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EDITORIAL.

THE CROSS A FACTOR IN MODERN PROGRESS.

As little as we think of it, the Cross stands for progress in the material development of the world. Its influence, as a factor in our modern growth and discovery, can not be over-estimated. Wherever it goes, the people are brought into a higher state of morals and religion, and the bond of fellowship binding them into an unmistakable brotherhood becomes strong and real. Agriculture, commerce, mechanics, and all of the arts of industry flourish. Laws are made more wholesome, liberty becomes the common right of man, and education the property of all classes of society. There can be no perfect civilization except where the Cross of Christ dominates the individual life and gives complexion to public sentiment. It stands for all that is pure, high-toned and noble among men. Unconsciously, we have introduced the symbolism of the Cross into the useful arts and inventions of the age. Every door that shuts the openings to our dwellings has assumed the form of the Cross. As we enter our homes and pass from one apartment to another, the Cross stands before us. It is interwoven with the panels of our shutters. The same is true with the blinds that close in our windows. The Cross enters into their structure. The telegraph poles that mark the great lines of our railways take on the form of the Cross. You can not look upon them, if you are a devout man, without bringing Christ, the crucified, before your mind. And that hidden, occult fluid that passes along the wires upheld by the cross, giving transportation to the messages of men, is a fit emblem of the unseen life of Christ speaking to the hearts and consciences of the race. Then, again, the electric light poles that stand like forests along the thoroughfares of our cities have the beam nailed to them in the form of the Cross. And also the telephone poles, along whose wires we hold converse with friends thousands of miles away, are shaped like the wood of Calvary upon which the Christ shed his blood. As we talk over them to those whom we love or with whom we have business, so Christ speaks out of the heights of heaven to the souls of those in rapport with his kingdom. Almost everywhere we gaze on these emblems of Calvary stand out before our thought as the illustrations of intelligent discovery in the great realm of nature. Such has been the unconscious growth of the forces of Gospel truth, in our material progress and discovery, that we can not turn to the rear or the front, or to the right or the left without our eyes falling upon some symbol representing his death, the just for the unjust. Our children are growing up under the shadows of these types of Calvary. Upon the church steeple, in the inner retreats of the sanctuary, along our highways, and following our railroad systems, the uplifted Cross is silently telling them that Christ died for the world. We can not get away from the pictorial representations of the wonderful tragedy that was enacted two thousand years ago just outside the gates of Jerusalem. Then when we remember that thousand of pulpits are weekly telling this same story to the world, and that millions of books and

periodicals are imparting the same great truth, and that multiplied millions of pure lives are perpetually standing for the same stupendous fact, we are prepared to appreciate the importance of the Cross as a factor in modern progress. There is no sense in which we can contemplate it that the Cross is not the one hope of the world. It represents the tremendous truth, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Therefore, the Cross was no accident in the death of Christ, but a wisely chosen feature in the redemption of the world. As a part of the Providential purpose it looked forward with intelligent meaning to all of the ages and generation of the earth.

CRIMINAL REFORMATION INEFFECTUAL.

Our courts of justice all over the country are kept busy finding out the guilt of men charged with various crimes, and in passing sentence upon those who are duly convicted. The most of our jails are full of these criminals, and our penitentiaries are crowded to their utmost capacity. The present condition of society demands that this course be pursued, and so crime has to be convicted and punished. But what is the moral effect of this prosecution and punishment upon the character of the criminals? Are they reformed by this course? Occasionally a reformation may be accomplished in this way; but the rule is, that men convicted of crime and punished by confinement in our prisons until the ends of justice are met and then turned out upon society, are more debased in their natures and degraded in their characters than when the prison doors first closed upon them. Courts are not reformatory institutions; they are punitive in their aims and purposes. Hence, when men come out of their terms of punishment they are still criminal in their instincts, and they feel that the State is their enemy, except in rare cases. They leave their imprisonment with a grudge against the law and against organized society. They feel that they have nothing in common with honest and reputable people. And as a rule they re-enter life with their former disposition toward crime cultivated and intensified by their punishment. In addition to this moral effect, the tax-payers of the country have to bear the burden of expense produced by this criminal court procedure. So that the crimes of men cut both ways very severely. Society is injured and the criminals themselves left in worse condition because of the enforced penalties of the law. Now many of these evil results might be forestalled by the establishment of schools of reform and houses of correction, because a great many of these crimes are committed by youngsters under twenty-one years of age. All such ought to be placed under these corrective influences rather than in prison with other hardened criminals. But in addition to this course, our religious work ought to extend more generally to the lower classes of society than at present is the case. In every town, and especially every city, there are localities set apart by common consent to purposes of vice and immorality. Right in the heart of these places we ought to have a permanently established mission work under the direction of skilled

workers who make it their business to bring the women and children of these classes under the tuition of the Gospel. Many of them can be saved from a life of sin to a life of righteousness, and the Gospel is in the world for this purpose. But the most of these haunts of vice are as completely turned over to the devil by all of our town and city denominations as though they were located in the jungles of Africa. Yet they furnish seven-tenths of the crimes that make up the grists of our courts and prisons, and they breed an equal proportion of the diseases that carry their infection into all of our homes. These are facts that no well informed man can deny. We honestly believe that the Gospel as a preventive is worth a great deal more to society than courts and prisons as institutions of reform. It is a great deal cheaper to prevent crime than it is to prosecute and punish it. But to go further than this: It is a great deal better for the individual and for society to make a good citizen out of a person of criminal instincts than to punish and restrain him for a season and then fling him back upon society a more confirmed criminal than when he began his career of vice. Wicked people need the wholesome truths of the Gospel, just like Christ preached to them while among men.

A SCHOOL FOR THE TRAINING OF WIVES.

In London we are told that there is an institution for the training of wives. This is something new under the sun, and we will have to wait to see a few of its results before we are able to judge of its wisdom. But Dr. Palmore, the unmarried editor of the St. Louis Advocate, sees in it wonderful possibilities; and he takes strong ground in a carefully written editorial in its most unqualified endorsement. He thinks it contains the solution of all the problems involved in domestic life. He even goes so far as to point out the results of such training and argues manfully for its establishment and support all over the country. But the trouble with Dr. Palmore and his theory of wife-training is found in the fact that, as a matter of experience, he knows nothing in the world about the qualifications necessary to a successful wife. He has lived about sixty years as an incorrigible and self-centered old bachelor, and he has never tried in any way to reduce his theory to a practice. It takes a man without children to preach dogmatically upon the question of family government, and it takes an old bachelor who knows nothing about the temperament, the delicate disposition, and the innate nature of womankind, to tell with a show of authoritative knowledge the qualifications of wifehood. The best school in the world for the training of a wife, is a good home, a considerate husband, a flock of healthy children, and money enough to supply all of their wants. Almost any woman with average sense placed in this sort of a school will make a good wife. If Dr. Palmore will try this experiment, we feel confident that he will have less infatuation for the London school. But if we agree with him that such an institution as the one he so strongly commends is a real necessity, then the converse is also true; and this will make it necessary for our London friends to institute a school for the

training of husbands. In such a case Dr. Palmore would be a fit subject upon whom to try the experiment. We know of several sisters, any one of whom would be willing to risk him after a course of this sort. So if wives need to be specially trained, so do husbands. We have seen just about as many stabby and poorly equipped husbands as we have seen wives. Some of them are utterly intolerable, and just as unfit for the duties of husbandhood as freshly caught bottom-tots. So if we are to have the school for wives, then by all means let us have one for husbands. For not one man in fifty is worthy of the pure and innocent woman he beguiles into marriage. In most instances she gets the worst end of the bargain. The wonder is that we have anything akin to heaven in the domestic circle with the sort of men whom women take for husbands. Therefore, we insist that Dr. Palmore lend his influence to the establishment of a school for the special training of men for their duties as the future husbands and fathers of this country. To this extent we most heartily believe in the co-education of the sexes; and we would like very much to see the experiment given a persistent trial, both in London and elsewhere. And if such institutions are to become a part of our civilization, then let the President of the school for the wives be a full-grown unmarried man, and the one for husbands be a well seasoned old maid. We imagine that the latter department would be intensely interesting with material like Dr. Palmore for pupils.

"BACK TO CHRIST."

"Back to Christ" is a phrase that amounts to a popular fad with a certain class of speakers and writers. We often hear it from the platform and we often read it in a number of our religious periodicals, as though it expressed a real condition of things in the Church of God. But such is not the case. Modern Christendom, in its evangelical phases, has no more departed from Christ than at any other period in its history. The Church is moving forward, notwithstanding the apparent ebbs and flows that we observe upon the surface of civilization. It has a larger number of better people in its ranks, it is doing more to relieve the needs of the suffering, it is putting forth larger efforts to give the gospel to the world, it is establishing more and better grades of religious schools, and it is bringing about a more amicable international relationship among the nations and the peoples of the world than at any time since the beginning of the Christian era. To take the opposite position is to controvert the facts of history and to reflect upon the efficacy of the gospel of the Son of God. Christ came into the world to make mankind better, and he left a system of teachings adapted to that purpose. These he committed to his Church and promised that the gates of hell should not prevail against it. That promise is backed by the eternity of his character and the unchangeableness of his truth. The world is bound to improve in its humanity, in its institutions, in its civilization, and in its individual life with such forces as the Church of God and the teachings of Jesus among men. But, beside this, the phrase, "Back

to Christ" is misleading and troublesome. It leaves the impression that Christ and his truth have been outstripped by the worldliness of the following and that he is some where in the distant past, a thing of memory and of history. True that Christ, in divers ways is a part of the history of the past two thousand years, but he is a living personality in the present and a dominant force in the activities and developments of to-day. He cannot be relegated to the past, and he cannot be called up out of the past. With this generation he is the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of cloud by day. And in keeping with his promise, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world," he is marching side by side with his Church, and however far a few of his children may stray from him in overt acts, or in false doctrines, he follows them, more closely than their own lengthening shadows. They cannot get away from his living and admonishing presence. Instead of the false cry, "Back to Christ," we had better exhort his followers to open their eyes to behold him and to stretch out their hands to grasp him. He is within easy reach of all people, regardless of their moral conditions or distinctions. The idea that he is secreted away in the distant past or isolated in some region as a silent and morose spectator looking wistfully at the wicked worldly procession as it recedes from him or passes him by, is a superstitious idea to entertain of our eternal Christ. He pervades all of the retreats and the abodes of mankind.

AMONG THE EDITORS.

Florida Advocate: True religion is a production of the Holy Spirit, a creation to begin with, an outgrowth afterward, and a perpetual struggle of the Divine Spirit to get our nature conformed to the likeness and will of Christ, more and more—a sanctifying process, separating from sin and self and earth and transforming every part and power and moment to Christlikeness—the immensity of God in free human nature.

West-yan Methodist: Men have tendencies which may not be wholly resisted, they are weaknesses, but they can be modified in their course, we cite the tendency to grow old and to become fixed in ways which are not adapted to the times in which we live. The elasticity seems to have gone out of life. This tendency will have its course with every one, more or less, but its course can be much modified. It is not necessary that any one shall become crabbed and disagreeable, and he who never intakes such frames of mind in early life is not likely to permit the infirmities of age to affect him harmfully in this respect.

Baltimore-Richmond Advocate: Senator Daniel our Major John, frankly confessed that he liked people to praise him. When you hear a fellow flout a compliment set him down first, as a hypocrite, and secondly as in truth, excessively vain. Bonaparte once said of his Gallic foes that you might be a Frenchman to a tree and bewilder him without protest, if you made him a speech in praise of "La belle France." It is the nature of a man to desire commendation. Is it a sin? Listen. For the joy set before Him, He endured, well done, good and faithful servant. And if we withhold just encomium we wrong our neighbor. Is it not a sign of innate meanness for a husband never to utter a word of gratitude or praise of a noble wife? He is a hog.

