnished to the teachers in Manila until they are assigned to the provinces.

Cheriffen, the Moroccan minister, who had been charged to assure the execution of the reparations due to France and accorded by the Sultan of Morocco, has arrived at Tangier. He said that the men responsible for the assassination of M. Poincaré had been arrested and would be severely punished. Morocco had accorded to France complete satisfaction on all other points.

The proposition of the St. Louis Exposition management to erect a permanent statue in honor of Napoleon Bonaparte, to be dedicated at the time of the Exposition, is stirring up a storm of protest from the press. The sale of Louisiana to the United States for \$15,000,000 by Napoleon to obtain money for military purposes, does not seem to especially entitle him to such an honor.

President McKinley telegraphs President Eliot, of Harvard that, owing to the condition of Mrs. McKinley's health, he can not attend commencement at Harvard on the 26th to receive the degree of LL.D. In this case, unless a very unusual exception is made, the President will not receive the degree, as it is the rule that those who are granted degrees must be present on commencement day.

Railway employees in Great Britain and Ireland number 500,000; the British army in South Africa half that number. The deaths in action up to the first of May were only 1,245, the wounded about 6,000. But 612 railway employees were killed in one year, and 15,000 injured. The London Chronicle shows from these figures that one profession of peace is far more perilous to limb than the practice of war.

Secretary Gage ordered the deportation from San Francisco of seventeen native Filipinos who were detained there several days ago for medical examination at the quarantine station. They belonged to the party of Filipinos bound for Buffalo to form a part of the exhibit of the Philippine Islands at the Pan-American exposition. It was found that seventeen of the twenty-five or thirty persons forming the party were suffering from various diseases.

An imperial edict has been issued ordering a complete reorganization of the Hanlin Academy China's chief literary institution. In the future examinations are to be conducted on subjects relating to modern government and scientific and political questions. The new regulations are to be submitted to the council of state affairs. Viceroy Chang Chih Tung recently recommended four progressive men for promotion. These are highly praised in the edict and are ordered to proceed to Sincanfu for an imperial audience.

Terrible is the tale of suicides in Germany. Nearly eight thousand took their own lives in the year 1900; the proportion of men to women being three to one. The official figures show that rather more than one-quarter were persons mentally deranged. Nearly one-half the whole number had been addicted to drink. This we understand to mean immoderate users of alcoholic intoxicants. The chief occasions among men were "general weariness of life," vice, and sorrow; among women mental derangement, bodily suffering, shame, and passion.

No method of sustaining an absolute monarchy, or anything like it, that does not include periodical blood-letting has yet been devised. When a monarchy is so benign that the people have little or nothing to complain of, a party rises up demanding a constitution. If the monarch declines to abdicate, at that demand he must be assassinated if possible. Another monarch rises, the same scene is enacted. In this republic the punishments for crime are so lax that homicides are so numerous as to make a number sufficiently great in two years to surpass the killed in an extensive war.

A constitutional amendment has been approved by the California Legislature and is to be submitted to the electors at the next election which would substitute a State commission for the railroad commission, a bank commission and the insurance commission. The new body would fix telegraph and telephone rates, as also rates on gas, water and electricity; would supervise railroad and sleeping-

car companies, banks and insurance companies, and in general would control all quasi-public utilities.

Lawyers will get \$1,500,000 fees in settlement of the Fair estate.

The Boers have captured 290 British soldiers at Skenkooloospruit.

Robert Buchanan, author and poet, died in London, England, June 10.

The city of Nashville will be asked to subscribe \$1,000,000 for a new railroad.

Statistics show a large growth in the export grain trade at New Orleans.

A contract to construct a cruiser for Turkey has been awarded to a British firm.

An English company capitalized at \$2,000,000 will operate in the Beaumont field.

The Chinese in the United States are organizing to fight the Geary exclusion act.

Fifteen Belgian Roman Catholic priests have been massacred in Southern Mongolia.

Eight men were suffocated in a mine at Iron Mountain, Mich., as a result of an explosion.

Gen. Cailles, the Filipino insurgent leader, will surrender at Santa Cruz Laguna Province.

The Pope is writing a poem in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pontificate.

The ministers have agreed on the details of the Chinese indemnity. Payment of 450,000,000 taels, with interest at 4 per cent, is contemplated.

Twenty-one of the largest plow factories in the United States have been combined with a capital of \$75,000,000. The promoters of the trust deny that the price of plows will be increased.

It is reported that the Vatican is expecting the appointment of an envoy by the United States Government to arrange officially the settlement of Roman Catholic ecclesiastical affairs in Cuba and the Philippines.

President McKinley, it is announced, at the Cabinet meeting last week decided not to call an extra session of Congress this summer. The Administration will continue, so it is said, its present policy with regard to the Philippines.

Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, wife of the Colorado, millionaire, has sent President and Mrs. McKinley and each of the ladies of the cabinet a magnificent souvenir, which was to have been presented if Mr. and Mrs. Walsh had entertained the presidential party when it passed through Colorado Springs. The President's favor is a large book of steel engravings of every place through which the party would have passed had the original programme been followed. Mrs. McKinley received a solid gold card case, exquisitely embossed with her initials and an enameled scene from the Colorado Rockies. The cabinet ladies received card cases.

With a view to the early adoption of an improved telephone service, the local authorities of St. Petersburg, Russia, are about to dispatch an engineer to make a comprehensive study of American systems. He has been instructed to familiarize himself with the manufacture of telephone apparatus and the operation of the big metropolitan exchanges in the United States.

The fastest battleships in the United States navy, and probably the fastest battleships in the world, are the Illinois and Wisconsin. June 12, over the Cape Ann course of sixty-six knots, the Illinois developed an average speed of 17.31 knots; June 16 the Wisconsin developed a speed of 18 knots under forced draft, which is the world's record for a sustained trial over a measured course.

The brewers of Indiana have gotten a fit of economy of late. This fit may lessen the number of saloons in the State, but it is open to question as to whether the consumption of beer will be in any ways diminished. They have agreed that after July 1 they will cease the practice of starting men in the saloon business, furnishing fixtures and licenses, on consideration that the saloon thus established should sell only the beer brewed by the promoter.

In the death of William Giles, an ex-slave, who baked waffles and cooked "possum" for Gen. U. S. Grant during the stirring days of the civil war, Chicago has lost one of its picturesque and historic characters. For twenty years Giles had been a resident of this city. Prior to taking up his residence here the old ex-slave had spent many years in Washington, where General Grant, when President employed him about the White House in a confidential capacity. He was seventy-four years old at the time of his death.

Superintendent of Immigration T. V. Powderly, of New York, has issued an order to the commissioner of immigration at the port of New York that tuberculosis of the lungs is to be considered a dangerous contagious disease, and immigrants having this dis-

ease must not be permitted to land, but deported to the country from which they came.

The twelfth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress will meet at Cripple Creek, Colo., on the 16th of next month, and will remain in session four days.

The news dispatches from Peking convey the belief that what is known as the British-American plan of settling the indemnity question is making headway, and that it will in the end be adopted as the only feasible scheme.

It is reported that the Holland submarine boat interests will make a strong fight to secure the authorization of a number of the Holland boats during the next session of Congress. Such an effort was made last year, but it was stubbornly fought by the Navy Department.

The first of the anti-tuberculosis dispensaries in Paris was inaugurated in the Rue Mercadet in the Montmartre district last week. The object of the work is more preventive than curative. Four people are examined free of charge. If tuberculosis is found, the proper initial treatment is given.

An epidemic of suicides in Emporia, Kas., culminating June 10 in three attempts, all exactly similar to recent successful suicides, caused the Mayor and Board of Health to forbid publication of details of suicides or attempts in local papers. The board is acting on the theory that publication spreads the contagion of suicide by psychic suggestion.

As a result of the agitation by the German Colonial Society in favor of some modifications of the law of 1870, under which thousands of Germans abroad were denationalized without any desire on their part for such a result, the Government announces that a new law is being drafted, by the terms of which Germans abroad will lose their nationality only by their own volition. The new bill will be passed upon by the colonial and emigration councils before being introduced in the Reichstag.

Judge Bishop, of Des Moines, Iowa, recently rendered a decision that churches cannot sue. The particular case decided by the court was one brought by the Slayton Lyceum Bureau against Asbury Church, Des Moines. The Judge held "the church is a corporation not for pecuniary profit organized and existing under the laws of Iowa for church purposes, and that it had no power or authority under its articles or incorporation or otherwise to enter into the contract sued upon herewith, and that therefore the plaintiff should not recover thereon against the defendant church."

There is said to be in the interior of Brazil an Indian tribe that have a highly ingenious telephone. Every savage knows that by placing his ear to the ground he can hear sounds a long distance away, for vibrations of sound travel through the ground. And this tribe of Indians are said to have utilized their knowledge in a fashion worthy of the civilized white man, their method being to dig pits in the floor of two neighboring huts a mile or less

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apart, which they fill with chips of wood, India rubber and other loud-sounding and elastic material. They cover the pits with a rubber membrane, and on speaking to one pit, the words can be heard at the other pit.

Appeals are being made for the Arnold Arboretum, an institution work for the nation. It is a department of Harvard University, founded by James Arnold. It consists of two hundred and twenty acres in the suburbs of Boston. Few botanical gardens in the world are so large. The city of Boston under a thousand-year lease keeps up its roads and supplies it with police. Its property, wholly bestowed by James Arnold, is worth \$2,000,000, but the income from the invested funds is but \$7000 per annum. Hence its scientific work is restricted. There should be \$300,000 raised to furnish \$10,000 per annum additional. One hundred thousand dollars of this is already pledged. The investigation of the United States forestry resources was carried on there, and its results led the government to establish the national forest reserve of 45,000,000 acres. It has also domiciled in this country many valuable trees and shrubs.

Bluefield, W. Va., June 23.—This entire section has been visited by a flood, the extent of which in all probability will equal or exceed that of Johnstown in 1889, so far as the loss of property is concerned. Early yesterday morning, shortly after midnight, a heavy down-pour of rain began, accompanied by a severe electric storm, which violently increased in volume and continued for several hours. This continued throughout the entire night. Many miles of the Norfolk and Western tracks, bridges and telegraph lines are entirely destroyed and communication is entirely cut off west of Elkhorn, so that it is impossible to learn the extent of the loss of life and property, but officials of the coal corporations located in the stricken district have sent out messengers to Elkhorn, the terminus of both telegraphic and railway communication, and have received a report that a conservative estimate as to the loss of life will easily reach 200. Some of the drowned are among the most prominent citizens of the coal fields.