COMMUNICATIONS.

AMONG MY BOOKS.

REV. J. MARVIN NICHOLS.

When congratulated by Bourrienne on some money demonstrations of popular favor, he answered in the words of Cromwell: "Hah! they would crowd as eagerly about me if I were on my way to the scaffold."—"Military Career of Napoleon," Montgomery B. Gibbs.

This sudden outburst of the French people occurred over the news that the Little Corporal, who had just overwhelmingly conquered Italy, had been designated to command the great army on its Egyptian invasion. The statement of Napoleon is native to himself—born of his mighty military spirit. And yet it finds its basis in the peculiar, characteristic tendency of human nature. It is true that the same tumultuous crowd that surged about the First Emperor, as a peerless military chieftain, would surge about the guillotine were he condemned to die upon it. Such is the sad condition of human kind that, like the dumb-driven cattle, they rush pell-mell with the crowd. The world's vast majority, in the realms of thought and action, is not its own. The world is a vast dependency. Napoleon was right then—he is right now.

As you hate God, he will hate you forever. He will become a perfect enemy, with a perfect hatred, without any love or pity, or mercy. He will be moved by no cries, by no entreaties of a mediator.—"Jonathan Edwards," Alex. V. G. Allen, D. D.

This awful expression may do for one who adopts the extra-Calvinistic views and that of the contemporary Puritans. It is possible to conceive an idea so repulsive, provided the mind has been steeped in that absolute sovereignty of God which denies to man the freedom of his will. "If he chooses to rebel, any, his sovereignty is involved in his freedom to take whom he pleases, and to leave whom he pleases to perish." It is gratifying to know that the human mind has so broadened as that none dare proclaim such contradictions of divine grace and mercy. Even the effort is about accomplished to expurgate it from the creeds as taught by Calvin's following. The truth is, God never damned anybody. Man wakes up in hell a conscious moral suicide. The fallen spirit is the agent of its own ruin—the author of self-destruction. God, uninterrupted, would save every child in the race of Adam. It is preposterous to proclaim a sovereignty, the characteristic of a loving God, that would preclude the salvation of any. The father of the prodigal boy, with infinite patience, awaited the return of the erring child. The lost coin is but a faint intimation of God's divine solicitude. The beautiful pastoral expression puts the Son of God in the attitude of a shepherd, amid the hills and mountains looking for the sheep gone astray. There is an immeasurable depth of pathos in the statement which puts Christ at the door of every heart. He stands a divine Wanderer, knocking at the inner door. Absolute Sovereignty almost rests with the human heart that can force the Lord of glory to remain on the outside. That Christ begs to come in and sup with us is a standing refutation of the inexorable, divine decrees.

John Wesley was the eighteenth-century Luther, and he shines out in history as the rediscoverer of the Christian message, and the Reformer of the Church. The last thing he desired was separation from the Church; his societies aimed at filling up what was wanting in the English Church, that there might be realized all that a Christian Church should be.—Wesley and Whitefield in Scotland, Rev. D. Butler, M. A.

There are two things that have obtained in every religious reformation throughout the history of the Church. The religious awakenings that have marked epochs were always an effort to revive the long-lost doctrine. That lost doctrine has always been the theory of justification by faith—and none other. It was true in Luther's age; it was so in Wesley's day. It will be true again whenever the Christian world removes this foundation-stone. The characteristics that would unerringly mark the passing out of this great doctrine are to constitute the signs of the times. When we cease to preach it, and when men refuse to accept it, then God will again dig out of some cloistered spot another giant who will lead through quiet means, or days of blood, until a triumphant reform is inaugurated. That day will never dawn until we lose sight of justification by faith—but it will come then. What are the signs of the times? is a serious question when we consider our attitude toward this doctrine. Nor did any reformer ever design a new organization. Christ died enrolled in a Jewish synagogue. The effort has always been to reinstate the creed and revive the life. But God will see to it, as all history demonstrates, that if we persistently refuse the survival of this fundamental doctrine, our candlestick shall be removed and

given to another. To forget this great truth is to invite eternal blight.

The minister who succeeds is the minister who, in the midst of a sordid age, trusts the heart of man who is the child of God, and knows that it is not all sordid, and boldly speaks to it of God, his Father, as if he expected it to answer. Through this very belief of his in all mankind, he could preach with the greater zeal his other belief: "Not man with religion is something more, but man without religion is something less than man." Let a man be a true preacher, really uttering the truth through his own personality, and it is strange how men will gather to listen to him. We hear that the day of the pulpit is past; and then some morning the voice of a true preacher is heard in the land, and all the streets are full of men crowding to hear him, just exactly as were the streets of Constantinople when Chrysostom was going to preach at the Church of the Apostles, or the streets of London when Latimer was bravely telling the truth at St. Paul's. Mr. Bro. has once said: "A man will dig his ditch better if he knows and cares for the great plan of giving the thirsty city water. Still, he can dig his ditch for his dollar a day. But a man can not really preach at all unless he knows why he preaches, unless he is in some degree eager to make men know the Christ whom he knows."—"Phillips Brooks," M. A. DeWolfe Howe.

It is wholly unnecessary to comment on these pungent paragraphs. It is enough to say that the world still needs the old, old story. It is not to be changed in order to "adapt it to the times." Men to-day are saved just like Saul of Tarsus—and in no other way. The man who experimentally knows his message, who loves passionately the deathless spirits of men, whose whole being is surcharged with tremendous earnestness, will never want for a sympathetic hearing.

Dallas, Texas.

BRIEF NOTES.

H. G. H.

Was glad that H. L. Piner, of Austin, took so forcibly to task the suggestion of a literary Leagueur that that wretched piece of heathen philosophy, "The Rubaiyat," be put into the League course. By all means, let the books in that course teach that we have a soul and a God and a Christ—some solid stuff to prompt to solid work.

It is pitiable that an Epworth Leagueur should suggest that the revelation to enlighten us is what the stars said to a wild, ignorant dreamer in the Dark Ages. A work that accuses the Almighty of "insolence" in creating us without asking us if we were willing to be created!

Strong arguments in favor of temperance are good, but they fail to amount to much when the traveling specialist uncovers the fact that he is using the Church and these temperance talks to get rid of a lot of literature on his hands.

For years we have noticed that hundreds of our people, and preachers as well, are being "taken in" by traveling specialists, and our Churches being diverted from the object of their dedication—the worship of God.

Sterling Fisher, P. E., delivered a stirring missionary address in our church the other Sunday night, dwelling largely upon the great New Orleans Missionary Conference. It made us feel that if we had not been born 64 years ago we would start out right off as a missionary.

There are lots of sinners around Seguin. The devil handles most of them. Our preacher has been after some of them in Kingsbury, and this scribe now and then is heard by some of them over the river. But the great mass in and about our town are godless. The German Church is doing something with that class, and the Americans are not all backsliding. We've no time for a chaffy gospel or for light work.

You are giving us some solid things in your paper. I expect it's a good idea you don't let the critics have too free a hand, for we'd be apt to mightily mix matters. There are so many things that should be left out of the paper! It takes an editor with "horse sense" to see this; but critics, and poets, and so-called literary fellows, see this matter "through a glass darkly." Good editors do not need a monument—all they ask is an immortality of escape from bad writing, poor grammar, false logic, etc., etc.—meaning innumerable things!

IS THE INHERITED BENT REMOVED?

Our definition of regeneration, sanctification and holiness is formed by our notion of the inherited bent to evil. If we believe God does, or does not, remove this bent to evil, in either case we frame our definition to fit our view. Our view of this bent to evil, then, is of vast importance. Does regeneration, sanctification and holiness, either or all combined, remove the least particle of the inherited bent to evil, or in the least degree weaken its power? Any theory which teaches the possibility of the removal of the least particle of this bent to evil, or the weakening in the least degree of its power, will also argue for the possibility of the removal of the

last particle and last degree of its power. If one particle can be removed, then another may be removed, and so on to the last. If we say it may be partially removed in one generation and partially in another, then, by a process of evolution, through holy ancestors, we would expect to find a generation at some time in this life absolutely free from it. Do not children born now, from the best line of ancestors, possess this bent to evil, in all of its fullness, just as they did a thousand years ago? Do not the best of parents now transmit this possession to their offspring? Now, as parents can not transmit to their offspring that which they themselves do not possess, and as all parents do transmit this possession to their offspring, therefore we conclude that none are free from it. Either none are regenerated, sanctified or holy, or regeneration, sanctification and holiness do not mean the removal of the bent to evil. We seem to be forced to take one of these horns.

Assuming the above to be correct, we infer that it is the spiritual nature growing stronger, and not the inherited bent growing weaker that fools us. The spiritual nature may grow so strong in the Lord and the power of his might that the bent to evil may be only felt during a severe trial. Still it is there in all of its fullness, but it is conquered—kept under. The experiences of the best men of all ages corroborate this view. Hear St. Paul: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection." (I Cor. 9:27.) So we all have something to keep under.

It is impossible for us to believe God will do a thing unless he has promised it. God's promises are the foundations for our faith. Faith without a foundation is imaginary and spurious. All experience based on such faith is likewise spurious. Now, as God has nowhere specifically promised to remove this bent to evil, therefore all faith that it will be done and all experience that it has been done are spurious. We infer, then, that this bent to evil is not evil in itself, and does not prevent those who possess it from also possessing that heart-purity and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord, as taught in the Scriptures.

The necessity of regeneration would be, then, not so much the inherited bent itself as our inability to conquer this bent without divine assistance. This gives us the definition of regeneration, sanctification and holiness, as follows: Regeneration is a cleansing from all sin—a placing the subject under a different ruler and bringing with it divine power, by which the sinful bent is kept under, sanctification is a presenting the regenerate life wholly to God for service; holiness is keeping clean, actually serving or sanctification in action.

J. R. ATCHLEY.

THOUGHT POINTS.

Death was not a necessary gateway into our heavenly estate. But for sin we all might have lived out a full course here and then been translated to heaven.

Love for our employment, though it be in the Lord's vineyard, should not be allowed to exclude love for and interest in those about us.

"Perfection is impossible," quoth one. Granted; but do you live as nearly perfect as it is possible for you to live? No, it is impossible for a poor worm of the dust to live as nearly perfect as possible. Nobody does it.

It is in and through sanctification that we appropriate in all its fullness Jesus' promise: "And lo, I am with you always."

I believe there will be many glad surprises in heaven—that we will be overcome at the "manner of love the Father hath"—that many who tremble at the thought of that meeting will be surprised at its warmth.

We can not have an opening for the passing in and out of a favorite cat through which strange cats many not also enter. A pet sin will let in a train of unexpected ones.

"Procrastination, the thief of—souls!" John Baptist's definition of himself: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

The "Universalists" deal in futures. They speculate upon the probabilities of God saving all the lost simply by the skillful exercise of his power after death. (They are compelled to place the time of such an intervention after death, because it is evident that God does not invade the domain of man's will in this life.)

The devil would fill man with remorse for sin. God would have us to repent.

Some people are always compromising with popular sins in order to preserve their influence for good among the sinners. These wonderful stocks of preserved influence ought to be called for and utilized in some of our times of reaping. It might disillusionize somebody to try this.

It is funny that no one is seeking light on the "tobacco question" who is not a user of the weed. Maybe if

the light-seekers would try quitting they would get the light—take a look at it from the clean side, anyhow. The deluge which drowned the earth supported those who were prepared for it.