The Pocahontas field is located in a basin, with high mountain ranges on either side, Elkhorn Creek flowing through the center of the basin, which ranges from one-fourth to a mile in width. From Ennis, W. Va., to Vivian Yard, W. Va., a distance of ten miles, miners' cabins, coal company commissaries and coke plants line this basin. Elkhorn Creek being fed by numerous small streams coming from the mountain side, rises very rapidly, and this waterspout came so suddenly that the entire basin between the two mountain ranges was flooded, and before the terror-stricken people realized what was upon them they were carried down by the flood, which swept everything in its path. The little town of Keystone, with a population of about 2000, seems the greatest sufferer, practically the entire town being washed away. This town is the principal one in the Pocahontas coal field, and is located near its center. It was to a great extent the headquarters from which the mining population purchased supplies, and was also the only place in the field where whisky could be purchased. At this place there were twelve to fifteen saloons, all of which were washed away. The report comes that the mining population are now occupying the banks of the streams below, catching the merchandise and barrels of whisky and beer as they float down. A great number of the coal and coke plants through the Pocahontas coal region are reported practically destroyed, and are in some instances entirely washed away. Owing to the very high water, which has flooded the region and prevented communication anything like a correct estimate of the loss of property is impossible, but from the best information obtainable to-day, the loss of property will easily reach \$2,000,000.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DENISON. W. H. Brown, June 21: We are having a fine meeting here now. We have a large tabernacle up, and a fine day yesterday. God is blessing us and some sinners are turning to God.

KAUFMAN. E. H. Casey, June 25: Have just closed a good meeting in Kaufman, conducted by Rev. Abe Mulkey. Not the least of the many good results following the meeting is the raising of \$800 to date on a \$1000 church building. Kaufman Methodism is coming to the front. We expect to go to conference with plans for the new church. Preacher and people happy over the outlook.

GREENWOOD. H. B. Johnson, June 16: Our second quarterly conference took place at Rush Branch May 25. The presiding elder, J. M. Peterson, was present on Saturday, and preached a great sermon to an appreciative congregation, but being in a protracted meeting at Bowie, he left Saturday evening. The financial report was not very good. We expect to begin our revival effort the 8th Sunday in July, this month at Rush Creek, assisted by T. J. Beckham of Wichita Falls. Bro. Beckham was the pastor of these people four years, and has many friends, and we are praying for a good meeting. Our next meeting will be at Rush Branch first Sunday in July, assisted by F. M. Sherwood of the Gainesville Mission. We hope to have revivals at all our appointments this year. Since quarterly conference we have organized one Sunday school and two Epworth Leagues. We are pushing our collections ordered by the Annual Conference. So many of our people don't seem to appreciate the privilege of giving these claims. We are under many obligations to the good people for money to buy a suit of clothes.

GREENVILLE. Jas. W. Hill, June 19: Last Sunday was a high day in old Wesley. Twelve additions to the church. The Lord was with us in great power. We were compelled to close our meeting recently on account of sickness in the family of my sister at Sherman, whose husband, Mr. J. D. Hunter, finally died in peace. I hereby tender my thanks to the following brethren for their strong and helpful service: first and last, W. H. Evans, T. L. Morris, D. F. Fuller, R. G. Wood, L. A. Hanson, J. F. Clark, and our "beloved," Rev. O. S. Thomas. Greenville Methodism at large is in good shape. Bro. Clark, at Kavanaugh, is preaching to fine congregations, and is having conversions at his ordinary Sunday services. He is a strong, sweet-spirited brother, with whom it is a real pleasure to be associated. Bro. Hanson is in his new parsonage, and is making things hum on his mission. He is deservedly popular with all our people. If Bishop Chandler had raked Texas with a fine tooth comb he could not have given us a better man than O. S. Thomas for presiding elder. The whole district is taking on new life, and we expect to come to McKinney in November with a full horn.

PARIS. J. E. Vinson, June 21: Our Sunday-school did not hold the service intended for the third Sunday in May. Children's Day, until last night. Our Secretary wrote in due time to our Branch House in Dallas for the literature, but they wrote him that the supply, though largely in excess of last year, had been exhausted. Through the kindness of Miss Howell, of Honey Grove, we procured a copy of the songs selected for the occasion, and Mrs. E. L. Stoll, teacher of the infant class of about fifty little tots, and Superintendant of the Junior League, kindly rendered her service to arrange a program and to drill the children for that service, being assisted in the songs with instrumental music by Miss Fannie Henderson and Mr. Judas Early. Under the untiring energy and rarely unshaken skill of Sister Stoll, the little fellows appeared on the scene well trained, and right well did they render the program to a full house. Then after the superintendent, Bro. A. E. Boyers, in a short and pointed talk explained the purpose of the collection, the well-selected little collectors with hats in hand, went out into the congregation, and on returning to the platform piled down \$72, the best collection of the kind in this Church for years. If our Sunday-school Board needs help in arranging the program for Children's Day, tell them to call on our teacher of the infant class, and the superintendent of the Junior League, who is a born leader of the children. Just after the benediction, Bro. H. A. Lockwood handed me \$250 saying, "Send this to Uncle Dick Thompson for the Texas Methodist Convention at Waco." The raising of Uncle Dick's wings was heard in our congregation at the preceding Sunday night, and he had carried off the snails. Come again, Uncle Dick; my pulpit stands open to you, and the mistress of our home says much is said for you, Mr. Editor. While there is considerable sickness in our congregation, yet we have much to encourage us in our work. The interest in the Church is intensifying, and the Spirit of the Lord our God is being felt in the hearts of his people.

GARLAND. N. C. Little, June 21: On last Sunday we gave special prominence to the cause of Christian education. At the morning hour we endeavored to preach along this subject. It seemed to us that we were somewhat at a disadvantage, as our physical man appeared, just at this time, to be below par. The wind was very high, the heat intense, and the atmosphere very oppressive. Perhaps the subject did not fit or we did not fit the subject—we could not tell which, but at any rate the subject of Christian education demands our earnest, diligent and faithful attention. At night the literary department of our Epworth League rendered a beautiful and interesting program, consisting of the appropriate papers, songs and reading, and subjects of the papers were suggested by the pastor. Below we give a few of the subjects and the names of those by whom they were treated: "Meaning of the Charity and Help Department of the Epworth League," by Mr. Sylvester McDonald, a former student of Garland

College, now President of our League. "Why We Should Read Good Books," by Miss Katie Summers, a student of the above-named school. "The Necessity for Christian Education in the Development of Moral Character," by Miss Pearl Jackson, who has just graduated at the North Texas Female College. "Our Duty to Our Church Schools," by Miss Lulla Summers, a former graduate of the school just mentioned. "Recital," by Miss Mattie Jones, a student of good literature and vocation. The names here mentioned are all members of our League here at Garland. These papers were all gotten up in a very limited time, but would have done credit to a college commencement. Miss Mattie Jones, First Vice-President of the Literary Department, has recently returned from school at the North Texas Female College. She is a devoted success, as most all of our girls are when they have been in school for a time under the management of Mrs. L. K. Kidd. Miss Mattie is thoroughly religious, very intelligent, and an honor to her parents, a blessing to the Church and society. At the close of this splendid program we raised on our assessment for Christian education \$150, cash and subscriptions. A more faithful and conscientious band of young people I have never met than we have here at Garland. It is enough to rejoice the heart of any pastor. The ladies of the Home Mission Society have just put down a splendid linen carpet on the floor of the east room of the parsonage. They all have the sincere gratitude of the pastor and his family. Our third quarterly conference will embrace the first Saturday and Sunday in July, instead of the second, as announced in the Advocate. The Presbyterian pastor and myself are planning for a great meeting to begin here on the 8th Sunday in July. We ask an interest in the prayers of all of God's people for his blessings upon us at that time.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

JUNCTION CITY. M. J. Allen, June 18: Things in bounds of the Menardville and Junction are moving on fairly well. Our third quarterly conference just over. P. E. on hand, preached two fine sermons. Dinner on the ground Sunday. Our ladies up there can't be beat for fine cooks. Our folks at Coffers are all a K. Our first meeting will be at Junction the first and second Sundays in July, the third and fourth Sundays in August at Long Mountain, the third and fourth Sundays in August at Menardville. J. W. Sims will help me at Junction. M. K. Fred at Coffers. No help at Long Mountain, except J. L. Scott and Bro. Lassetter at Menard. Dry! dry!

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

TYLER CIRCUIT. S. N. Allen, June 19: Tyler Circuit is still advancing. Our third quarterly conference convened at Red Springs the 12th inst. Our presiding elder, J. T. Smith, was on hand, full of the Spirit, looking after the interests of the Church. The occasion being in the week, he preached us one powerful sermon, which set our souls after the sermon at 11 o'clock, the good people of Red Springs spread a fine dinner, and we fed our bodies. The good people of Tyler Circuit are still coming to the front. All points represented except one. Our first quarter year ahead of what they were this time last year. We have learned to love this people very much. Our congregations are growing in number and in interest. We must have a revival in every Church, and we must have a revival in every family. The teacher that is so lucky as to succeed us will find as good people as he ever served. But don't get in a hurry, brother; we have another year, if it is the will of the Lord that we are returned.

CEDAR STREET CHURCH, TYLER.

A. G. Scraggs, the protracted meeting closed after seventeen days duration Monday night, the 17th of June. The Church has been greatly strengthened, many of the members in fact all of them who attended were greatly benefited, made stronger. There are already many professors of faith in Christ. We have received one into the Church during this meeting. There are several more who will join as a result. We had the able, effective and much appreciated help of Bro. J. T. Smith, Godley and Allen. The labor was arduous, but the end will abide with money into the end. The Lord bless them more and more in their labors and lives. Also I received in the way of commendation those members who faithfully stood by the Church and their pastor from the beginning to the end of the service, and the choir who rendered so faithfully during the meeting are not to be forgotten. They occupy an important place as a factor in all the services of the Church. For all we thank God and take courage. Should I not notice and mention in connection with what I have already said, the one great treat I would fall to show what is never overlooked by a grateful preacher and his family. During the meeting, while we were looking after the spiritual welfare of the people, they remembered us in material matters. One evening before services many cheerful hearts and smiling faces, both young and old, appeared at the parsonage, cheering us with their presence and kind words, and when they had come and gone there were left many tokens of their thoughtfulness to their pastor and wife. In such things as are needful daily for the outer man, this is now the second time we have been treated this way since we came among this people the first of the year. We are encouraged and hopeful for the future.

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NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

LATON. Geo. A. Nance, June 21: We closed a fine meeting at Laton yesterday. Seven additions to the Church and about as many conversions. Some choice material, a man took up family prayer two days before he was converted. Bro. Lawry, who was to help me, could not come on account of measles in his family. Bro. God gave the victory. To him be the praise.

STEPHENVILLE STATION.

W. H. Garrett, June 25: Thirteen months ago this station was left vacant by the abandonment of the place by the pastor. The presiding elder, Bro. Boone, secured the removal of Rev. W. J. Heaton from Comanche Circuit to this place. By making a full examination, Bro. Heaton found about 27 members, with a church, no songs, raw and incidental debt amounting to something over \$100. By the last Sunday in February Bro. Heaton announced that all debts would be paid within two weeks, and that Rev. W. L. Nelms, D. D. of the Georgetown District, would deliver the church the third Sunday in March. But owing to Dr. Nelms' inability to be here at that time, the dedication was set for the third Sunday in June. The day found Bro. Nelms here, and great was the occasion with Stephenville Methodists. In the morning the subject was the church the third Sunday in March. But owing to Dr. Nelms' inability to be here at that time, the dedication was set for the third Sunday in June. The day found Bro. 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The Home Circle

THE BIRD'S LESSON.

A little bird, with feathers brown, Sat singing on a tree...

"Papa, dear," little Gracie said, "Where can this birdie be?"

"This birdie is content to sit Unnoticed by the way; And sweetly sing his Maker's praise...

"So live, my child, to do some good, Let life be short or long; Though others may forget your looks...

A MOTHER'S SORROW.

A company of ladies assembled in a parlor were one day talking about their different troubles.

"My friends, you don't any of you know what trouble is."

"I will, if you desire it, for it may truly be said of me, 'I am one who hath seen affliction.'"

"My parents were very well off, and my girlhood was surrounded by all the comforts of life."

"At the age of nineteen I married one whom I loved more than all the world besides."

"Presently my sons saw their danger, and the struggle for life became the only consideration."

"The swollen river raged fearfully around the huge trees. Dead branches, upturned trunks, wrecks of houses...

"My boys waved their hands to me, and then pointed upward. I knew it was their farewell signal and you mothers can imagine my anguish."

"I hugged my baby close to my breast, and when the water rose to my feet I climbed into the low branches of the tree..."

"My baby was all I had left on earth. I labored day and night to support him and myself, and sought to train him in the right way; but, as he grew older, evil companions won him away from me."

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prayers. He became fond of drinking. He left his humble roof, that he might be unrestrained in his evil ways.

"Use all your influence to close the curses of our land, the drinking saloons; and urge, by personal example, your sons and daughters never to taste the intoxicating cup."

"STONEWALL" JACKSON, THE SOLDIER AND SAINT.

Everywhere throughout this nation, and we might add throughout the world, the fame of this renowned soldier has been sounded abroad.

His views as to how constant prayer may be enjoyed are given thus to a friend: 'I have so fixed the habit in my own mind that I never raise a cup of water to my lips without lifting up my heart to God in thanks and prayer for the water of life.'

HIS SOLDIER CAREER.

This began at West Point, during the four years in which he enjoyed its instruction and its discipline. It was indeed a providential opening for him, and he entered it with energy and delight.

"I can hardly say that I do; the habit has become almost as fixed as to breathe." He was asked by one: "Major, suppose you should lose your health and become suddenly blind, do you suppose that your serenity would be unclouded?"

THE CHEER-UP CLUB.

There were five of them, if you counted the baby, and they formed a club—the Cheer-Up Club. Of course, mamma began it—mamma began all the nice things that pleased every one.

"It was dull and 'mis'able," as Jesse said, one morning when all the little Cheer-Ups sat down to breakfast. Lit the slate-colored clouds scurried across the sky and bumped against each other.

HIS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE.

In this position and in this beautiful place his early religious experience is first known. His mother was a Methodist. While in Mexico he had learned much about the Roman Catholic Church and its worship.

"But who else, papa?" asked Debbie, eagerly. "I want a case."

an unusual religious joy. I do rejoice to walk in the love of God."

Mr. J. B. Arnold, of Greenwood, S. C., writes: "A tiny ulcer came, just under the left eye. It began spreading, and grew worse rapidly, destroying the flesh as it went."

"Well, then, Uncle Nahum Trotter. He always has rheumatism on days like this, and his poor old muscles almost tie up in hard knots."

"You can do a little, dear. I think it will help," said mamma, gently.

"Well, I'll take Kent, I guess," quietly decided Austin.

"Nobody's got me a case," Clem announced suddenly, such a dismal look beginning to dawn on her face that mamma jingled the spoons in the spoonholder to remind her of the tin trunk and the jingling pennies for fines.

"Why," laughed Clem, "I guess you better 'scuse me, mamma, so I can go to work! I'm going to begin on the baby; but I will be ready for papa when he comes."

"Say, you let go of that!" shouted the driver.

"Don't you try to run over me!" retorted the pedestrian.

The conversation took place at a muddy crossing on Western Avenue yesterday morning between the driver of a delivery wagon and a man with a basket on his arm.

"Keep out of the way, if you don't want to get run over!" yelled the Jehu.

CANCER SSS

The diseases most feared are those which are inherited—handed down from generation to generation, and family to family.

Mr. J. B. Arnold, of Greenwood, S. C., writes: "A tiny ulcer came, just under the left eye. It began spreading, and grew worse rapidly, destroying the flesh as it went."

"Well, then, Uncle Nahum Trotter. He always has rheumatism on days like this, and his poor old muscles almost tie up in hard knots."

"You can do a little, dear. I think it will help," said mamma, gently.

"Well, I'll take Kent, I guess," quietly decided Austin.

"Nobody's got me a case," Clem announced suddenly, such a dismal look beginning to dawn on her face that mamma jingled the spoons in the spoonholder to remind her of the tin trunk and the jingling pennies for fines.

"Why," laughed Clem, "I guess you better 'scuse me, mamma, so I can go to work! I'm going to begin on the baby; but I will be ready for papa when he comes."

"Say, you let go of that!" shouted the driver.

"Don't you try to run over me!" retorted the pedestrian.

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SUB-TROPICAL RAMBLES.

The Author's Experiences.

U. S. Consul Pike, of Port Louis, Mauritius, has written a charming book upon this gem of the ocean, the home of Paul and Virginia.

Col. Pike, whose New York address is 43 Exchange Place, had a curious experience with coffee and the beverage almost destroyed his eyesight.

He says, "Speaking of coffee, my first warning against its use was in somnia followed by depression, and despondency. The nervous system was in such a condition that I could not attend to business, and to my distress I discovered that my eyesight was becoming more and more imperfect every day."

"The results were astonishing. Gradually my eyesight recovered, and the nervous condition and depressed feeling disappeared. I have now been using Postum in place of coffee for several years and am in perfect health."

"My family of six persons discarded coffee some time ago and use Postum. I would not be without it. It is a most valuable addition to the breakfast table and should be in every household."

BELSHAZ

At the summit The holy vessels were brought and put to sacrifice That sacred system...

Was also brought Near the plating Overlooking a view Of metal, wood...

And put to waste Of beaten wax Upon this sacred Long fashioned Shown upon the Where Moses tall face.

A glowing lustre That burned of old again, Touched to new hand.

The revelers, Saw not the light candlestick, Or seeing, stupid Then swift forgot But brighter glow...

Had glowed red Red wine was p As it touched Hissed, bubbled, As the three h The name was of the High At sacrilegious holy.

To swell a lip no Wey raised the By hands that t The rich grape b And as they dra With stiff, thick Lord praised the made As weather, gro Than high King

Hot grew the And eager glair strain, Loud shouts of And eager, wild Wind grew the f On either side of Red wine and w Women red wh White passion control, And Wantonness

A sudden, might light Played round, a diabolic gle Upon the World Erstwhile sullied Sunk now to dul As when a penit Besides a hund A sudden stillnes While with whit One whiplashed to The half-raised From banals too Straining a new w The clothes of th Sad symbol of veils

That soon shoul While sudden to Upon the candle A shivering shin White light, and That upward re As the' the tabl Were a transpar In this hater-lig 'Whatever it we Or 'pear-ed seem Yet far more br Brighter in than When flashing, A and thro' this Toward the sea Over 'gainst a A shadowy arm And forth came Man, And writ upon The faded word 'MENE, MENE

'Chilled was I And quaked he As a hot hote But weakness so And set his knee Unless his knee Rebelliously refu Which each new Down dropped th And eager quaff To sustain his s For astrologer To come and a Which on the w That there rem After the lustre gone.

Then came the The skilled of E And 's' upon th The writing red As tho' 'twere w Then spake the And scarlet robe To him who sho His offerings w Nor all nor any Nor word nor s So that the Kin Still pale and p Till it had mov 'changed to seem While on the fa Sat consternation

Then came the Into the Royal And gave false King— An offered inter In Babel city—c The best, the w Of all the men t



the blood for years, but it, wart or mole, sore or old age is the time when ulcer often degenerating ulcerate through the skin, and after another the usual impurities that have cannot be eliminated nor. The proper treatment is the sore or ulcer heals. S. S. S. goes directly into the blood, destroys the virus, stops the formation of Cancerous cells and cleanses the system of impurities. What we say of S. S. S. as a cure for Cancer is supported by the testimony of those who have tested it and been restored to health. Begin in time, don't begin saturated with the progress of the disease, get for some external evidence prepared a special book early to help you by their us fully and freely—no CO., ATLANTA, GA.

answered the man on still holding the horse isn't you know that this isn't to the people of that horse?"

asonable, my dear sir, merely a continuation of it. It belongs to the have the right of way,

let go of that I'll— moment. Don't get ex- The law is perfectly out. The courts have nd again that a person ed crossing—

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BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST.

(Concluded.)
By Harry Bezze.
CANTO THREE.

I.
At the commandment of the King
The holy vessels of the Lord
Were brought and on the table placed
And put to sacrilegious use.
That sacred symbol of the Churches,
seven.

Was also brought, and on a table
Near the plastered wall was placed,
Overlooking all the heathen gods
Of metal, wood and stone,
And put to shame the senseless images
Of heathen worship.
Upon this sacred relic
Long fashioned by the pattern
Shown upon the Mount
Where Moses talked with God as face to
face.
A glowing lustre played, as if the light
That burned of old would fain burn clear
again.
Touched in new life by God Almighty's
hand.

II.
The revellers, intent upon their feast-
ing,
Saw not the light that played upon the
candlestick,
Or seeing, stupidly wondered for a moment,
Then swift forgot.
But brighter glowed the sacred light,
Portentous of swift vengeance;
Glowed, tho' still unheeded,
Till cast in shade were all the lights
That swung overhead.

III.
Ere glowed the wine,
Ere stained the board
By many a goblet, overturned
Or dropped by nervous, shaking hands
That could not hold them.
Into the holy vessels of the Lord
Red wine was poured,
And as it touched the metal,
Hissed, bubbled, boiled and seethed
As the fire heat was underneath,
The wine was there save heat of anger
of the Highest
At sacrilegious use made of his vessels,
body.
To swain lips now parched with thirst
Were raised the holy cups
By hands that trembled till they split
The rich grape blood,
And as they drank,
With stiff, thick tongues
Loud praised the gods their hands had
made.
As worthier, greater, better
Than high King of Heaven.

IV.
Hot grew the feast and hot the pas-
sion,
And eager glances challenged all re-
straint.
Loud shouts of laughter, bursts of song,
And eager, wild carous,
Wild grew the feast and wild the blood;
On either side of woman, man,
On either side of man, a woman;
Red wine and women,
Women red with wine,
While Passion broke the reins of self-
control,
And Wantonness sat ruler of the feast.
But lo!
A sudden, mighty, quivering gleam of
light
Played round, and on, and over the can-
dlestick.
Compelling every eye to turn and gaze
Upon the Wonder. All the lights,
Erewhile sufficient to illumine the hall,
Sunk now to duldest glow,
As when a penny tallow-dip
Beside a hundred candle-power is placed.
A sudden stiffness overfell the hall,
While with white, adreared lips,
One whispered to his mate,
The half-raised goblets dropt,
From hands too weak to hold them.
Stabbing snow with blood of grapes—
The clothes of them that sat at board—
Sad symbol of the blood from human
veins.