In plowing it is useless to push on the plow; the horses will pull it. There is a part of Christian work that we ought to have thoughtfulness enough always to ask the Lord to do. When I began to seek sanctification I was afraid of falling if I got up so high, until some one suggested that we get down so low in humility and self-abnegation until there is no place to fall to. I trust their advice will encourage some one else as it did me.

The stars, by their twinkling, seem to warn us that Time is coming to an end. They seem to hint that one day they will suddenly "go out" to shine no more as we know them now. "The stars shall withdraw their shining" and "fall from heaven."

There will be no clocks nor calendars in heaven. It will not matter about the time—it is a forever meeting there.

For the preaching of Holiness some are substituting the theme of Holy Living. Holiness is the state or condition of heart without which it isn't worth while to expatiate upon Holy Living.

The word "holy" comes from the same root as "whole," and since the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier it would seem that a good definition of holiness is "A Spirit-wrought whole-heartedness toward God."

W. V. GEORGE.

FROM AN OLD TEXAN.

I noticed in the Advocate of June 13 a short communication from an old subscriber who signed his name A. C. McMillin. I read it with great interest and pleasure. While reading it my mind was wafted back in a moment to my babe and childhood days. My grandfather George and father came to that county before I was born, just how long I do not pretend to say, and settled a place on a high hill some two miles north or northeast of Dresden, and in July, 1851, on that high and lonely hill, I was born. It was known for years afterwards as the old George place, and in the year 1854 father moved to Young County, Texas, near old Fort Belknap, on the then extreme frontier.

Of course, I do not remember any of the old settlers near Dresden, except the Hartseels. I remember being at their house often with my mother, and I have no doubt but I have been in the house of A. C. McMillin, and it is possible and probable, too, that father and grandfather helped to build the first frame church house in Navarro County, of which Bro. McM. was one of the Building Committee. My parents were both staunch Methodists, and were as near perfect as Christians get to be. Their house was the Methodist preachers' home. The preachers in those days were known as circuit riders—and will say, sometimes rough riders, and fearless riders, for they never fainted by the way.

They traveled horseback, and sometimes muleback, with their saddlebags under their full of our hymn and tune books (and a better song book is not in use), Testaments and the Discipline, and they would leave one at every Methodist home they would chance to find. I can well remember the names of some of the old veterans who thus traveled and would make father's house a stopping place and home, and among them I will mention the names of Mordica Yell and Littlepage. I have a brother named after the Rev. Mordica Yell, and I expect the little fellow was baptized by this sainted preacher, and I am sure he was presiding elder on the Springfield District while we lived in the Corsicana charge, near old Dresden.

As I stated above, my parents moved to Young County, Texas, in 1854. While living there I grew to be 10 or 12 years old, and during the time we became acquainted with and deeply attached to a young lady who lived near us and often came to our house, and sometimes remaining for several days as a companion for mother and us children during father's absence; and I became very much attached to her—so much so that I thought there was nobody like Miss Mollie Vannah, for that was her name; and, if I mistake not, her father was a local preacher of the M. E. Church, South. She afterwards was married to Fred Cox, who was then a young preacher. I would like so much to meet Sister Cox and talk of old times. Many changes and scenes of life have come and gone since our young days.

I am satisfied she will remember Bro. Tackett (a local preacher) and his boys, and I expect can remember better than I can of the fight Bro. Tackett and his boys had with the Indians, and one of the boys (Jim, I think) received an arrow shot, the spike entering the seam over one of his eyes, and, as well

as I can remember, the spike could never be removed.

I will also mention the names of the Butoffs, Archey Medlin and the Sullivans.

I am a son of Purley J. George. My mother, before her marriage, was a Williams and a sister to Zack Williams, who also lived on the frontier.

The reading of Bro. McMillin's letter in the Advocate induced me to write this communication. It was so much like reading a letter from some of my old-time acquaintances I could not keep from answering. God bless the Advocate. It is a source of pleasure to me. Hope to hear from some more of our old frontier friends through its columns.

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Eskota, Texas.

NATH STILL "PEGGING AWAY."

It has been quite awhile since we penned you anything, but all that while we have been pegging away.

We have held our "children's day" and missionary mass meetings. These seemed to be somewhat of a success. Our folks did better than they have been doing, but not as good as we are going to be doing before we quit doing. Our wagon shall not be hitched to a stingy star. But shall haul well at home and a big load afar. Our aim is that every member of us and our friends shall have a chance to give with an intelligent liberality. By the help of God and hard work, if the West Texas Conference does not pay out everything in full, and pray down everything in full, it shall not be the fault of Ozona and Sonora Circuit and her preacher. And, brethren, praise the Lord! I am happy! I have never seen the son of stinginess nor any set of 'em I would apologize for taking up a collection for my Lord; and I ain't apologizing for being a preacher and asking folks to be religious either.

It is the best thing I ever struck. Folks are joining the Church, and we are spreading out down this way. I sure believe in expansion that takes in the Esquimaux wrapped in his many hides to the Equatorial negro wrapped only in his hide. The Church is left but one choice: "Go for the devil, or go to the devil." That is the way history, the greatest commentator, interprets the Scriptures.

The smoke-house of Texas is full of the fresh meat of prosperity. You had better salt it down with liberality; if you don't, your children will get a heritage of fat worms and a feast for buzzards. The appeal of foreign missions touches our religion at its highest point. No local, racial or patriotic pole will fetch that persimmon, nothing but fidelity to the high Christ moves us there. China, the Rip Van Winkle of the Orient, has awakened to her crisis, and now awaits the coming of world Christ. Church folks, shall we send him. Cuba is still open; but hear me, ye members of the Southern Methodist Church, those gates will not stand open always, for a reckless liberality that recognizes the opportunity of our time!

I have been hoping the Secretary, or some of the boys, would write up our District Conference which met some weeks ago at Sherwood. That little town took us in and treated us "Mucho Bueno" and fussed because there were no more to take in. It was one of the best District Conferences I ever attended. I never saw a sleepy eye nor heard anything but a dog snore during the whole session.

Bro. Lee would start things on time and keep them going at an interesting pace. It was spiritual! It was inspiring!

Bro. Scott, our only member who attended the New Orleans Conference, brought us back lots of it. The district was well represented—laymen and lay women, too—though all came by horse-hoof, and some over a hundred miles.

You Beeville boys and the rest had better look out. Bro. Lee has got us hustling, and we aim to meet you at the top notch down at old San Antonio this fall. We did not have but one connectional man on hand and his books never did come. He took orders though from the brethren and the girls.

We meet next year in Sonora, and aim to have a high old time.

Bro. Leaton came home with us and stayed a few weeks. We enjoyed his visit very much. In the parsonage, in the homes of the people and in the pulpit—everywhere—he was a blessing to us.

Any time any of our superannuated preachers can come our way, come on, stay long as you want to, and do as you please.

Off this week with Miss Sarah and the baby to help one of the neighbor boys in a meeting. Most Methodist preachers, like most horses, work better in pairs. Then back home for a general round-up of everything on the range and off to conference with a crowd, camping along the way.

NATH THOMPSON.

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The San Augusti Conference was held at 10 o'clock on the 26 to 29.

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**DISTRICT CONFERENCES.**

**SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT.**

The San Augustine District Conference was held at Lufkin, Texas, June 26 to 30.

The conference was presided by a session of the San Augustine District Reading Circle, at which the course was reviewed in a helpful and interesting way, much appreciated by all present.

The conference was called to order at 1 o'clock p. m., June 26, by Rev. A. J. Weeks, our esteemed and efficient presiding elder, whose lovable and patient presidency gave complete satisfaction to all concerned. Every preacher in the district was present, and their reports rang like bugle notes. Fourteen out of the seventeen charges reported foreign and domestic mission assessments paid in full and all other assessments secured in cash and gilt-edged subscriptions. The other three, we feel assured, will come out in full, so we confidently believe every charge in the district will pay every cent of its assessments. Several good revivals were reported, and carefully planned campaigns are in process of development which we believe will result in great and gracious victories.

The spirit of brotherly love pervaded the conference from beginning to end, which reached a climax Sunday morning at the love-feast, preparing us for the truly great sermon by Bro. Weeks at 11 o'clock.

The conference was honored with the presence of Revs. J. T. Smith and V. A. Godbey, Conference Secretaries of Missions and Education respectively, whose presence and words of good cheer we note with appreciation. Also the ubiquitous and irrepresible "orphans' friend," Uncle Dick Thompson, whose "old sermon" from a "new text" brought forth the usual results. We also note the presence of Prof. Phillips, of A. C. I., who faithfully represented his school. The conference adopted resolutions respecting the future of our Orphanage at Waco, which we hope will bear fruit. We are proud of our Orphanage, and by the grace of God we propose to maintain it while there is a needy and deserving orphan child on this side of heaven; but we believe the adoption of these resolutions by the Board of Managers of this home, or something similar, is of vital importance, and hope they will meet with the attention they should.

Committee on Books and Periodicals reported Texas Christian Advocate in great favor. J. B. TURRENTINE.

**GATESVILLE DISTRICT.**

The Gatesville District Conference met in its twenty-eighth session at Lampasas June 27, with Rev. J. G. Putman, our much-beloved, in the chair. James M. Robertson, of Meridian, was elected Secretary.

Every pastor in the district was present, while the attendance of local preachers and delegates was larger than usual.

The conference transacted its business in part through committees, but every department of the Church was carefully and thoroughly looked after and inquired into, and the reports from all the charges were most gratifying and highly encouraging, and disclosed that Gatesville District has not only one of the best and most efficient presiding elders in our connection, but that it is manned by a noble and self-sacrificing band of faithful pastors. Every interest of the Church is advancing, and great revivals are being prayed for and expected in every charge.

The Spirit of God rested upon us in great power, from the opening to the closing, and every one present felt that it was indeed good to be there. Our presiding elder is a man that lives very close to God, and his pastors do likewise. It was a feast of good things.

The city of Lampasas covered herself with glory and deep gratitude by entertaining us handsomely, while our faithful pastor at that place, Rev. J. H. Braswell, did not spare time or labor in doing those things so essential necessary to make us all feel at home.

Lampasas is a good town, and does a very extensive business. It suffered greatly by the boom which struck many men and places in Texas a few years ago, but is now getting entirely over that unfortunate state of affairs for any individual or place, and has a good substantial growth. The water at that place is simply marvelous for its healthfulness and great abundance, and but few places offer greater advantages for a great health resort, as well as good business point, while the natural surroundings and scenery are simply grand to look upon.

One applicant was licensed to preach, one received from the Methodist Episcopal Church, three recommended to the Annual Conference for deacon's orders, and three recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Only one local preacher failed to

have his license renewed. Our district has a noble band of faithful local preachers, who are doing much to advance the interests of the Church, and who are great powers in the hands of their pastors. As a rule they are in great favor, and are entirely acceptable to the people, so that they can be used by the pastor. God bless all these faithful local preachers, who have done so much for Methodism in the years gone by.

Our only visitors were Bro. Frank Reedy, representing our Publishing House and the Texas Christian Advocate, and Rev. E. P. Williams, representing Polytechnic College. These brethren greatly aided us in making our session a success, and their presence was duly appreciated, and right well did they do their part in filling their several missions.

Gatesville was selected as the place to hold our next session.

It is not improper to say that no presiding elder was ever in greater favor or loved more by his brethren than our most beloved Bro. Putman. He is modest, unassuming, yet firm and decisive in all things. His preachers and people all love him most wonderfully. He was offered a free ticket to California and return, but felt that he ought to spend the time on his district aiding his preachers in their revival meetings. At the close of the session, and when the benediction was about to be pronounced, Bro. Morris arose, made a few touching remarks and suggested that every one present give Bro. Putman their hand in token of their love, and that they would pray for him in his difficult work, as well as to give each other their hand for a similar reason, this scribble could but think of saying, "Behold how they love him," to witness the scene before him.

The preaching was all good and of a high order. We had a strong talk from "our missionary," Bro. U. H. Nixon, who leaves us soon for Mexico, and at its close a collection amounting to \$160 was raised to aid him in paying rents and to buy medicines for his field. Dr. Nixon takes with him to his new field of labor not only this slight token of appreciation in a substantial way but the prayers and sympathies of Gatesville District, and we dare say that when we meet again our collections will be duplicated or perhaps doubled.

Delegates to the Annual Conference: REV. JOHN WESLEY SHOOK, of Pearl. C. M. STRIBLING, of Picoake. J. W. OWEN, of Turnersville. JAMES M. ROBERTSON, of Meridian.

Alternates: H. F. Lewis, of Lampasas. Rev. A. C. Smith, of China Springs. JAMES M. ROBERTSON.

**WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.**

The District Conference of the Weatherford District convened in its thirty-second session, in the Methodist Church at Springtown, June 29, 1901.

Rev. Jno. R. Morris, our presiding elder, was on hand, and fifteen out of the eighteen pastors. The attendance of the local preachers was not good, but there were quite a good many of the laymen on hand.

Careful inquiry was made into all the departments of Church work and hopeful progress was noted on all sides. Nearly all the brethren have taken their collections, and considerable money is already in hand. The prospects are that all our collections will be paid.

Several revivals have already been held on the district, and more than three hundred conversions are reported.

The following brethren were granted license to preach: James B. Turner, John M. Neal, Charles P. Martin and Henry B. Ellis.

G. W. Lewis, M. L. Story and Frank M. Neal were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. The delegates to the Annual Conference are:

W. K. NEAL. REV. J. T. LONGINO. B. W. AKARD. DR. J. L. WILLIAMSON. Poolville was selected as the next place of meeting.

Prof. D. S. Switzer, President of Weatherford College, was present and gave fine reports of the college and its work. One afternoon was given to the ladies of the Home Mission Society. Mrs. J. B. Price, our District Secretary, and Mrs. C. C. Armstrong, were present, and several other lady delegates. They had an interesting program, and the reports from the societies showed them all to be in good condition.

We were not favored with the presence of any of the visiting brethren. The spiritual fervor of the conference through the entire session was joyous. We could not remain over Sunday but have heard that Sunday was a high day in Springtown, and that there were several conversions at the night service.

J. H. STEWART, Sec.

**GREENVILLE DISTRICT.**

The Greenville District Conference convened in its tenth session at Fairlie, Texas, June 29, Rev. O. S. Thomas, P. E., in the chair. The roll call indicated the presence of all the pastors in the district, fifteen local preachers and thirty-two delegates.

The work was all done by the conference as a committee of the whole the conference using only those committees required by the Discipline.

The reports of the preachers indicated advancement along all lines. The spiritual state of the Church is good, some good revivals have been held, and signal notes of victory are on every hand.

Celeste is building a \$1000 church. Greenville Mission has built and furnished a new parsonage, and Commerce Mission has bought a parsonage and all the charges report improvement of church and parsonage property. Finances on the district are well advanced. Salaries nearly half paid, and several charges have in hand their assessments ordered by the conference.

The conference was a spiritual feast from the first to the last. Many said it was the best District Conference they ever attended. Much is due to the persistent efforts of our new presiding elder, who tried to secure the attendance of every delegate and local preacher. The preaching was of a high order, and was done by "Uncle Dick" Thompson, J. M. Binkley, Dr. Rankin, P. L. Smith, J. A. Thomas, J. J. Clark, J. W. Hill, J. C. Weaver and W. H. Stephenson.

The missionary interests were looked after. Two hundred and twenty were paid and subscribed for Cuba, and it was decided to raise \$600 additional to support a missionary in Cuba, in addition to paying all assessments in full. The conference made arrangements to preach the gospel in every nook and corner in Hunt County.

The licenses of all the local preachers were renewed. Rex Wilkes and C. L. Stocks were granted licenses to preach. R. B. Moreland and G. C. French were recommended for admission, and Henry F. Stalcup for deacon's orders.

The delegates to the Annual Conference are:

REV. J. J. COPPEIDGE. S. L. GREEN. R. C. DIAL. J. A. HALL. Alternates: J. A. Thomas. W. E. Mangum. Caddo Mills is the place of holding the next conference.

Fairlie gave us royal entertainment. Bro. Agee, Dr. Wheeler and all the people there are splendid hosts.

Our district is located in the boundaries of Hunt County, some of the best territory in Texas. Our presiding elder is vigorous, consecrated and wise, the sixteen preachers love each other and are zealous in the work, our laymen are men of God, faithful and true, and this is to be the best year the district has ever known.

JNO. E. ROACH, Secretary.

**CALVERT DISTRICT.**

The Calvert District Conference met in Calvert June 29-31. The attendance is said to be the largest in the history of the district.

Every pastor in the district was present, and many charges had their full number of lay representatives.

Our presiding elder put a little more of business method into the conference than is ordinarily done. Instead of the preacher reporting all sides of his work at once and having all the committees in conference asking questions already answered, our presiding elder had the pastors to report first on the spiritual state of the Church. The preachers had but one committee to deal with and the committee but one subject to bear.

Afterward the subjects of missions and Sunday-schools and education were considered, and the preachers reported on them respectively.

The district is in a good condition spiritually. Several charges have already had good revivals, and all the others are planning to do so.

The finance of the Church is well up, and every preacher expects to report everything paid in full again at the Annual Conference.

Walter Geigel and John F. Garret were granted licenses to preach.

There was a good attendance of local preachers, who entered heartily into the work of the conference. While their presence was expected, their service was efficient and was appreciated by the other members of the conference.

Several of the local preachers were absent, sent no report, made no request, and their licenses were not renewed.

Delegates to Annual Conference: S. W. DEAN. J. S. WATSON. J. E. CRAWFORD. J. H. COOK. Alternates: C. G. Bratton. J. F. Brady.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, of the Austin District, preached us a big sermon on missions.

During the year one of our beloved brethren has fallen on sleep—Jesse A. Melver. A fitting memoir was adopted.

Conference is to meet next year at Rosabud. J. W. BERGIN, Secretary.

**LLANO DISTRICT.**

The nineteenth session of the Llano District Conference, which has just passed, was a success. It has been pronounced by all a profitable occasion.

The opening sermon was preached by J. B. Davis, of Boerne Circuit.

The first day was devoted to our Epworth League work. Almost the entire program was conducted by the Leaguers. The young men and ladies showed by their papers and addresses that some good work was being done. We would not know how to get along without the talent of our young people.

The reports of the pastors show that some good work has been accomplished during the year. Several have joined the Church. Some improvements on our churches and parsonages have been made.

Two young men were licensed to preach, and one recommended to the Annual Conference for admission. One candidate was recommended for re-admission.

Suitable resolutions were adopted concerning the going out of our worthy "beloved."

Llano gave the conference such a hearty welcome we hated to leave, but went hoping to return again some day.

Kerrville was elected as the place to hold the next session.

E. T. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

(Published by order of Llano District Conference.)

To the Llano District Conference:

Dear Brethren—We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report.

We find that one-half the charges use the disciplinary plan and one-half do not. We would earnestly recommend those charges not using it to adopt it, our duty being to keep our rules and not amend them, it being a long-considered fact that better results have been attained by following the disciplinary plan than from any other plans which have been suggested or adopted.

We furthermore find that there has been 47 per cent of the salaries and 42 per cent of the collections provided for. This means that less than half of these funds have been provided for, when two-thirds of the year has expired, and there ought to have been paid in two-thirds of the salaries and all of the collections. By way of emphasizing the recommendation above, we would observe that the records and reports of this conference bear out the statement that the disciplinary financial methods are more fruitful of good results than any other expedient which has come under our notice. We believe a better organization of the Boards of Stewards, to the end that there may be some systematic way of attending to their duties, and a greater diligence on the part of the pastors, would overcome the unsatisfactory conditions exhibited by these reports. The Boards of Stewards, at once after election, should meet and organize by electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and then have regular times for holding their meetings, not fewer than monthly, at which times all matters pertaining to their collections could be discussed, and plans for preventing arrears could be perfected. The pastors should make great effort to get their conference collections early in the year. And the more difficulties that are met in thus providing the collections, the more diligent and determined should be the pastor, and this diligence and determination should not abate till the task is finished.

Your committee believe that the pastors and Boards of Stewards might do good work in an educational way by impressing upon our membership that the amounts paid upon these assessments are not donations or gratuities, but debts and solemn obligations which they owe, as much so as any other debt which they contract. It is all wrong to allow these matters to be considered in the way of gifts or donations. The pastor perhaps gives more effort and greater labor in proportion to the compensation he receives than any other professional man, and these assessments are for the purposes of defraying the running expenses of the Church and its institutions, and are a necessary to its maintenance as it is for taxes to be paid for the support of the State and county governments, or for the ordinary

running expenses of any private enterprise to be paid. Let our people get these things on their consciences, and let the watchword be, "Assessments must be paid in full."

We find, furthermore, that three of our charges carry insurance on church property and nine do not. We believe there is rather too much neglect in insurance in Church matters. The best business men and concerns of the country deem it necessary to their protection and the successful management of their business to carry insurance. The business of the Church is of that importance that it should be conducted according to the very best and most approved business methods, and we recommend that insurance should be taken out on all church buildings and parsonages.

WILBURN DAYMAN,  
For the Committee.

**ALEXANDER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**

No notice of the commencement of this very excellent school has appeared in the Advocate, I hope yet it will be done.

The year just closed was the best, all things considered, under the present administration. There were four graduates, namely: Miss Grace Bolton and Miss Grace Bee Plenton, Jacksonville; Miss Gertrude Lake, Lindale; Miss Leta Lawrence, Brady Creek. The exercises were good, and it was gratifying to see in attendance a larger number of people, both at home from a distance, than heretofore. I feel sure that the work being done by these faithful teachers and servants of the Church is being better understood and more highly appreciated.

Dr. Seth Ward preached the commencement sermon. This writer did not hear it, but he heard of it, the praise of which has not yet died away. When the Doctor comes again to Jacksonville, he will receive a hearty welcome.

CHAS. F. SMITH,  
Jacksonville, Texas.

**ACTIVE BRAINS.**

Must Have Good Food or Nervous Prostration Surely Follows.

It is a lamentable fact that American brain workers do not, as a rule, know how to feed themselves to rebuild the daily loss occasioned by active mental effort. This fact coupled with the disastrous effects of the alkalis held contained in tobacco, coffee and whiskey makes a sure pathway towards nervous prostration.

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Secular News Items.

The military force in Cuba will not be reduced.

Gen. Gomez, the Cuban patriot, has arrived in New York.

Civil government was organized in the Philippines, July 4.

Cleveland street car employes will receive an advance of wages.

Germany and other seafaring nations advocate an "open door" in China.

Andrew Carnegie will give \$750,000 for the erection of a library at Detroit, Mich.

The transport Armenian, with 320 fugitive prisoners, has arrived at Hamilton, Bermuda.

More than \$18,000,000 has been expended for the relief of the famine sufferers in India.

The Controller of the Currency authorized the Farmers' National Bank of Somerset, Ky., to begin business.

The French press is greatly elated over the complete success of the torpedoes Zebe in the recent maneuvers at Algeria harbor.

The statement of the Government's receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year just ended shows a surplus of about \$75,000,000.