That soon should stain again;
While sudden fear seized all the throng,
Upon the candlestick
A shimmering, shimmering, quivering light—
White light, and bright—
That upward reached and down,
As tho' the table underneath
Were a-transparent.
In this luster-light, or flame, or fire,
Whatever it were—appeared,
Or pear-shaped seemed—a filmy Form,
Yet far more bright.
As flashing light of diamond
Brighter is than light of sun
When flashing in the sunlight—
And thro' this gleaming light
Toward the plastered wall
Over against the candlestick,
A shadowy arm outstretch'd,
And forth came fingers of the hand of
Man.
And writ upon the plastered wall
The fated words of destiny.
"MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN"

V.
Chilled was Belshazzar's blood,
And quaked his heart.
As in hot haste he started up,
But weakness seized his limbs
And set his joints a-shaking
Useless his knees. Each smote his mate,
Rebelligiously refused the weight
Which each accustomed bore.
Down dropped the heathen King
And eager quaffed of wine a goodly cup
To sustain his sinking soul,
Then screamed aloud with voice a-outriv-
er
For astrologers and soothsayers
To come and interpret the dread writing
Which on the wall was writ.
That there remained red, ominous,
After the lustre of the candlestick was
gone.
Then came the wise men in,
The skilled of Babylon, and look'd,
And lo! upon the plastered wall
The writing red and warning
As tho' 'twere writ with human blood.
Then spake the King and offered gold,
And scarlet robe and name and pow'r
To him who should the writing read.
His offerings were vain;
Nor all nor any of Chaldea's wise
Nor word nor syllable could read,
So that the King's pale countenance
Still pale and paler grew
Till it had match'd death's awful hue,
Changed to semblance of a corpse.
While on the face of the Lord and Prince
Sat consternation dire.

VI.
Then came the mother-Queen
Into the Royal Palace dining-hall
And gave false comfort to the swooning
King—
An offered interpreter: "There is, O King,
In Babel city—city that can boast
The best, the wisest, richest great
of all the men that live—a man

In whom is spirit of the holy gods;
And in thy father's days was found
Light and knowledge, understanding
which he had,
And wisdom like the wisdom of the gods
Him did thy sire, Nebuznezzar, King,
Renewal of his offer make,
Magicians, astrologers, soothsayers,
For as much as excellent knowledge
Was in him found. Him, therefore, call
Whose name is Dan-lel,
Whom Belshazzar, the King did call,
And he this writing will interpret."

VII.
Then was swift, urgent summons sent
To order Daniel to the dining-hall.
He came, and unto him Belshazzar, King,
Renewal of his offer made,
Riches, name and power,
But Daniel thus: "Into thyself,
O King, thy gifts, and to another thy
reward;
Yet I'll interpret what is writ.
Thou hast had lessons, haughty King,
In knowledge of thy father's fate,
And knowest that he stibbers grew, and
proud, and high,
Rebelled against the King of Kings,
And turned away, and would not follow
Him.
Till driven from the sons of men,
With heart like beast,
His home a pasture with the ass,
His body wet with dew of night,
His food grass, like the horned ox,
From green hillside, he crawled or
walked,
Walked, crawled, or hopped,
Toad-like, upon all-fours,
From hill to hill, 'cross stream and field,
His hair long-grown like eagle's quills,
His nails like claws of bird,
Till at the end of days
He heaved upward did lift his gaze,
And Reason, swift, to her vacant throne
returned.
He then the grace of God and love once
spurred
Close to himself, and in allegiance true
returned.
Back to his sovereign Lord and King
This knewest thou, O Belshazzar,
But still thy proud heart prosper grows,
And now thou'rt lifted up thyself
Against the King of Glory,
And been blasphemous against his holy
name.
The consecrated vessels of His House
Hast thou set also on thy board,
And thou, thy wives, and Lords,
And concubines, have in them poured
Red wine, and in them drunk
In praise of yond' old wood and stone,
Ignoring Him above, and when ye drank,
Drank therein of the wrath of God,
The matchless King of Heaven,
Then was the hand of Him
That wrote that writing on the wall,
And this the writing that was writ,
"MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN"
And this thy interpretation of the thing
"Mene," thy kingdom God hath numbered,
And it, also, hath finished.
"Tekel," in the balances thou art weighed,
The judgment, thou art wanting;
"Upharsin," divided is thy kingdom,
And to the Medes and Persians given."

VIII.
As falls a solitary thunder-peal
From clear blue sky at noon,
So fell the words of Daniel, man of God,
Upon the startled ears of that proud
King.
Against the blood forsook his face,
And gan his knees to tremble
As tho' a sudden pony had overmastered
him.
In weak, faint voice he ordered
The reward be given. Then sank
Exhausted, panting, and for length,
Upon his cushion. They raised him,
And with faltering steps and slow,
And with teeth a-chatter as with ague-
fit,
The King in one short, fleeting hour,
Green old, infirm and gray,
With pinched face and staring eyes,
Leaved heavily upon the arms
Of those who led him to his chamber,
And fainting, fell upon the silken couch
Which never more could give him rest.
Swift vengeance followed soon his deadly
sin.
For in that night was Chaldea's King,
The proud Belshazzar, slain.
(The End.)
Stockdale, Texas.

WAS HE A COWARD?

Carl Prentice, President of the Bron-
son School Anti-Cigarette League, did
not find his task free from unpleas-
antness, but he bravely endured the
sneers of his companions.

"Catch me labeling myself," said
Henry Peters, pointing to Carl's
A. C. L. pin.
"But you wear a McKinley button,"
protested Carl.
"O, that's different; he's a popular
man; but lots of people smoke, and
just make fun of your League."

"Let them laugh," replied Carl. "I
know what's right."
"I expect we'll see you on the plat-
form some day, and hear you tell what
a wreck you were from cigarette-smok-
ing, and how the A. C. L. saved you
from ruin and death," sneered Joe
Downing.

"We'll put up the posters for you,
Carl," chimed in Ben Smithers; "they'll
be right up to date, in big letters—
Monster Mass-meeting, addressed by
Anti-Cigarette Carl."
"Yes, with a picture of you before
and after taking the pledge, you
know," continued Joe.
Carl's face flushed, but he replied
calmly.
"You boys know very well that I
used to smoke cigarettes, and I tell
you frankly that I tried to stop, and
found it hard work, and that is just
why I signed the pledge."
"You'll do for a horrible example,
all right," returned Joe mockingly.
A general laugh followed this re-
mark.
"I'm telling you for your good," re-
plied Carl earnestly and "I was getting
nervous; I couldn't remember my les-
sons, and when I ought to put my
mind on my studies, I longed for a
smoke, and was restless until I got it.
And, Joe Downing, you know you
would have been promoted to seventh

grade this year but for your cigarette-
smoking."
"Well, that's none of your business,"
retorted Joe.
"Perhaps not, but the best thing
you can do is to sign the A. C. L.
pledge."
"That's a jolly good joke! Sign a
pledge? When I want to stop smok-
ing I will. Only a coward signs a
pledge," was Joe's response.
"I'd like to catch a fellow calling me
a coward," cried Ben insinuatingly.
"I mean just what I say," answered
Joe angrily; "any boy who can't stop
without a pledge is a coward. There
now, Carl Prentice, you have it right
to your teeth."
"A fight, a fight," cried the boys.
"No, I won't fight," responded Carl.
"Didn't I tell you," said Joe triumph-
antly to the boys as Carl turned ab-
ruptly away.
"I wish I hadn't promised mother
not to fight," muttered Carl as he
walked on with clenched fist; "I'd
like to pummel him well; but the pres-
ident of an A. C. L. must be careful
of his example."
Saturday found the boys at Green
Lake.
"Let's try the ice," suggested one.
"It's thin in places," said Carl.
"Have you signed a pledge against
skating on thin ice?" inquired Joe.
"Come on, boys, let fraud-out stay on
shore."
It seemed scarcely a moment, when
piercing screams rent the air; Joe had
broken through. As the boys saw him
sink beneath the ice, they screamed
wildly and ran for the banks.
In an instant Carl comprehended the
situation. Slipping off his coat he ran
quickly to the fence, seized a rail, and
ran it out on the ice where Joe could
grasp it.
At the risk of his own life he saved
Joe.
Carl was now a hero.
"And to think that every other boy
ran to save himself, and left me," said
Joe to his mother as Carl and he stood
beside her; "and I've called him a
coward, and all sorts of names, when
he was the only brave one in the
crowd."
"I wish my dear boy would be brave
in some things as Carl is," said Mrs.
Downing, touching Carl's A. C. L. pin.
"I will, mother; I won't be mean
I'll do the square thing all my life."
"Even to signing an A. C. L.
pledge?" asked Carl with a smile.
"Yes, even to that."
Carl pinned his own badge on Joe's
coat.
"I am glad I could save you from a
watery grave," he said, "but if you are
true to this badge, it will save you
from a worse fate."—The Boy.

GOOD ADVICE.

This is the advice of the late Pro-
fessor J. M. Coates: "Think delib-
erately of the house you live in, your
body; make up your mind firmly not to
abuse it, eat nothing that will hurt you
wear nothing that distorts or pains it,
do not overload it with virtials, or
drink or work, give yourself regular
and abundant sleep, keep your body
warmly clad. At the first sign of dan-
ger from the thousand enemies that
surround you, defend yourself. Do
not take cold; guard yourself against
it. If you feel the first symptoms give
yourself heroic treatment, get into a
fine glow of heat by exercise; take a
vigorous walk or run, then guard
against a sudden attack of perspiration.
This is the only body you will
have in this world. A large share of
the pleasure and pain of life will come
through the use of it. Study deeply
and diligently the structure of it, and
the pains and penalties that will surely
follow a violation of every law of life
or health."

In making lemonade choose a nice
lemon, and rub all over the rind with
a lump of sugar. Roll the lemon un-
der the hand to soften it, then cut in
two. Squeeze out all the juice into a
breakfast cup in which the sugar has
been placed. Put the lemon into an
other cup, pour boiling water over it,
then strain into the cup with the juice.
To be taken cold.

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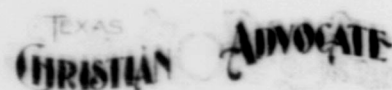
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Palmer, Lovelady, June 27
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Sherman, Preston, July 25

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There is no harm in temptation, but the harm is in yielding to temptation. Temptation has its part to perform in our moral and religious education.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

Nobody cares to eat sour grapes.

Aim high, whether you hit the mark or not.

No man can afford to cultivate petty jealousies.

Small minds are always on the look out for small affairs.

To be misunderstood is one of the prices paid for public position.

Blind staggers is a disease of the brain not always confined to cattle.

The man who is broad enough to forget himself occasionally and love somebody else ought not to be lonesome.

The editor of this paper never claws correspondents in these columns and he does not permit correspondents to claw him.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Last week we took the Cotton Belt and went by way of Commerce to Fairlie to attend the session of the District Conference in the diocese of Rev. O. S. Thomas.

Unless the insects play havoc with it later, the yield will be very fine. On my arrival at Fairlie I found the conference in full blast and the spiritual state of it exceedingly fine.

Good reports were brought up all along the line and the work prospers throughout the domain of Hunt County. A large number of laymen were in attendance and took prominent part in the proceedings.

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of good cheer. It is refreshing to meet such a body of men and mix with them at a District Conference.

MEDICAL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Dallas has two medical colleges. The one is called the University of Dallas and the other one the Medical Department of Trinity University.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. O. K. Kiker, of Kilbuck, ran up to the city one day this week and called agreeably on the Advocate force.