Gen. Staffer has been placed upon the retired list, his command of the Department of California being transferred to Maj. Gen. Young.

On June 29 the public debt was \$988,922,979, a decrease of \$1,234,137 since 1898, the interest charge was \$29,792,879, a decrease of \$119,275,326 since 1898.

Antonio Delino, first Secretary of the Argentine Legation in Washington, says there is absolutely no sign of an insurrection, or revolt in Argentina.

Gov. John Fisher, a member of the Ways and Means committee, says the Cuban tariff issue is a broad question and will have to be handled carefully.

During 1900 there was a marked increase in the direct trade of the Philippine Islands with the United States, and of course with it that of Spain has fallen off.

Chicago negroes have formed the Black Cross Federation to cure the itching habit by the presentation of the itch-burns rather than the removal of the cause.

The Committee of Fifteen, which has been investigating gambling in New York city, will now give attention to the moral purification of the tenement houses.

The Canadian Ministers, who are in London, will sail for home about the 1st of August. They hope for the early establishment of an imperial court of appeal.

From April 16 to May 31 there were forty-four wrecks on the great lakes, and forty-three lives were lost. Thousands of hogs and carcasses accumulated over \$1,000,000.

The Pope issued a letter to the cardinals and generals of the religious orders and institutions, condemning the French exceptional legislation against the congregations.

It is said that it will take China forty-three years to pay the total of her indemnities recently assessed by international action. The sum is the vast amount of \$427,000,000.

Emigration from Germany by way of Russia during the six months which ended June 30 reached 65,712, as compared with 55,821 during the corresponding period of last year.

King Edward's coronation will eclipse in magnificence that of any previous coronation. Official preparations for the coronation procession are actually being made. It will take place next June.

The loss of life by the flood on the Elk River and the Rivers, West Virginia, is now placed at 100, and the property destroyed at \$5,000,000. Another severe storm has passed over the same district.

The Pacific Packing and Navigation Company offers to the Salmon Canneries Consolidation, a go. The new company will be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. Capitalization \$75,000,000.

The Seventh national bank of New York City was closed last week by order of the controller of the currency. The cause is said to be a debt of \$1,000,000 due the bank and secured by doubtful collateral.

The Metropolitan Museum of Arts, New York, is making the residuary legate of the late Jacob S. Rogers, whose will has been filed for probate at Paterson, N. J. It probably will receive between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000.

Mr. Alfred Austin, England's poet laureate, is 66. He was born in 1835, and it will soon be fifty years since, as a youth of 19 he wrote and published his first book, "Randolph: A tale of Polish Grief." For three years he regularly attended the assizes at

York, where he wore his barrister's wig, but never practiced, and he had the exciting experience, thirty years ago, of representing a daily paper in Paris during the siege.

Under a new plan adopted by Secretary Long entrance examinations for the Naval Academy will be held by local Federal Civil Service Commissioners for the accommodation of applicants living at a distance.

Sophia Adelaide Kent, who almost to her last breath held to the story that she was the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort, expired in the German Hospital, New York, of the heat and of insufficient nourishment.

The Brotherhood of Tailors, representing the coat tailors of New York and contiguous towns, threaten to organize a general strike for the abolition of contractors or middlemen, or for higher wages. The strike will involve 15,000 men and women.

The official reports show that during the past year there has been an increase both in the number and tonnage of vessels built in the United States, being exceeded by only two years in its history—1854 and 1855. There were 1172 vessels built.

Genonimo, the apache chief, who once led the late Gen. H. W. Lawton a 2,000 mile chase before he was captured, passed through Kansas City on his way from Fort Sill, I. T., to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Six other Indians were with him.

According to the Volcano, a weekly newspaper of Honolulu, President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford University, has suggested a novel plan for solving the political difficulties of the islands. He favors the annexation of Hawaii to California as a Congressional district.

The State of South Carolina has begun proceedings before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to test the question whether the State can be legally required to take out special tax stamps as wholesale and retail liquor dealers under the South Carolina dispensary law.

The Electoral Commission at Havana appointed by the Cuban Constitutional Convention to frame laws for the conduct of Cuban elections has made its report. It provides for universal suffrage and the use of the Australian ballot. The scheme now goes to the convention for indorsement.

Following the over-crowded condition of the naval prisons at Boston and Mary Island, orders have been given for the conversion of the collier "Southern" at Norfolk into a prison ship. The increase of prisoners is attributed to the growth of the service rather than to a special increase of lawlessness.

J. Pierpont Morgan will pay for the erection of three of the five buildings in the main section of the proposed Harvard Medical School in Brookline, in honor of his father, Junius Spencer Morgan, a native of Massachusetts, formerly a merchant of Boston, and at the time of his death a merchant of London. The buildings will cost \$1,000,000.

The Argentine Minister to Great Britain, Florencio Dominguez, is said to have received a telegram from Buenos Ayres dated July 6, asserting that there has been a complete cessation of the disturbances growing out of the protests against the bill—which the Argentine Government has announced its intention to withdraw—for the unification of the Argentine debt.

American occupation has deprived the Roman Catholic Church in Cuba of an annual revenue of \$200,000 from the Spanish treasury. As a consequence, Bishop Sharretel, of Havana, is in such desperate straits for money that he is offering church real estate at a discount of sixty-five cents on the dollar, but is not finding many purchasers. Cuban Catholics do not take readily to the self-support of their churches.

A recent decision by the Supreme Court of North Dakota declares unconstitutional the legislative act adding what was known as the unorganized territory to certain counties. The counties affected by the act were those of Stark, Billings and Mercer, and the decision has raised a condition of legal chaos therein, which can only be removed by further legislation, and for which a special session may be called.

The Pope entertained eight guests at lunch in the Vatican Thursday in honor of his physicians, Drs. Lapponi and Mazzoni. Although the Pontiff has occupied the chair of St. Peter for twenty-three years he had never before entertained any one at his table. In accordance with Vatican etiquette the Pope's guests sat at a table in the center of the diningroom, the Pope sitting alone at a table in an alcove window.

One of the best movements in the line of educational reform in China which have been submitted to the Viceroy Li Hung Chang was that of eighty former students of the university, who invited Mr. Allerbyce, for-

merly a professor in Han-Lin University, to start a school of English classes. This school has just been established, with two assistant Chinese instructors.

The National Salt Company, having a capital stock of \$7,000,000 common and \$5,000,000 preferred shares, is to be combined immediately with other companies, in order to control the salt supply of the whole world. This is to be an "international trust," the only institution of its kind. The Canadian Salt Company and the Salt Union of England will be important members of the trust.

The prosperity of the United States may be measurably comprehended by sizing up some of these figures: Our domestic exports amount to \$1,500,000,000, the cash balance in the United States Treasury is over \$175,000,000, and there is a stock of gold in the Treasury vaults of nearly \$500,000,000. Evidently our Government is not on the verge of bankruptcy. This is the showing for a year.

The body of Adelbert Hay, accompanied by his father, John Hay, Secretary of State, and an escort of Yale students, arrived at Cleveland Wednesday. The funeral was held at Lakeview Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Hiram Hayden officiated. The pallbearers were Robert R. Hitt, son of Congressman Hitt of Illinois; Payne Whitney and Robert Garrison, of New York; Julian S. Mason, of Chicago, and James T. Wadsworth, son of Congressman Wadsworth, of Genesee, N. Y., the deceased fellow-classmates.

A mob of anti-clericals surrounded a church in Valencia, Spain, June 28, while jubilee services were proceeding, smashed the windows and blocked the doors to prevent the departure of the procession. Many women fainted and a great uproar ensued. The police finally enabled the procession to start.

The mob then proceeded to the archbishop's residence and to the Carmelite convent and broke the windows of those buildings. At Gijon, Spain, June 28, a placard was posted in several of the churches announcing that all the churches of the diocese will be burned. The churches of the villages of Noreña and San Juan have already been destroyed by incendiaries.

Mayor Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, delivered an address on a recent Sunday afternoon at the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, the occasion being a reception to the new pastor, Rev. Chas. A. Eaton. Said the Mayor: "The ministers of the Church are engaged in a warfare against crime, in the overthrow of immorality, and in the dissemination of righteousness. So am I, in my way, and as far as I am able, I am trying, and will continue to try to obtain a universal possession of rights. Justice, the sister of righteousness, is the platform on which I stand, and I welcome the new pastor of this Church to the ranks of those who will work for a betterment in local conditions."

A serious encounter between the employes of the Southern Railway shops in Columbia, S. C., occurred June 23. Just before daylight that morning about one hundred men with faces blackened or wearing black masks, attacked the north fence of the yards, which comprise twenty acres, quickly made a break and marched in. A spokesman said they had come to release men being held against their will. Twice the guard ordered a halt, and when the leaders were within thirty yards he fired both barrels of a shotgun at the mob. The strikers made a fierce attack upon the policemen, and after having wounded several, were suppressed by the police.

Recently the new revenue laws went into effect, and the American people were relieved of a burden of taxation amounting to \$45,000,000 per annum, and the Government was deprived of that amount of income. Included among the articles on which the tax has been repealed outright are bank checks, bills of lading for export, bond or obligation by guarantee company, certificates of damage, certificates of deposit, charter party, chewing gum, commercial brokers, sight drafts, ex-

press receipts, life insurance policies, leases, manifests for custom-house entry, mortgages or conveyances in trust, orders for payment of money on sight or demand, perfumery and cosmetics, power of attorney, promissory notes, proprietary medicines, protests, telegraph messages, telephone messages, United States money orders, and warehouse receipts.

The proclamation of President McKinley opening to settlement the lands ceded by the Indians in Oklahoma was made last Sunday. The proclamation covers the cession made by the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians in accordance with the act of March 2, 1895, and those made by the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache tribes in pursuance of the act of June 6, 1900. The proclamation provides for the opening of the lands in those reservations which are not reserved at 9 o'clock a. m., on Aug. 6 next, the lands to be opened to settlement under the homestead and townsite laws of the United States. Beginning on the 10th instant and ending on the 26th those who wish to make entry of land under the homestead law shall be registered. The registration will take place at the land offices at El Reno and Lawton. The registration at each office will be for both land districts.

If you want a spring house on your gallery read advertisement on eighth page.

Thunder in the pulpit does not light on the world.—Ram's Horn.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy WEA WINKLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty five cents a bottle.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

GREENWOOD. H. B. Johnson, July 1: We are in a meeting at Rush Creek, assisted by F. M. Sherwood, of the Gainesville Mission. He is doing some fine preaching. Have just had a few services, and had one profession and the Church revived such as I have never seen at this place. We are expecting great things of the Lord.

KEMP. D. F. Fuller: Had a good meeting at Kemp. A number professed religion; eight added to the Church. As many as elsewhere. Bro. Forester assisted in preaching, and a noble assistant he is. Bro. Flint conducted the singing. The people gave their brethren \$6 for their services. Have put in new and beautiful lamps in the church at Kemp. Also put a beautiful carpet on pulpit and altar floor of same house.

RAILEY. W. J. Hindsforth, July 9: We are just starting in a revival at this place. Congregations large. Interest good. Rev. Nick McLaughlin, of the Northwest Texas Conference, who came to see his relatives and many friends, is doing able and efficient preaching for us. Rev. L. A. Burk is to be with us also. We are hoping and praying for a gracious revival. Some of the business men seem to be very much interested. These are good signs.

COCHRAN AND CARUTH. C. H. Govette, July 8: Our meeting at Caruth Church closed a most successful week. Fifty-one persons have made a profession of Christianity and twenty-five have united with our Church, and others go to Churches in other parts. There were two professions at the prayer-meeting last Wednesday night and one at last night's service with two conversions. Thanks to Uncle Buck Hughes for two sermons and Bro. L. S. Barton for seven. Our meeting at Cochran's Chapel will be started Wednesday night, July 17, D. V.