Rev. M. K. Little, of Grapevine, was in the city the other day and called to see us. He has a new church building in process of erection.

Rev. E. R. Edwards, of the Decatur Circuit, spent a few days recently in the city and made us a pleasant visit.

Rev. T. H. Morris, of Farmersville, spent several days in the city last week and paid his respects most agreeably to this office.

Rev. D. J. Martin, of Plano, was with Bro. Major at Webster Chapel last Sunday and passed through the city on his return home last Monday.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Sallie Lee Bowman of Mooresville, Texas, to Mr. A. J. Kincaannon.

Mrs. Florence Howell, the editor of the Woman's Department of the Advocate, has returned from a three weeks' visit to Asheville, N. C.

In a card from Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, of Texarkana, we learn that he has been appointed a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Mae Archer, of Denison, to Mr. A. L. Park.

Even the foolish virgins were too wise to try to make the beauty of their lamps pass for the brilliancy of their lights.—Ram's Horn.

METHODIST NEWS.

Dr. S. A. Steel has accepted a position with the Athens Female College at Athens, Ala.

Central College, Mo., has turned out a large list of Doctors of Divinity as the following will show:

The whole Church is gratified that Dr. Carlisle continues to hold his post as President of Wofford College.

Dr. Werlein, of Kansas City, has returned from an extended visit to the Orient and is again at work with his people.

John Wesley was born June 20, 1703—less than two hundred years ago. Yet what wonders has God wrought through him!

From the Secretary's report of the Board of Missions we gather the following encouraging facts concerning the past year's work.

Bishop Granbery and wife have gone to Europe to spend the summer until the meeting of the Ecumenical Conference in London.

The Methodist Church of Canada has raised \$1,200,000 Twentieth Century Fund. The English Wesleyan have raised \$4,600,000.

The increase in the regular collections from the home conferences is \$19,330.95. In addition to this amount \$11,707.50 was given to the famine fund in India.

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, representing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, submitted a report showing that this society has raised the past year, \$52,718.96 for foreign missions and \$10,000 for twentieth century fund.

Rev. C. E. Pattillo, of Lafayette Park Church, St. Louis, Rev. Fielding Marvin, of the Missouri Conference, Rev. Z. M. Williams, President of Central Female College at Lexington, and Rev. John Anderson, presiding elder of Mexico District, Missouri Conference.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland of the Canadian Methodist Church has been invited to deliver the Fernley lecture before the British Wesleyan Conference. This is the second instance only in which this honor has been conferred upon an American.

Four new missionaries have been accepted for China, four for Brazil, two for Mexico, two for Cuba and one for Korea. We thank God and take courage.

Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, United States Senator from Indiana, upon whom the Ohio Wesleyan University conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws, when notified that this honor was to be paid him, modestly declined it.

From the Northwestern Christian Advocate we clip the following encouraging statement:

The reports of conversions and accessions printed in this issue will cause the heart of the Church to rejoice. They have come from 224 presiding elders and represent every part of the Church in the United States.

There are 560 districts in our entire Church and, taking the average for the 224 districts, we estimate that the complete reports would show 339,289 conversions and 319,529 accessions.

This wonderful result has been rarely equaled. In 1894 the Northwestern collected in the same way returns showing the result of the revivals of the year. Upon the basis of the figures we then presented we estimated the number of conversions at 267,850 and the number of accessions at 226,260.

that would indicate that the spirit of revival, which manifested itself in the increase of 52,000 last year, had grown in earnestness and power.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions met in Nashville at 5 a. m. June 12, and adjourned at noon on the 13th. Bishops Wilson, Hargrove, Duncan, Key, Hendrix, Fitzgerald, Morrison and Candler, and all the other members, except two or three, were present.

The Secretaries presented their annual report through Dr. Lambuth. It contains much valuable information, and may be had in printed form upon application. The Treasurer's statement included in it shows an increase in the regular collections from the home conferences for missions during the fiscal year closing April 1, of \$9,325.

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, presented a report of the work of her board. It had just held its annual meeting in Asheville. The report showed \$2,783.96 contributed to its work during the year, besides about \$9,000 given for the Twentieth Century Fund.

Rev. Young J. Allen, D.D., of China, Rev. T. A. Hearn, of China, Rev. W. A. Wilson, of Japan, Rev. E. A. Tilly, of Brazil, and Rev. G. H. Winton, of Mexico, missionaries of the board, were present, and on occasion arose to speak to the interests of the work in their fields.

The work in Brazil was represented by Bishop Hendrix and Rev. E. A. Tilly that in Cuba by Bishop Candler, Dr. V. J. Allen and Bishop Wilson spoke at length concerning the situation in China and especially the outlook in educational and literary work.

The Book Committee was requested to have Mr. D. M. Smith visit China in the interest of the branch publishing house to be established in Shanghai.

The Secretary and Bishops in charge were empowered to put on the most satisfactory basis possible the titles to Church property in Japan and Mexico. In the former country a Board of Trustees to hold property will be constituted.

The question of opening work in Africa in conjunction with the colored M. E. Church was deferred for a year.

A lady who wishes to be known only as "one whom the love of Christ constrained" desiring to contribute \$50 annually to support a lady missionary in Japan, sent to the board \$1,000 in 4 per cent government bonds, the income from which is to be thus employed.

The following list of appropriations is taken from the Report of the Committee on Estimates, which was adopted. Appropriations are the same as last year. Bishop Candler, at his request, was authorized to raise \$200 in special for Cuba, and Bishop Wilson, \$50,000 for the

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THE REVIEW OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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APPROPRIATIONS.

Brazil Mission Conference, \$28,800; China Mission Conference, \$22,016; Korea Mission Conference, \$19,802; Japan Mission Conference, \$28,254.

THE REVIEW OF MISSIONS AND THE GENERAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Church at large has by this time read enough about the Missionary Conference to have something of a correct and permanent impression of the great gathering.

It would have been difficult to have found a more suitable person to present the Deaconess Movement than Bishop Thoburn.

Those who keep well abreast with Church movements know Dr. John F. Goucher, and to know him is to know one of the wisest and best of his generation.

There are thirteen illustrations. The first is a platform scene on woman's day. There are two devoted to the missionary exhibit.

op, his daughter and little granddaughter. The June issue should be put into all the homes possible.

JOS. B. SEARS.

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

I had hoped that a more fluent and capable pen would write of the joyous and profitable exercises of this helpful and inspiring occasion.

The exercises began on Sunday, June 2. The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. O. F. Schmalbach.

All the exercises following were excellent, and not only showed the faithfulness and thoroughness with which the teachers had done their work.

During all the splendid exercises of this occasion none were more interesting to the intelligent listener than the original recitations.

Graduation day was clear and beautiful. At 10:30 the immense auditorium was filled with a refined and intelligent audience.

In conclusion, may we not with profit ask this question: Why does this school continue to grow and why is it the most successful in its history?

ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The seventh annual District Conference of the Albuquerque District met in the Highlands Church on Thursday, June 5.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

There is a movement on foot to pay the missions in full in this conference this year.

Foreign Missions.

Table with 2 columns: Mission Name, Amount. Includes San Marcos District, San Antonio District, Beeville District, Cuero District, San Angelo District, Llano District.

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FORT WORTH DISTRICT LEAGUE AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

At the request of the President of the Fort Worth District League Conference I send you a note.

DEDICATION.

Rev. J. L. Morris, our presiding elder will dedicate our new church at Belvoir, Texas, on second Sunday in July.

CAMP-MEETING.

The annual camp-meeting for the Thornton Circuit will be held at the old Steel's Creek Camp-ground.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The friends at Albuquerque entertained the members of the conference in true Methodist fashion.

The public services held were well attended. A deeply spiritual feeling pervaded all present.

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report of the District Corresponding Secretary was read, showing the progress made during the two first quarters of the year.

The local auxiliary held a special session during conference.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference, which meets at Des Moines on August 22:

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Sunday-School Department.

THIRD QUARTER, LESSON I, JULY 7.

GOD THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS.

Gen. 1:26-31; 2:1-3.

Golden Text: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."—Gen. 1:1.

From the Preacher's Magazine we take the following synopsis of the lesson:

The theme of the lesson is unspeakably sublime. It has to do with one of the most overwhelming thoughts that can engage human consideration. We are appalled at the almightiness of our Creator. The assertion of creative power baffles us. We stand on the threshold of this all-engaging thought and feel how insignificant, weak and powerless man with all his endowments is.

I. SCIENCE AND REVELATION. "Science and the record in Genesis are one. This is not reconciliation; it is accordance."—Prof. Dana. "I know not a single scientific truth that militates against the minutest or least prominent of the details of Genesis."—Hugh Miller.

II. "IN THE BEGINNING." In the beginning of time, when the universe did not exist, God existed. We are told by the discoveries of geology that proof is given of the existence of the globe we inhabit at an indefinitely remote period before the creation of man—that is, long before the six days' work so definitely described.

III. THE WORD "CREATE." Three times we note the word "create" in this chapter. 1. In verse 1 for the origination of Matter. 2. In verse 21 for the origination of Life. 3. In verse 27 for the origination of Soul.

Epworth League Department.

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Remember that the State League Conference meets in Dallas only two weeks hence. The date is July 9, 10, 11. Can not our preachers lay aside their local work for two days and three nights and come, bringing their young people to our conference? It is in the power of Texas Methodism to greatly shape the destiny of our Church during this conference. It must be done. There has never been an opportunity like it opened to us, because our conference will be neither a huge mass of excursionists and sight-seers, but a surprisingly large number of earnest young workers, tried and true. They will come expecting much. Let every Methodist in Texas see to it that the meeting is what God wants it to be.

We are much gratified with the outlook for our great conference. The letters are rolling in announcing the coming of Leagues and preachers from all over the State. We appreciate especially that they indicate the spirit of earnest prayer and devotion to the Church. We trust that every League in the State will, at its devotional service next Sunday, not only announce our conference, but earnestly pray God's blessing upon its session. Let every topic be studied carefully, and

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then let us come with the spirit of work.

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Dallas, Texas. PROGRAM.

Following is the program of the Texas Conference Epworth League Conference, to be held in Tenth Street Church, Austin, July 2-4, 1901. Tuesday—8 p. m., song service, 8:20 p. m., opening sermon, by Rev. Sam R. Hay, of Houston. Wednesday—6:30 a. m., sunrise prayer-meeting, Miss Abbie Whiting, 8:30 a. m., song and prayer service, Ed. R. Campbell, 9 a. m., address of welcome, by Geo. Dechard and response by W. A. Palmer, 9:15 a. m., enrollment of delegates, 9:25 a. m., "The Aim of the Devotional Department," Rev. J. L. Massey, 10 a. m., general discussion, 10:20 a. m., "The Conduct of the Devotional Department," (a) "The First Vice-President," W. L. Cook; (b) "The Leader," Miss Beatrice Norman; (c) "The Membership," Miss Dru Orgrain; (d) "The Attendance," Miss Mamie Graves, 11 a. m., "The Junior Work," (a) "The Superintendant," Miss Hallie McCombs; (b) "Reports," 2 p. m., song and prayer, Miss Mollie Allison, 2:30 p. m., "What Does the Devotional Department Contribute to the Soul-Saving Efficiency of the Church in Your League?" 3 p. m., "How May It?" Rev. C. J. Oxley, 3:20 p. m., "The League and the Non-Church-Going," Rev. J. W. Bergin, 4 p. m., reception, 8 p. m., song and prayer, Miss Maggie Rogers, 8:30 p. m., missionary evening, address by Rev. Geo. B. Winton, of San Antonio. Thursday—6:30 a. m., sunrise prayer-meeting, Miss Veola Schwab, 8:30 a. m., song and prayer, C. B. Moreland, 9 a. m., "The Charity and Help Department," A Scriptural Concept, Rev. H. C. Willis, 9:20 a. m., "The Motive of the Charity Worker," Rev. C. George, 9:35 a. m., "The Charity and Help Work in Your League," 10 a. m., election of officers and selection of place for the next conference, 10:20 a. m., "Ways of Dispensing Charity and Help," Mrs. M. A. Wilcox, 10:35 a. m., open conference, 11 a. m., "An Attractive Personal Religion the Best Qualification for the Work," G. W. Davis, 11:30 a. m., "The League and the Wednesday Evening Prayer-Meeting," J. R. Wolfe, 2 p. m., song and prayer, Miss Eva Crew, 2:30 p. m., "The Literary Department: Its Aim," John Hefsey, 3 p. m., "The Course of Reading," W. A. Palmer, 3:15 p. m., "The Place of the 'Era' in the League Work," Miss Eva L. Nettles, 3:30 p. m., "Reading Circles; or, The Best Way to Get the Books Read," Prof. C. C. Cody, 3:45 p. m., "Certificates and Diplomas as an Incentive to the Reading of the Course," Mrs. W. Dechard, 4 p. m., "The League and Temperance," Rev. Jno. E. Green, 8:30 p. m., song and prayer, F. A. Brown, 8:30 p. m., the annual sermon on "Consecration," Rev. Seth Ward, Conclusion: Praise and Consecration, led by Rev. C. J. Oxley.

NOTES ON THE CONFERENCE.

The delegates will be met at the trains and will be escorted directly to Tenth Street Church. The committees are actively at work, and a delightful time is promised all who come. Send names of your delegates to Rev. W. D. Bradford at once.

If warm weather makes you feel weary you may be sure your system needs cleansing. Use PINKETLY ASH BITTERS before the hot weather arrives. It will put the stomach, liver and bowels in order and help you through the heated term.

SOME AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED.

I have been impressed for some time that our Discipline should be amended some in regard to the minute business of the District Conference. Our Annual, Quarterly and Church Conferences have questions laid down, but not so the District Conference. In order to assist the Secretary in recording the minutes and putting the conference on a business basis, I submit the following questions, which are all contained in the directions for the conference in our Discipline, to wit:

- Q. 1. What is the spiritual state of the several churches, and the attendance upon the ordinances and social meetings of the Church? Ans.
Q. 2. What new mission should be established, and what missions should be raised to circuits or stations? A.
Q. 3. What is the condition and work of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society? A.
Q. 4. What is the manner of conducting our Sunday-schools? A.
Q. 5. What is being done for education generally? A.
Q. 6. What is the A. B. S. doing in the district, and have collections been taken for its work in all the charges? A.
Q. 7. What is the financial system in the district, and what of contributions to Church purposes? A.
Q. 8. What is the condition of our houses of worship and parsonages? A.
Q. 9. Where ought new houses of worship and parsonages to be built? A.
Q. 10. Have the Quarterly Conference records been faithfully kept? A.
Q. 11. What is the number and condition of the Epworth Leagues? A.

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- Q. 12. Who are elected delegates to the Annual Conference? A.
Q. 13. Who are licensed to preach? A.
Q. 14. Who are recommended to the Annual Conference for deacon's orders? A.
Q. 15. Who are recommended to the Annual Conference for elder's orders? A.
Q. 16. Who are recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, or re-admission? A.

Observe that as many committees as desired may be appointed, and any amount of space may be taken for the answering of these questions.

I believe that a similar form of minutes will make the Conference Record a ready book of reference and facilitate inspection.

Let us hear from our would-be delegates to the General Conference, and let all men know by these presents that we will not vote for any man as delegate unless he is in favor of this amendment. H. B. SMITH, Augusta, Texas.

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"I had been troubled with rheumatism all my life, even when a boy. It attacked me in the legs, arms and shoulders. The pain in the latter was particularly severe. I, of course, took medicine for it, but did not obtain permanent relief. One day about three years ago while reading a newspaper, I saw an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and determined to give them a trial. I had taken but three boxes of the pills when the trouble, which had been my affliction from childhood, entirely disappeared.

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PARIS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Paris District Conference, M. E. Church, South, convened in Blossom Wednesday, June 5, 1901. The opening sermon, at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday, was preached by Rev. W. R. McCarter, of Maxey. Thursday morning the chair announced the committee, and then the conference got down to business. The reports from the pastors of the several churches was the first item of business taken up. All the pastors in the district were on hand except Bro. Wright, of Deport, and Throckmill, of Centenary. Bro. Throckmill was in the midst of a revival meeting. He is being ably assisted by Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, of Amarillo. Bro. W. H. Wright, of Deport, was unavoidably detained.

The reports from the pastors indicate that the Church is occupying vantage ground, and that still greater triumphs will be witnessed at a day not far distant. Very few of the brethren had held revivals. All were hopeful, however, and the prayer of every preacher's heart was for an abatement of the Spirit's power. The prospect for full reports at the coming session of the Annual Conference is very encouraging.

An average of about fifty per cent on conference assessments has already been secured. The reports relative to our Sunday-school interests in the district are very flattering.

Teacher of the seventeen churches in the district reported that the call for the missionary assessment had been made, and that sixty per cent of the same had been provided for. The Committee on Missions recommended the formation of two new missions. There are three missions in the district at present. Two of these reported that they would be able to reduce the amount of their appropriations; the other reported that it would become self-supporting.

Bro. Sweeton, of Clarksville, was in good new house of worship by the next session of the Annual Conference, which will cost about \$1,000 complete. He has already moved into a new parsonage, one of the best in the North Texas Conference. Bro. J. W. Hill, of Greenville, was present and heard Bro. Sweeton's report and said something about "swapping" Wesley for it, but Dr. Alderson remarked that the swapping business would be attended to at the Annual Conference. Bro. Hill leaves "Old Wesley" Arthur M. Keith was granted license to preach, and Robt. Edwin Porter was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial into the traveling connection.

Licenses of the following local preachers were renewed: S. T. Powell, James D. Dohd, J. G. Smith, A. P. Bradford, D. J. Good, A. J. Shropshire, F. N. Deron, Thos. E. Hamilton, W. H. Head and Robt. E. Porter.

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M. S.; Mrs. G. W. Bedford, District Secretary W. H. M. S., and Mrs. G. W. Holmes, District Secretary W. F. M. S., were present and made encouraging reports concerning the work in their churches.

Rev. S. C. Riddle, of Honey Grove, was present and preached Thursday morning at 11. Bro. Riddle is always heard with interest.

J. W. Hill, of Greenville, preached Thursday evening. It was such a sermon as Hill always preaches—scholarly, eloquent, profound. Bro. Hill is thoroughly at home in Blossom. He has some relatives there. They are ahead of him, however, at least in good looks.

Dr. Rankin was there, too, on Wednesday. The Doctor expected Wednesday to be the first day of the conference, when it was the last day of the District League Conference. But most of the brethren were on hand, and were delighted with Dr. Rankin's sermon, which he denominated a "talk." The Advocate is appreciated in the Paris District, although the subscription lists do not evidence so much appreciation as they should, we believe the brethren are waking up along the line of supporting our Church papers, and that the next Annual Conference will show decided gains.

"Uncle Dick" Thompson preached Friday at 11 o'clock and took a collection for the Orphanage. He secured about \$5. Uncle Dick is a revivalist of the old school, and his sermon Friday morning was indeed a benediction.

Prof. S. V. Wain of Wall School, Honey Grove, was present and reported the year just closed the best in the history of the school. This school is filling a long-felt want in preparing our boys for the work of our universities. The conference passed some resolutions commending Prof. Wain for his faithfulness and rejoicing in this work.

Rev. J. M. Binkley was at the conference in the interest of the North Texas Female College. This institution has a warm place in the hearts of all Methodists in the Paris District, as is evidenced by the growing patronage received from this section.

Prof. Siegler, of Polytechnic College, spent a day or two with us and referred with pardonable pride to the success of that institution.

Friday night—the last night of the conference, was devoted to our missionary interests. Dr. Neely, of Whitewright, addressed a large audience at 8:30 o'clock, and we feel that the cause of missions in this district has received fresh inspiration.

Dr. Alderson, our new presiding elder, is a success anywhere. He presides with dignity and impartiality. He loves the work, and has the hearty co-operation of his brethren. We are praying for revivals all over the district, and there are many signs of reawakening and of united zeal for the cause of the Master.

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Another phase of this subject demands attention, viz., that the men which communities and nations produce stand as the expressions of their ideals and by them the community or nation is judged. Philistia, Tyre, Babylon, Zion each had its heroes who typified the national mind and spirit. There is a community life as well as an individual life. Every nation and every age has its ideals which determine its heroes and shape the character of the people. Living heroes are generally idealizations of prevailing sentiment. Ingenerate Rome made Nero possible. Tyre's ideal was the man of wealth; Philistia's the man of physical strength; Zion's the man of piety. These stood as the national types of manhood and by them the youth of each was moulded.

What are the ideals which are shaping the rising generation among us? I ask not what theories do we hold, but to what models do we conform? What, as a community, is our gauge of manhood and womanhood? What is our standard as a nation? We may build monuments to dead prophets and slay living ones. Never have we needed men more than we need them to-day. In what matrix are we fashioning them? Our age has been called the age of commercialism, and the industrial truth, the standards of the market rule. So all Tyre's fate befall us.

I lay on you, young men, the charge to hold before your eyes the standards of this word of God. There is no need of lower ideals when we have him who was at once Brother and Redeemer. How know you but ye have come to the kingdom for such a time as this? By the opportunities which you have, by the needs of our day and of our country, by every motive of patriotism and piety, I appeal to you, be men.

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NOTICES FROM GENERAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Read at annual meeting W. F. M. Society, East Texas Conference, Tyler, May 29, 1901.

Arrived in New Orleans Wednesday morning in time for the first session of the General Missionary Conference. It was a source of great pleasure to me, inexperienced as I was, to see the magnitude of a gathering of this kind. But when I saw the noted and representative men and women of Southern Methodism, I felt I had great reason to expect much as a result of their deliberations. On the platform were such distinguished men as Bishops Keener, Galloway, Key, Wilson, Granbery, Morrison, and Bishop Thoburn, the noted missionary to India from the M. E. Church; Dr. Goucher, from the Baltimore M. E. Conference; Dr. Sutherland, of the Canadian Methodist Church; the venerable Young J. Allen, who has been in the field for fifty years; Drs. Reid and Lambuth, Revs. Tarbox and Tilley, of Brazil; Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, of China Inland Mission; Mrs. M. I. Lambuth, the oldest and most revered of lady missionaries.