COMMERCE. Jno. E. Roush, July 1: We have had a great revival at Commerce. Church greatly blessed and sixty-five persons happily converted. I have received eighty-two members since conference. Finances well advanced. Parsonage as neat as a pin. One preacher's wife said it is the best furnished parsonage she ever saw. Rev. R. H. Fields did most of the preaching during the meeting. He is the best help I have ever had. Bros. Smith and Clifton rendered faithful service. O. S. Thomas, P. E. C. F. Fladger, P. E. on Sunday Springs circuit. C. R. Gray and R. B. Moreland also did good work and preaching at intervals during the meeting. The meeting continued four weeks, overcoming all opposition, and greatly blessing the entire town.

GREENVILLE-KAVANAUGH. J. J. Clark, July 5: Last Wednesday night we closed a most successful series of meetings on East Park Street. The meeting was conducted under a tent and for the purpose of reaching three communities some distance from Kavanaugh Church, and preparing them for our meeting under a tent to be located closer to the church and to begin next Sunday week (July 12). The meeting lasted ten days. We had forty conversions and twenty accessions to Kavanaugh Methodist Church, with five or more additional who will likely join. The meeting reached far beyond our first expectations, both in conversions and effect upon the Church. We are praying for and expect a large in-gathering from our next meeting. Kavanaugh has been having conversions in our Sunday night services. No Church was ever blessed with more faithful men than W. T. Graham, R. C. Hall, Ira O. Wynn, G. S. Perkins and many others like them who have a lack of space forbids to mention, and faithful and consecrated women not a few. I was assisted during this meeting in the pulpit by J. W. White and my local preachers, all doing effective service. We are especially indebted to Bro. L. A. Hanson, of Greenville Mission, for efficient service.

GOBER. R. L. Ely, July 2: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Hall June 22. Dr. Pierce was on time, and preached a great sermon to almost a full attendance of my Official Board. The stewards showed that they had not forgotten that their pastor needs encouragement temporarily. We had to preach in a little school-house here, and on Sunday it would scarcely hold the women and children, though I think the time is not far distant when we shall have a nice house in which to worship. We appointed a Building Committee, who will see to that in the near future. I brought Bro. Pierce to Gober on Sunday afternoon, and he preached the first sermon of my protracted meeting, which has just closed at this place. Bro. Zoro Firtle was with us most of the time, and his old friends here were very much moved by his old-time gospel sermons. Bro. Tom Lovell was with us a few days, and my people fill in love with the gospel as he preached it. We were delighted to have Bro. Boyd of Ector, with us Saturday night and Sunday. Sunday was a high day with our Church here. Bro. Boyd preached a great sermon, after which we took our collection ordered by the conference, which amounted to \$2. After this, Firtle baptized three infants, and we received four members into the Church. At night we had two conversions and three more joined. In all, six conversions, seven additions and the Church very much encouraged and built up. God help us to do our best.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

ALBANY. I. T. Eaton, July 8: Yesterday was a good day with us. Good audience in the morning, and Children's Day at night. It was a delightful service. The house was crowded and many were turned away for want of room. Old citizens say that it was the largest audience that had gathered at our church for many years. The children acquitted themselves in great style. Everybody was delighted, and gave them a good collection. Much honor is due Mrs. Laura Williams and Miss Lennie Jordan for the great pains they took in

training the children. We have repaired our church throughout. We now have one of the most tasteful auditoriums in West Texas. This is the work of our Home Mission Society, which is in splendid condition, having more than doubled its membership this year, and is doing excellent work. A larger per cent of the membership living in the town, attend prayer-meeting than of any Church I have served for a long while. By the assistance of His grace, Albany is coming to the front, in spite of grasshoppers, dry weather and other discouragements.

TROY. C. S. Cameron, July 8: I closed a very fine meeting last night at old Shiloh. I ran nine days, and closed out in a blaze of glory. The full results can not be told here, but there were counted in the altar forty bright conversions in about a week of the Church. Twenty-two have joined the M. E. Church, South, to date. This was one of the most sweeping victories for Christ and the Church I ever saw. Old fashioned conviction, men and women being for hours speechless. I did the preaching. J. F. Owen, from Marston, exhorter, was with me.

ROUND TIMBER CIRCUIT.

Minor Bounds, July 8: The Lord has blessed our work since taking charge of Round Timber Circuit. We have had some very peculiar circumstances to undergo, but by the grace of God, we have come out the better, and rejoice because the Lord is on our side. The 20th was a great day at Round Timber. Our excellent Sunday-school superintendent, Bro. Johnston, by the help of his small but good Sunday-school, rendered an excellent program. At the close of the service, I made a talk and took up a collection for the purpose of buying good books for our Sunday-school. We received \$20. Round Timber has a fine future for Methodism. With such members as Bro. and Sister Johnston to stand by a boy preacher, and give all the backing-up that Christians can give, we expect to gain a great victory for our Church at our meeting, which will commence Friday night after the fall term of school. We have Campbellism on our work in its strongest form. But thank God, they are becoming weak. If the Methodist Church will keep consecrated she will outstrip any denomination in this country. We are sending our claim and leaving the result with God.

CORVELL CITY.

F. M. Winburne, July 7: I'm in a fix. I "lost my grip" en route from our District Conference at Lampasas, Texas, where we had the largest attendance of preachers and laymen in many years. I. Putman was at his best in the chair and pulpit. The reports were hopeful. A number of the brethren preached their best. Bro. Braswell and his family and parishioners spread themselves to much our happy. My "my" the good living! I. Putman was in toto. Such a good home he gave me, so near by. I verily believe he's a coming man for "destrick" work, and here's my vote in favor. Our "loved" of course, a good one for four years. But alas! "his" vain at all things here below. I was so elated over the privilege of trying to preach the closing sermon to that immense crowd at our church. Kiker says he had a quiet lonely time at the other place. But after all these good things I "lost my grip," containing my Quarterly Conference journal and nearly all my shirts and duster and new gloves. Truly "pride goeth before a fall." "Meetings" nearly here. Records lost. Shirts gone. If you hear of it, send it quick.

ALEDO.

J. S. Hunkabee, July 8: Last Sunday was a great day for the Aledo charge. Four miles north of Aledo we have a small congregation, consisting of fifteen members. These, with the assistance of some noble-hearted men who do not belong to the Church, have built one of the neatest little churches I know of. It cost them \$200. Here, on Sunday morning, a vast crowd began to gather. They filled the house to overflowing. About one-third the congregation had to remain outside. At 11 o'clock Rev. Jno. R. Morris, our beloved, preached a very fine sermon to an intensely interested congregation, after which the church was dedicated in due and ancient form. Then we took the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to our joy and comfort of our souls. The congregation was dismissed to relieve the burden of a very heavy-laden table prepared for the occasion. My "how those folks do feed!" We could not eat more than half the regular 2 o'clock meal. The pleasure of listening to our able lecture from Bro. Morris on "Methodism and Missions," with special reference to the great Missionary Conference held in New Orleans. After sundry announcements, the congregation was dismissed and we went home, saying, "I can hear it." "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WILLIS. Fred I. Allen, July 8: We are blessed with dry, hot weather. Good time to hold protracted meetings and the preachers are abroad in the woods. Have made a protracted effort, but our Church is growing. Had three accessions yesterday by ritual. Without any rain scarcely some of our good farmers say they will make even enough to do them. Our collections are well up, considering the fact we made nothing much last year and prospects are not flattering for much this year.

WALLER.

F. E. Simpson, July 8: We closed a good meeting at Waller last night. Bro. Hooper, our presiding elder, did most of the preaching, and that means that it was well done. For nearly two weeks he preached and exhorted like an old-time Methodist preacher. Quite a number professed conversion, and joined our Church. The meeting was a great victory for the Church. Henceforth Methodism will be known and respected, and her influence will be felt in Waller. Our third Quarterly Conference was held on Thursday of the first week of the meeting. It was well attended by the officials, and was by far the best and most interesting Quarterly Conference that we have had these two and a half years that we have been in charge of this work.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

BANDERA.

M. K. Fred, July 8: We have passed the third Quarterly Conference for this year, which makes us feel like the year is almost at an end. We have had a pleasant time among this people, and feel like there has been some advancement made along various lines of Church work. We held a revival meeting at Medina in May, which was a great victory. There were quite a number of conversions and several accessions, and a great revival except over almost the entire membership. Bro. M. J. Allen helped us in this meeting. Bro. Allen is a great heart, therefore a great soul-winner. We also held a revival meeting at Bandera, in which Bro. Mills and Campbell helped us. In this meeting we had no conversions, but it did great good in the revival of the Church. All of our young people that were converted last year except one were ready for work. We have a splendid League at Bandera, with a first-class membership. It is always in harmony with the pastor. All of our forces are working well together, and we hope thereby to have a good report in the end.

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BE COURTEOUS.

Not long ago I attended church service in a city not far distant. I was a stranger to most of those present, but I shall not soon forget a young boy who sat near me. When the hymn was given out, he found it each time, and gracefully handed me his book. He was not tall enough to share it with me, so he gave it wholly for my use. As I took the book, I could but think here is a boy who is courteous; he has been well trained by a careful mother, who has taught him to be kind to strangers. His earnest face has often been in my thoughts since then, and my prayer is, "God bless him," and as he grows in years, may he not forget to remember others, and seek to make them happy.

When a young girl, I was standing one afternoon with a group of young friends at the forks of a road, when a stranger rode up, and being under-rid of which road to take, asked the way. One girl gave him a pert answer which would have misled him had he followed her direction. A quiet, plain-looking girl then stepped out from the group, and answered his question. With a smile he thanked her, and said: "You reflect credit upon your mother and on your home training," as he turned and rode away. This incident made a deep impression on my mind, and led me on to ask myself whether my conduct to others was such as to bring honor or dishonor upon my own dear mother; would people judge of my home training by my manners abroad?

Have you ever thought of this? If you are rude and boisterous on the streets, will it be said: "She has been brought up in a refined home; that boy has been gently trained." Sometimes young people do not follow their good teaching; they get into bad company, and say and do things they would be ashamed to let their parents know. Mother is not to blame for their rudeness; but some will misjudge her, and she will have to bear the blame of their ill behavior. Remember this, dear young friends, when tempted to be pert or rude.—M. C. DeBois.

A Question of Value.

The present excitement attending the exploitation of the oil areas in northern portions of this State has forced land values sky-high, and in the majority of instances, without reason. There is a serious menace to the agricultural progress of the affected sections in this condition. Land that is possible to the farmer becomes impossible when viewed in the light of "oil prospects," and there is a decided possibility of anti-prosperity, falling to realize at the expense, too, of serious having been forced to other markets for the needed homesteads. Already the rise in the rice sections has seriously hindered the rise in the rice sections and progress materially hindered. Oil is a big thing, and it is hoped there will be found sufficient to place the State of Texas upon a high pinnacle of prosperity, but agricultural interests are the more valuable to both individual and commonwealth, and they must not be militated against because all has been discovered. Other minerals will also come to light in proper time, and the combination, if not injured by ill-advised speculation, will redound to the profit of all concerned.—Literary Bureau Southern Pacific, H. & T. C. R. R.

REV. J. N. HADEN.

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MODERN METHODS OF DEALING WITH CONSUMPTION.