There were also present during the sessions Mrs. Wightman, Mrs. Trueheart, Miss Belle Bennett, Miss Marie Gibson, the principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School; Miss Ida Anderson, a noble missionary from China; she is a Southern girl who, seven years ago, on her own account, resolved to go to China and take up mission work. She located in Soo Chow and so admirably equipped herself for every phase of the work that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Board of the M. E. Church, South, took notice of her and resolved to take her into their field. She was appointed to mission work in Shanghai, and is a most lovely character. Then there was our own Minnie Bomar, of East Texas (who is with us to-night), Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House settlement, Chicago, and Mrs. Florence Kelly, of New York, whose reputation is national. There were about 2,000 delegates and visitors. It was purely a reunion of Methodists. And not a person in the great audience failed to appreciate the spirit of the occasion.

Bishop Hendrix presiding, stated that the gospel used to call the conference to order was made from the old pulpit at which Rev. Charles Taylor, our first missionary to China, so often knelt in Friendship Church, Dartington Circuit, in South Carolina, and was presented by Mrs. Wightman, our beloved President of the W. F. Mission Board.

In the afternoon, Bishop Galloway exhibited the original Protestant Bible that first found its way in Mexico. This historical book is printed in French. It fell into the hands of a Mexican and converted him, and before any Protestant missionary had set foot into Mexico that Mexican was preaching the gospel to his people. The Bishop said this old book is a bond of immortal wedlock to the memory of that noble Mexican, "Sotheimo Juarez," who belonged to our missions and who died in the faith.

Dr. Goucher told a little incident: When he was in Mexico in a little city of Panopla, he had a large congregation purely Aztec. After preaching in front of the little daub Church, he asked that the children might remain for prayer and a little talk. He told the children he had 2,000 children in Baltimore, and wanted them to talk together before he left and tell him what message he must take to his own Sunday-school from the children of Panopla. There was great whispering and talking among the little black-eyed, black-haired, chocolate-faced children, and presently one little fellow, who was selected to be spokesman, came up, and to my dying day, said the Doctor, "I shall never forget his face or his words as he said, 'Tell the children of Baltimore that the children of Panopla will run them a swift race to see who will run the most for the Lord Jesus.'" And this should be the echoing thought of this conference. Go tell the people of the world that we Methodists will run them a swift race to see who will run the most for the Lord Jesus.

Bishop Hendrix said he had in his possession a valuable and sacred souvenir. This was the diary kept by John Wesley in 1737. It is written in his own handwriting and was faithfully kept. It is one of the most historic souvenirs in the possession of any one, and when the Bishop took it from the faded case and showed the leaves, yellow with age, the pages upon which so many tears were shed,

tears, too, sprang to the eyes of his auditors. This little book is prized by the Bishop as his most precious treasure.

Dr. Parks placed on exhibition a very interesting document. It is one of the original copies of the proclamation issued by the viceroys of the three great provinces, which saved the missionaries at the time of the proclamation ordering their massacre. The viceroys were too wise and too well posted to do anything like slaughtering the missionaries, and they changed the proclamation so that it ordered them to be protected and warned instead of butchered. It saved hundreds of lives. At Peking the missionaries and legation guards held out until relieved, but those at Soo Chow would have been helpless, and not one would have lived to tell the tale. The representative at Soo Chow gave the copy to Dr. Parks, who values it more than any of his robes.

Miss Belle Bennett says "The objective point of missionary education is to substitute the worship of God for that of ancestral or image worship, to substitute knowledge for superstition, and to secure the education of women. Dr. Parks, our medical missionary from China, told of a wealthy Chinaman who was very much prejudiced against the missionaries. But when Dr. Parks cured his son's eyes by a small operation he became Dr. Parks' friend. He gave him money to print literature against the use of opium, wrote the preface to the book and delivered the preface at the commencement service at the hospital. He also gave \$2,500 to the hospital, and said if they would build an university for boys he would give \$15,000 to that. The necessity of an university is felt by all the educated Chinese. Dr. Parks said the university that the Church has now is like our high schools and academies, and the need of a higher education was felt to be imperative.

Now about the Soo Chow University Dr. Allen says, "The natives have given on the land, the building has not been begun. The Chinese have given some money to this cause and will give more. They are waiting for us. When I came through San Francisco said the Doctor, the Chinese heard of it and they came to me and said that I knew what was going on and could tell them, and talk to them. They crowded the hall and when I was done telling them about China, I said I had something to tell them that they could do. They should set up an university in San Francisco and show foreigners that they could educate their children. I told them that every boy and girl represented a family and it was their duty to educate them. The result was they crowded around me, shook my hand and said, we will have an university. Now you see, the Chinese are watching us, and they will see what we do, and if we do our part they will help us."

I would like to speak of Booker Washington, but time forbids more than a mention of him. His address was a most masterly one, and was so received by all.

Of Bishop Galloway's address Sunday night I hesitate to say anything. It seemed as though he were inspired. He told of the need of an university, and reviewed the entire field. It was a grand address. I had not prepared myself, so took no notes of it. His subject was the opportunity of Christianizing China, and his words rang into the hearts of every one present. Up to the moment of the close of his address no one, not even himself, had any idea of a collection. But as the Bishop sat down, Dr. Reid, who does everything in the right place, read a note that had been handed him, stating that President Buffington, of the Illinois Steel Works, would give \$1,000 for the university at Soo Chow. Immediately another note from an old man, 82 years of age, was read, in which he said that he could not attend this great conference, but sent his prayers and \$1,000. After that there was no controlling the audience, for they gave faster than their names could be taken down, until nearly one o'clock, when the Bishop said they must stop giving (an unprecedented fact). Then some one in the audience asked if the chance to donate to the university would again be given. The response was, "Yes, Tuesday night." Then they were quiet. The Bishop announced the amount taken to be \$50,182.00. Dr. Edwards said of it afterwards, "It was marvelous and was taken without premonition." There are only two things that can account for it, the wonderful address of Bishop Galloway and the intense interest of the Church in missions.

On Monday a call was given for those who would give themselves, their lives, for missions, and as readily as the money had been given, so forty-nine young men and women gave their lives to God's work. The Rev. C. R. Cross and Arthur Downs,

of our East Texas Conference, both responded. Mrs. Trueheart said that one year ago the women of the Foreign Board had pledged to give \$100,000 for the twentieth century offering, and that \$10,000 of it had been secured, and when later the opportunity was given to again give to this great educational work, over \$6,000 was donated to the Laura Haygood Home and School.

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Table with Fort Worth District-Third Round. Bone at George's Creek June 29, 30. Aale at Bluff Springs July 5, 7. Grapevine at Eubank July 13, 14. Smithfield at Smithfield July 20, 21. Joshua, at Denton Chapel July 27, 28. Burleson, at Kennedale Aug. 3. Mansfield at St. Paul Aug. 5, 4. Covington at Philadelphia Aug. 10, 11. First Church at First Church Aug. 17, 18. Blum, at Rio Vista Aug. 25, 26. The Sunday-school and League Conferences will meet at Grapevine June 19-23. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

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The Author of the Sky Pilot.

To attempt to interpret before an author his own works is an embarrassing thing to do; but it is also a delightful experience after the embarrassing point is passed. It is delightful to know the personality of the man from whose brain sprang the characters we love, and to compare the reality with our preconceived mental picture. Having passed through the embarrassment and delight of showing Mr. Barrie how "Old Nanny" dreaded the poor-house, and how the "Little Minister" made love to Babbie; and of enlightening Ian MacLaren as to the manner of man he had created in "The Doctor of the Old School" and the others; and of picturing for S. R. Crockett his Girle of the Manse, with her gossiping neighbors; I ventured upon a trip to Winnipeg to portray for Ralph Connor "Broncho Bill," "Given" and "The Sky Pilot," and to meet this man, whose work has taken hold of my heart as has no other in recent years. When one has thought much about an author there is always the possibility of disappointment in meeting him; but Charles W. Gordon measures up to the ideal we unconsciously form of "Ralph Connor." The first and strongest impression one receives is that he is a genuinely good man, whose goodness, as he himself remarked of his friend Henry Drummond, in whose society he was thrown much in Scotland "seems to belong to him and to be a part of him as his skin." Ralph Connor's goodness is of the same cheerful, vigorous, manly sort as was Drummond's. He is a modest man, so modest that he couldn't more than half enjoy the recital, because of the consciousness that it was his children that were "showing off" and he mustn't be too much annoyed at their cleverness. Were one to attempt an analysis of the elements that enter into the charm of Ralph Connor's personality, so far as outward and tangible things go, his soft musical voice must be given the first place, and if the voice is the true reporter of the soul, there must be strength, beauty and richness, sympathy, power and harmony in the soul of Charles W. Gordon; for all these things are in his voice—this means his voice in conversation—he sings too tone would guess that from the stories, the power of music to stir men's hearts figures so largely in both the books; and when he sits down to the piano or takes up his guitar and plays and sings, we feel something of the spell that the "Sky Pilot" cast about the "Old Timer" when he opened the carty organ; for all the time he is singing, we are conscious that he is giving expression, through the music, to a something that is going on in his soul the while.

Mr. Gordon's whole heart is in mission work. St. Stephen's church, his present charge in Winnipeg, he started as a mission in a new part of the city; it now numbers several hundred members, including many of the leading citizens of the town. He will soon have to move further west to the scene of his earlier labors in the foothill country, to find a field to his liking, for his present charge has quite outgrown the mission stage. Mr. Gordon has been called to several large Eastern churches, but always declines on the plea that he is Western in all his sympathies and his training, and do his best work in an environment he understands and loves. While in Edinburgh taking a post-graduate course he had some valuable lessons in the study of human nature, working as he did in the slum districts of the city; and for six months of that time making his home with the submerged tenth. Associated with this work were men whose names have since become

household words: Henry Drummond, Dr. J. Clarence Webster, Dr. Barbour and others.

Mr. Gordon was happily married two years ago to a clever, practical lady, a daughter of the former president of the Presbyterian College in Winnipeg. Ralph Connor at home playing with his baby boy is altogether normal, natural and lovable, and he is just as attractive when seen in company with his handsome, picturesque old father, also a minister, but now retired, and making his home with his gifted son. The fine old gentleman is not only proud of his boy, but of his Highland birth and his Gordon clan, and boasts that he can play the bagpipes with any of them yet. At seventy-six he has the proud carriage of a piper of the "Black Watch" and one instinctively pictures him as striding over the heather hills with streamers of the Gordon tartan flying from his skirling pipes while the air reverberates to "Lochaber no more." The gifted mother who went from them ten years ago was a woman of unusual endowments, and from her we may believe Ralph Connor received his literary inheritance, since it appears to be in the blood, various members of the family having had the gift, among others Andrew Murray, his mother's cousin—Katharine E. Oliver, in the Interior, \$1.25 postpaid.

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I. E. HIGHTOWER, P. C. Stamford, Texas.

CRENSHAW—Sister Rebecca A. Crenshaw was born in the State of Georgia April 22, 1838, and died June 11, 1891, at the residence of her daughter, Sister A. F. Lamar, a resident of Austin. Sister Crenshaw came to Texas from Arkansas October, 1857, and was a resident of Austin for twenty-three years. She was the mother of six children, three of which survive her—one boy and two daughters. She also leaves a husband to mourn his loss. Sister Crenshaw was a member of the Methodist Church. She has now gone to rest from her labors and receive her reward with all of the blood-washed host. To the friends of the deceased I would say, while you sorrow, still you can rejoice in the comforting thought of the resurrection and a reunion above.
W. T. McDONALD.

HADDON—Horace Randolph Haddon, second son of Bro. W. R. and Ada Haddon, was born near Fairview, Texas, August 12, 1895, and died May 30, 1897. This is the second time the angel reapers have entered this home. The scars in the hearts of parents caused by the first had scarcely healed when they were again mangled by the untimely death of little Horace. Horace was a naturally good child, and won the affections of all who knew him. He was bright and intelligent above others of his years, and gave promise of becoming a great man. Obedient to parents and kind to his little brothers and sisters, he became the attraction of home. His death resulted from something like diphtheria, and during his illness he was a great sufferer, but he was patient through it all. Little Horace is in the realms of the redeemed to-day, while parents and loved ones weep. He faithful, bereaved ones, and by and by God will place little Horace back in the now divided family in the mansions in the skies, where no death can ever come.
Frasanton, Texas. J. E. BOCK.

TERRY—Ruby Strange Terry was born February 14, 1890, and died May 16, 1891. She was one of the sweetest and most beautiful flowers of all the garden. She was indeed the "light of the home." Even at this age of childhood she was intelligent, and impressed all who knew her. Oh, how hard to give her up! Yet we can only say, "Thy will be done," and be submissive. She was dedicated to God in holy baptism July 25, 1895. Rev. J. P. Lowry officiating. It was our delight of Ruby to be in the Sunday-school, and she loved to hear the songs of the house of God. Her voice on earth is hushed, but in heaven it is tuned to sing with the angels the songs of Moses and the Lamb. We buried her body in the Adora Cemetery, Montague County, but God took little Ruby Strange to a better home, in his merciful and gracious arms, a longing to be ever like this little child—pure and good—for we want to behold her again in the kingdom above. Jesus understands the aching of the human heart and the craving of the human soul. Oh, what a friend to whom we can tell our troubles and in grief to go for solace.
J. B. SIMS.

HAMBLETT—Norwood, the oldest son of G. W. and Cora Hamblett, was born in Springdale, Miss., September 16, 1882, and died, after an illness of about two months' duration, May 25, 1891. Norwood was a bright boy, of a cheerful disposition, generous and kind, and had a great many friends. On Saturday before he died Sunday morning, he sent for this writer, desiring spiritual counsel, and requested that we would pray for him. He made a bright profession of religion, and was baptized, said he was ready to go, and some of the family good-bye, left a message for his young friends to quit their evil ways and meet him in heaven. He requested that we sing "Jesus, lover of my soul." After singing that, we then sang "I'm going home to die no more," and he joined heartily in the singing. He told his father to tell his Uncle Tommy that he died happy. His was a victorious death. On Sunday afternoon, after services at the family residence, we laid his body in the last resting place, amidst a large concourse of friends. Father, mother, brothers and sisters are sad, but they expect to meet Norwood again, where no more tears are shed.
I. E. HIGHTOWER.

COLLIER—Stanford Collier was born in Tallahatchie County, Miss., in 1861. He died at Phoenix, Arizona, June 1, 1891. He came from Alvarado, Texas to Arizona in August, 1890. Bro. Collier was followed by his family in November. He was suffering with consumption, and hoped that the warm, dry atmosphere of Arizona would help him. At first there appeared to be considerable improvement, but the disease had obtained such a firm hold upon his system that in the fall he commenced to fall, and gradually got worse until the end came. Bro. Collier joined the M. E. Church, South, when 16 years of age, and lived and died a consistent member. He was a man of few words, but of sterling integrity and unblemished character. His body was laid to rest in the Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Phoenix, to await the resurrection of the just; his spirit winged its flight to Paradise, to remain until the coming of the Great King, when he will receive the crown of glory which fadeeth not away. Many friends mourn his death, and pray that God may sustain the widow and the fatherless. "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children."
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KENNEDY—Robert Quincy Kennedy was born December 28, 1828, in Lebanon, Wilson County, Tenn. His home was eight miles east of Bowie, Texas, June 16, 1891. He leaves a wife and five children—two daughters and three sons all grown—to mourn their loss. He came with his wife and two small children to Texas in 1858, and settled in Lamar County, near Paris. Sixteen years later he moved to Montague County, where he lived the rest of his days. He was a Christian of the truest type. He was

born and raised in the Methodist Church, having joined the Church when but fifteen years of age. He was a great singer of the old school, Watts' and the Wesley's hymns being his favorite songs. Many accepted Christ while he sang the gospel to them. His love of the Scriptures. The greatest legacy he could leave to his children was his pure Christian life. He had nothing to regret; he seemed willing to go. His last sickness lasted about eight months. He bore it patiently. His greatest desire seemed to be to see his children saved from sin and in the Church. We laid his body to rest at Bethel. Pray for us, that we may be true to God and that we may reflect the life and character of our dear father and do as he bid—lead others to Christ. His son,
A. E. KENNEDY.

WILLIAMS—Little Emily, daughter of A. Hodge and Ida Williams, was born July 17, 1887, and went to be with Jesus June 12, 1891. Little Emily was a most interesting child. Naturally bright, she drew those who knew her very close to her. How deeply the stroke is felt by the fond parents none but those who have had the experience can tell. But for the hope of the "sweet by and by" and the blessed fact of the resurrection life, gloom like unillumined night, would settle upon that home; but under the inspiration of this hope and fact, the parents with anticipations of joy are looking forward to the day of glad reunion. A little over two years ago another little angel, born from the same home. Oh, how our hearts are crushed with sorrow as these tender buds are plucked from the parent stem! But thus heaven is brought nearer and made more real to us. So life gets a new impulse and faith a new stimulus for heaven, and with a joy born of high and holy thoughts, we look and listen for the faces and voices that will greet us in those beautiful mansions beyond the reach of care, and we sing "Home, Sweet Home."
Hamilton, Texas. M. L. MOODY.

MASON—Erin M., daughter of J. B. and Janie A. Mason, was born December 17, 1890, and died May 27, 1891. Little Erin was a sweet child, and very dear to the family. She was baptized in infancy by Rev. G. E. Sander. She suffered much with diphtheria and troubles which followed. Kind physicians, loving parents and friends could do nothing to save her, but the Lord saw best to take her to himself. It was hard to say "Good-bye, Erin." But bereaved ones, the separation will be only temporary. Look away from your sorrow and anticipate that happy meeting which you shall some day experience in heaven. Little Erin, now free from suffering, sweetly rests in the bosom of Jesus. How precious her memory! I know the stroke was heavy. I commend to you the grace of God. The Lord bless Bro. and Sister Mason, brothers and sisters, and bring them all to a happy reunion in glory.
Cuba, Texas. H. P. SHRAIDER.

BAKER—The fairest flower that ever came into our home has been plucked from earth and transplanted in heaven. Little Ernest was born May 27, 1890, 2 months and 4 days, and yet in that short time he completely won his way into all our hearts—a bright, healthy boy laughing and cooing at all who noticed him, but too soon a Jew to be left long in this wicked world. God transplanted him to bloom forever in his own beautiful Paradise. He has gone from our home, but not from our hearts. His little image is photographed on memory's page, to stay forever. He was taken sick Tuesday evening the 15th, and died at 4 a. m. the 17th. Bro. Herron of Stephenville, held a beautiful service at the grave, with many friends to sympathize. Some of our brethren thought he was one too many children for an itinerant preacher, but, thank God, we are all made better and drawn closer together and closer to duty and heaven by our little darling's stay in our home. The other children went yesterday and scattered many flowers over his grave, as he had scattered rays of sunshine in all our hearts. Not a relative in the cemetery where he lies, and when we go again next one year, but God has claimed his own and in the resurrection mourn our little Harry will not be forgotten.
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HAMPTON—C. W. Hampton departed this life at Forrester, Ellis County, Texas, on the 15th of June, 1891, being 44 years of age. He was married to Miss Mollie V. Nelson in the year 1877, by the Rev. S. S. Yarbrough. Seven children were born to them—six boys and one sweet little girl, who some years back passed over the river to that happy bright beyond. Imagine a moment his happy recognition and meeting between that cherub child and papa. His remains were shipped to Waxahachie for interment. At close of funeral services at the Methodist Church, the remains were laid to rest in City Cemetery, with Masonic honors. His former home was in Texas where he had a host of friends. He was a good man, kind, affectionate husband and father, good neighbor and citizen. His message to loved ones, just before departure, was, "Meet me in heaven. I'll be there." To the saddened and grief-stricken family, we would point them to the great Comforter and ever-present help in time of trouble and sorrow. Earth hath no sorrow that heaven can not heal. Whilst the brightest jewels have been taken, heaven is made richer, the ties to bind stronger, and greater incentives to so live as to meet little Nova and papa and compose an unbroken family circle in heaven.
A FRIEND.

SCULL—Dr. William Emmet, son of J. G. and Mrs. Jennie Scull, was born in Guadalupe County, Texas, December 11, 1828; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 14, died March 12, 1891. He graduated in medicine from the University of the South, December, 1859, and returned to his native near Laveria, to practice his profession, near the spot where he was born and among those who loved and trusted him. During the short while he lived to follow his loved employ, he drew to himself all the practice that he could do. In fact, overwork was thought to be an element that entered into his death. Emmet, as he was familiarly called, was always a good boy. A few incidents will serve to show his real character. When the time came for him to leave home was kissing him good-bye, when he said, "Don't cry, mother; I will be the same good boy that I have always been." His last words

were, "Papa, be as lenient to the poor in collecting my accounts as I have been." A great number of poor Mexicans and negroes attended his funeral, and shed tears of deepest sympathy. The world is better for his having lived in it, and heaven is richer for his having ascended. How noble for one, thus early in life, to grasp the problem of what it means to live, and so form a character for life, for death, for the judgment and for eternity. May the God of all grace sustain the bereaved parents and sister.
J. M. ALEXANDER.

MARRIAGES.
Walton-Price—Near San Marcos, Texas, June 16, 1891, at 2 p. m., Mr. George W. Walton and Miss May Price, Rev. W. A. Scott officiating.

Baker-Bass—Near Renner, Texas, Sunday, June 16, 1891, at 8 p. m., Mr. H. H. Baker and Miss Helen Bass, Rev. J. N. Hunter officiating.

Climer-Farr—At the parsonage at Horn Hill, Limestone County, Texas, May 22, 1891, Mr. Wesley Climer and Miss Moema Estelle Farr, both of Horn Hill, Texas, Rev. Jno. A. Travis officiating.

Bennett-Graham—At the parsonage at Horn Hill, Limestone County, Texas, May 19, 1891, Mr. George Bennett and Miss Bessie Graham, Rev. J. T. McKoon officiating.

McGaughy-Hull—At the home of the bride's parents, at Carthage, Texas, June 12, 1891, by Rev. J. M. McClure, Mr. J. H. McGaughy, of Timpson, and Miss Em. Hull, of Carthage.

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