It is now definitely established that consumption is a curable disease. Like every other chronic malady, if it is permitted to possess itself of the system and complicate itself with other disorders, it is beyond remedy. But taken in time, and dealt with in its incipient stages, recovery is practically assured. When the character of the microbe became known, it only remained to subject it to the conditions most unfavorable to its existence. Oxygen destroys it. Its deadliest enemies are pure air and light. Half an hour of sunshine is sure to kill it. And the most efficient treatment is, therefore, that which gives freest play to these agencies.

Hence, hygienic and dietetic methods are of the highest importance. Whatever has been done through medication is of slight value in comparison. Therefore, the great results come when patients are merely subjected to a simple and rational regimen whose chief elements are pure air, sunlight, and abundant nutrition under conditions that allow these factors to exert their influence to the greatest possible extent. With the new methods it is no longer held necessary for the patient to seek a climate of the kind that has been supposed to possess some specific property against the disease. The benefits from mild climates are now seen to be due chiefly to the effects of the outdoor life that the climate encourages. But whatever the advantages of such a climate, they are liable to be offset by the depressing influences that follow separation from home and friends with consequent melancholy. The expense for the great majority of patients, also bars the way to the change. Therefore, the most desirable treatment on the whole is that which keeps the patients near home. This is the conclusion reached by the author of one of the most important works on pulmonary tuberculosis, Dr. S. A. Knopf, of New York, who expresses his thorough disbelief in the specific curative quality of any climate and therefore would place a sanatorium where it would do the greatest good to the greatest number of people. He holds that it is essential to the majority of tuberculosis patients to be treated and cured in the same, or nearly the same, climate where they will have to live and work after their restoration to health.—From "The Winning War Against Consumption" by Sylvester Baxter in the American Monthly Review of Reviews.

A Sustaining Diet.

These are the ever-varying days, when, as somebody has said, men die by the roadside as if the Day of the Lord had dawned. They are fraught with danger to people whose systems are really unbalanced, and this leads me to say, in the interest of the less robust of our readers, that the full effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla is such as to suggest the propriety of calling this medicine something besides a blood purifier and tonic, say, a sustaining diet. It makes it much easier to bear the heat, assures refreshing sleep, will without any doubt avert much sickness at this time of year.

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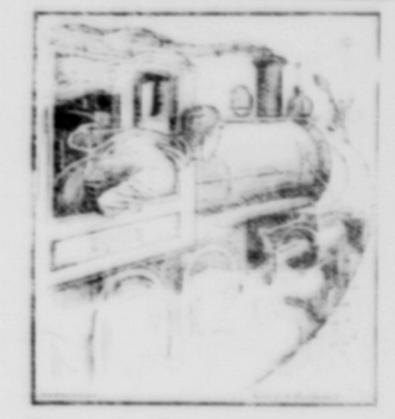
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Notice of Filing Final Account. In the State of Texas, County of Dallas. I, J. W. Haden, do hereby certify that the account of J. W. Haden, as executor of the estate of J. W. Haden, deceased, has been filed for the purpose of closing said estate. Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of July, 1901. J. W. HADEN, Executor.

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Do your words your actions prove?  
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Envy at deserved success,  
Breathing only smothered curses,  
While your words his actions bless?

Do you help the poor and needy—  
Help them in a quiet way?  
Help with funds, advice and prayers,  
And with Christ-like spirit pray?  
Do you know your own true nature,  
Doing aims before all men,  
While your pharisaic prayers,  
Lifeless fall to earth again?

Is some darkened life made brighter  
By your smiles and words of cheer?  
Are some burdens all the lighter,  
For assistance you give here?  
Do you spend your time in gloating  
At the weight of your own soul,  
And imposing it on others,  
Who, tho' burdened, silent go?

When before the bar of judgment  
You shall plead admittance sweet  
To that blessed life eternal,  
There to fall at Jesus' feet,  
Will you meet "Thou faithful servant"  
For answer will you bear  
But the wails of those poor, lost souls  
Whom you might, but helped not here?

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM, Houston, Texas.

### THE CARANKAWAYS' LAST RAID.

By Rev. Wm. A. Bowen

Someone has said that next to a general massacre, Indians can be killed off quicker by inducing them to use soap and water on themselves. But I believe that soap was never used effectually as a weapon upon them except once in the early days of Texas.

There had been uneasiness felt among the white settlers on Cedar Creek for nearly a week on account of the strange actions of the few friendly Indians near there. Several families of the old Carankaways had left the coast, where they had been reduced to a mere handful, and had pitched their wigwams near the large settlement of whites in that portion of Bastrop County. These white people had but recently come to Texas, mostly from the Carolinas. This was in the early forties, when so many sturdy, good families came into the Republic.

Indian raids were frequent, but mostly by tribes from the upper Brazos or Colorado Rivers, or from the far Rio Grande. But of late the friendly Indians had not brought in much game, and they had made aimless visits to the cabins of the whites, examining the corral where the live stock was kept, giving what some of the white people called "mighty lame excuses" when questioned as to their business.

There had been no overt act of hostility, nor even of unfriendliness, yet every family seemed to feel that undesirable sense of dread which comes to us through some other than our accredited five senses. There is a sixth sense in us, hidden from our consciousness when the five senses are touched, which warns us of danger, even in our sleep. At such times a warning comes to us and seems to quiver before the mind like heat-waves over a landscape shimmering in the summer's sun.

The Methodists, who were the first to preach Protestantism on Texas soil, had established congregations among the settlements as soon as they were made. On Cedar Creek and on Mahah adjacent, and as far over as the Colorado River, where settlements were thick, the circuit riders were regular in preaching. So it had been determined to hold a camp-meeting this year. There had recently come out from Illinois a man who was destined to be a power in the religious life of the Republic and the State—Rev. Josiah W. Whipple. He and other preachers from distant counties were to conduct the meeting, and campers were to come from settlements on both sides of the river and from Bastrop, twelve miles distant. An arbor had been built by setting up forked posts covering an area of about 100 feet square, on which straight poles were laid cross-wise, and on top of this green boughs and thick brush were thrown for a roof. Small posts ("stubs," they were called) were driven in the ground, and on these hewn slabs (punchcoons) were placed for seats. A rude but roomy and convenient pulpit was constructed to the east and boxes filled with sand were placed around the edges of the arbor in which fires were to be built to serve for lights—trenches of "fat" pine, brought from the pine hills beyond the river.

Thus all was ready for the camp-meeting, when the vague rumors of impending danger began to fill the air. After consultation and prayer, Bro. Whipple having hastened down in answer to summons, it was decided to go on with the meeting.

"If there is danger, the more reason we should be found trying to save sinners," said the redoubtable young soldier of the cross, "and if some of us are killed, better that we are at our

post of duty than running away from it. If there should be no danger, then God would hold us to account for cowardice."

Captain Sanders had come out two years before from North Carolina with his wife and three children—two girls and a boy, Elvira and May, aged respectively 15 and 13, and Dick, nearly 12. A few evenings before the meeting was to begin Dick was sent to a neighbor's on some errand, and when he reached there he reported having seen some Indians crawling away from a large corral, where were kept the horses of the campers, who had begun to arrive. Although usually without the fear so common to small boys, Dick was so frightened at what he saw that one of the men had to return home with him. No signs being found next day, some thought the boy's timidity imagined those Indians; but his mother knew his calmness and kept watch.

Captain Sanders had gone a few days before, with a party to follow and recapture some prisoners and property taken by a marauding band who raided the upper part of the county, killing the Coleman family and doing much mischief. It was the same Indians who murdered Captain Josiah Wilbarger's party and scalped him and left him for dead (but who lived many years afterwards). Captain Sanders was expected home that day, or the next at most. His house, one of the largest in that section, was headquarters for the preachers. The houses of the whites were made of hewn logs, fitted together at the ends by notches, and the doors and windows were closed by heavy hewn boards, made into thick shutters. These heavy doors were secured by great oaken bars on the inside, run through strong iron staples, and the windows by staples and heavy hooks at top and bottom.

Having a lot of "soap grease" on hand, with a pot full of strong lye that had just run through the old ash hopper from clean hickory and post-oak ashes, Mrs. Sanders prepared to make soap on the great fire-place in the middle-room the day before preaching was to begin. She said the old bacon and bear grease scraps would not keep. "And," she added, with a twinkle in her clear, blue eyes, "cleanliness is akin to Godliness," and we will need plenty of soap during the meeting."

Most of the men went off early in the afternoon to meet some parties who were coming from the river, and left Mrs. Sanders with her children alone. Towards sundown the three children went to the corral used as a cow-pen to milk, and found the cows bawling at the gap with their calves huddled up in a corner bleating at them and trembling, while the horses, in the next corral, were poking their ears straight out in front and listening and looking towards the west, occasionally giving expression to their anxiety in a loud snort.

"What do you reckon it is, Elvira?" asked May. "Wolves."

"No; because horses are not afraid of those sneaking coyotes. May, they say these mustangs can smell Indians a long ways, and are always afraid of them. What if they should raid on us before papa and the others re—"

"Hush, Elvira! Don't you know Captain Ross told us we must never talk that way out in the woods? You never know when some prying—what's that?" she abruptly broke off in a whisper, pointing her sister to a thick growth of Jamestown weeds and prickly ash a few yards off.

They had milked all but two or three cows by this time, and had concluded to let the other calves have what milk their mothers had. Elvira looked a moment in the direction indicated by May, and whispered:

"It's a man crawling this way. He doesn't seem to be trying to hide from us."

Just then the tall form of a well known old Carankaway rose from the bushes, and came towards the girls, holding his right hand out, indicating friendship and covering his mouth with his left to enjoin silence. Both girls suppressed the scream that arose to their lips, and the Indian quickly said:

"We hear, Horse heap 'traid had Indian. You be 'traid, too. Not had Indian from big hills. Close by Indian. Maybe so to-night steal heap horses and take pale-face girls to get big lot horses and cows. No hurt girls—keep to sell. Good-bye. No tell me say so."

(Concluded next week.)

I am only a little boy 8 years old. I have been to school four months. Can't read and write very good, but my mamma can, and she and my little brother keep a watch every week for your paper, and we clap our hands and feel glad because we enjoy hearing those lovely stories about the good boys, bad boys and girls. I never will forget the story of "Frank Fisher's Dive." I am going to try and be just like him. I think he was a very brave, manly boy to save that little fellow's life. That story has made John and me better boys. We are never going to tell our mamma a lie. I am a member of the Methodist Church. I hope the Advocate will always be a good paper, for after a while I can read it myself. Your little friend,

BOB WELBORNE RANKIN, Chickasha, I. T.

### THE FOURFOLD CHRIST.

There are four Christs known to men, but there is only one living Christ who has created Christianity, and who is the object of the faith of the Christian Church.

First, there is the man who was born at the beginning of this era in Palestine, and gathered a body of disciples, and produced a profound impression on the people, and was credited with various miracles, and left behind Him certain moving sayings, and was at last crucified.

"And on his grave, with shining eyes,  
The Syrian stars look down."

It is necessary that an intelligent person should have those facts in his mind, for without an actual basis of fact the life of Christ dissolves into a dream; but the knowledge of this Christ has no more spiritual effect upon the human race than a biography of Alexander or of Socrates. This is the historical Christ.

The second Christ has touched the imagination of the finest minds of the race, and has floated before them as a very lovely and attractive ideal. He looks down upon us from the Transfiguration of Raphael. He is the King Arthur of Tennyson's Idylls. He lives in the beautiful deeds and sacrifices of St. Francis. He has done more for the most insensible and unromantic of us than we are aware, but this Christ one knows only as he might admire a piece of art. This is the poetical Christ.

Another Christ came to fulfil the covenant of Grace, and rendered perfect obedience to the Eternal Law, and expiated the penalty of our sins, and rose again for our justification, and has entered into heaven to be the High Priest of God's house, and shall come again to judge the world. As time went on this Christ came to be little else than frame on which the embroidered garments of doctrine were laid, while beneath their voluminous folds the Nazarene Himself was hidden and forgotten. No one can love this lay figure any more than an abstraction of the study. This is the theological Christ.

There is still a fourth Christ, who lies in no grave, who needs no picture, who is secluded in no heaven; who revealed Himself to the disciples on the way to Emmaus; who was persecuted by Saul of Tarsus; who arose from His throne to receive the martyr Stephen; who calls upon men to leave all and to follow Him; who suffers with every Christian that sorrows, and toils in every Christian that serves, and rejoices with every Christian that gets unto himself the victory; who still welcomes Magdalene, and teaches Thomas, and guides Peter, and is betrayed by Judas; who still divides human opinion, is adored or misunderstood, is still called "Master" or sent unto the cross. This is the living Christ, present, effectual, eternal.—Ian MacLaren.

### "GO IT, TOM."

Tom belonged to a settlement school, and the school had furnished most, if not all, the real happiness he had ever known. Here the good in him was developed until somehow he began to forget the bad.

He was sturdy little athlete and won most of the races and other contests of strength. Through various winsome traits he had found his way to the heart of his teacher, and she was always interested in his success. One day arrangements had been made for a foot race. Several boys were to run, although everybody was sure that Tom would win.

The preliminaries were settled, the race started, and the boys were off over the course. Tom led clear and free for about half the distance; then, to the surprise of every one, Johnny began to gain upon him. Jim was just behind Johnny and running vigorously. Tom's feet seemed to grow heavy, and Johnny steadily decreased the distance between them, until finally he shot past Tom, and, with a sudden spurt, gained the goal fully five yards in advance. Jim was close behind, and he, too, sped over the line a little ahead of Tom, but enough to give him second place and to leave Tom out of the race.

"Why, Tom, what was the matter?" asked his teacher, as the defeated boy came toward her with tears streaming down his face.

"His only answer was a sob.  
"Tell me what happened, Tom."  
Tom dug his knuckles into his eyes to dry his tears and tried to tell his story.

"I started all right, you know—"  
"Yes, you led them all."  
"But when I got half-way there the boys began to call, 'Go it, Johnny, you're second.' 'Hustle, Jim, you're gaining.' 'Run, Johnny, run; you're most to him.' But nobody said, 'Go it, Tom,' and somehow it got into my legs and they wouldn't go; and Tom, dropping to the ground in a heap, cried at though his heart would break—  
—The American Boy.

# The Skin AN INDEX TO THE BLOOD

Millions of little glands or tubes connect the blood with the skin, and through these small drain pipes perspiration passes out, carrying with it the impurities that are thrown off by the blood. Should the pores of the skin be entirely closed for even a brief space of time, and the poisonous matter forced back into the circulation, instant death would result. In addition to the sweat glands, the skin is provided with certain others which pour out upon it an oily substance, keeping the skin pliable and soft and protecting it from heat and cold. The blood and skin are so closely related that whatever affects one seriously interferes with the functions of the other. Not only health, but life itself, depends upon perfect harmony between the blood and skin. When, therefore, the blood becomes poisoned from any cause, it quickly manifests itself upon the skin in the form of sores and ulcers, pimples and various eruptive diseases. By the character of the sore we are enabled to determine the nature of the poison or humor in the blood, as every disease originating in the blood has its own peculiar sore or pimple. The skin is not only affected by the poisons generated in the system, but poisons from without enter through the open glands or pores and quickly infect the blood. Mercury rubbed upon the skin will produce Rheumatism, and Poison Oak and Ivy and other wild plants gain easy access to the blood through the skin. As so-called skin diseases originate in the blood, the application of powders, soaps and washes can do no permanent good, but often do immense damage by closing up the outlet to these little tubes and interfering with the natural action of the skin. The treatment must begin with the blood, and the acid or other poisons antidoted or neutralized. S. S. S. does this and purifies the circulation, builds up the blood and flushes the little glands or pores with pure, new blood, and restores healthy action to the skin. The use of cosmetics never yet brought health and beauty to a rough, red, pimply skin or sallow complexion. What is needed is rich, pure blood, such as S. S. S. makes. It not only relieves you of all disfiguring blackheads, blotches and irritating, itching eruptions, but improves your general health. S. S. S. contains no mercury, potash, arsenic or other mineral, but is a purely vegetable remedy and the safest and best in all blood and skin troubles. Write our physicians for advice or information; they have made a study of blood and skin diseases, and you can have the best medical advice without cost. Book or Blood and Skin Diseases free.

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### THE OLDEST DOLL IN THE WORLD.

"She's so old!" Comfort said, a little crossly. "An' so 'lapidated all over!"

"Well, why not? She's been lap-ed so much," remarked her big brother. "I don't believe there ever was such an old doll as Diana-of-the-Phesians is," lamented the little mother-voice ruefully. She was holding the poor dolly up for the aunts to see, and the aunts both laughed. "An' I guess she's 'most a hundred years old!"

The doll I saw last summer was twenty-two hundred years old," her auntie quietly remarked.

"Twenty-two hundred years old!" Comfort's shrill astonished little-voice chimed in.

"Twenty-two centuries!" cried the big boy, in big-boy language. "I s'pose she 'l'onged to Mr. Me-thuse-lah's little girls, but I shouldn't s'pose you'd have seen her," murmured Comfort.

"Yes, as old as that—possibly a little older. She wasn't very handsome of course. You couldn't expect such an old, old dolly as that to be handsome. They told me—the people who take care of her—that she is the oldest doll in the world."

"Has she—is her little girl-mamma live to see her?" Comfort queried, in rather an awed tone. She always felt awed in front of very old people—and twenty-two hundred years old!

"No," auntie said, gravely. "Her little-girl-mamma died three centuries before Christ, Comfort. She was a little princess, and lived in Egypt. When she died they wrapped her little body in soft, strange wrappings that kept it all these twenty-two centuries just the same."

"Little girl-mummy," muttered the big boy to himself.

"Yes, a baby-mummy. And when they opened her tomb—people of this century—they found the old, old dolly held tight in the little princess's hand. She had held it there twenty-two hundred years!"

"O!" breathed Comfort, very softly. She reached out for Diana-of-the-Phesians, and clasped her in her arms. Her face was very tender and loving. Diana-of-the-Phesians seemed suddenly very young indeed, and very dear.

"The princess's dolly is made of wood—rudely cut out. It is little and homely, but the little princess loved it."

"O, yes, she loved it," Comfort whispered.

"It is in the British Museum now," the smooth auntie went on. "They keep it among the sacred relics; and there it lies under the glass, looking up at this queer, unfamiliar world of to-day. If it could feel how it would wonder where its little dark-faced mother was!"

"An' how lonesome it would feel," finished Comfort, softly. "Poor little dolly!"—Annie Hamilton Donnell, in "Primary Education."

### SELF-HELP AND GOD'S HELP.

Self-help and God's help are not always clearly demarked. A Christian young man says: "I have made my own way; answered my own prayers." Yes, that is good. John Wesley said when he prayed, he prayed as if everything depended upon God; but when he said "Amen,"

he went to work as if everything depended upon himself. The belt turns the wheel, but the belt is kept moving by the wheel. The particular point at which the influence of the one ends and the other begins, is not material. The vapor might say, "I rise by my own power." We know the sun has most to do with it. God has most to do with our getting along. Just at what point his power comes in and mine is silent, and mine becomes active and his inactive, it stands me not in wisdom to know. One insists that God cured him; another that the doctor cured him; and yet another that he cured himself. The truth lies somewhere among them all. The Bibles could not tell nor spin. Neither was such expected of them. Just one thing was expected of them, namely, that they grow. This fact delighted the Savior. The Bibles could have said: "Behold us fly, and listen to our songs!" We alone have produced this power. If nature can not boast that it alone has wrought itself out and woven its beauty, let man remember that without God he could neither be nor do. It is more than a case of the wheel and the belt.—Western Christian Advocate.

### NEW HUSBAND.

Quite an Improvement on the Old.

"I have been compelled to stop drinking it," I said to the friend who asked me to strengthen up on a cup of her good coffee. "Well," she said, "that needn't bother you, for I have Postum Food Coffee here, which completely cured a friend of mine of sick headaches." I tried her coffee and it was very good, but when I tried to make it at home, I was disappointed. I soon found that I was not making it correctly, but my putting in two heaping teaspoons of Postum for each person and letting it boil twenty minutes, it was delicious.

I had at that time been an invalid for several years, but did not know my trouble was caused by coffee drinking, of which I was very fond. I immediately began to feel better after leaving off coffee and using Postum, and stuck to it. One day I met a lady who was troubled the same as I was, and whose appearance on the street really shocked me, for she was so emaciated. She exclaimed in surprise at my improved appearance, and wanted to know what I had been doing. She asked me if I had had a healer of any kind. I said, "Yes, I have allowed Postum Food Coffee to work the almost complete miracle of curing me."

My husband has been absent in Georgia for some time, and has been in wretched health, having been in the hospital twice for indigestion. I wrote him to stop using coffee and try Postum, told him also just how to make it. Yesterday I received a letter from him in which he says, "I am feeling very much better, thanks to you and Postum. I sleep better, eat better and in fact, my dear, am quite an improvement on the old husband." Alice I. Gilson, 805 Park Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah.

### BREAKING OF THE BOX.

In reviewing the past the great advanced achievements, numerical probabilities and possibilities, I feel inspired desire to take a prophetic view of the future. How wise Father withholds this!

Little thought they upbraided the Lord's healing ointment, claiming it pleading the cause of she was anointing him and that the Master them and commend world. How encourage we meet with discouragements. And surely who has been preached the deed of love and gratitude called up as a memorial verify Christ's words.

wise liberal things for so freely gave his own that we might be saved righteousness. The people the head was common the Hebrews. To omit perfumed oil was a sign mourning. The oil was subjects to be consecrated Jacob poured oil on his Bethel, consecrating it were called the anointed kings and priests were their office by the anointing of the eyes able ointment denoted recovery of sight, knowledge. The Holy Spirit the head of Jesus like a anointing, a divine office of Messiahship.

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Break the alabaster of faithfulness, of devotion forth the sweet perfume work on. "Tis Him thou to will and to do pleasure. His Holy Spirit woman to anoint Him. Spirit to-day that is in our efforts to spread Christianize the world.

If he rebuked those while here who heeded, more will be rebuke to to hear him who s heaven.

Be active, be earnest, this important call and its reward hereafter. never waked to her his and holiest hopes. She learn the purifying influence she may gain over the intellect and at human mind. Though teach from the pulpit, retirement she may forth the sages that she renovate the world, and human hearts at home hands, where man would her capabilities are given enlarged, and by deep consecration and since she can accomplish Master.

[The above was written C. Jones, of Waxahatche before her death.—Editor]

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## BREAKING OF THE ALABASTER BOX.

In reviewing the past, looking upon the great advancements, grand achievements, numerous improvements, seeing the grand opportunities, probabilities and possibilities of the present, I feel inspired with an intense desire to take a prophetic glance into the future. How wisely our Heavenly Father withholds this!

Little thought the disciples when they upbraided the woman for anointing the Lord's head with the precious ointment, claiming its great value and pleading the cause of the poor, that she was anointing him for his burial, and that the Master would rebuke them and commend her to the whole world. How encouraging to us when we meet with discouragements and rebuffs. And surely wherever the gospel has been preached this noble, liberal deed of love and gratitude has been called up as a memorial of her and to verify Christ's words. We should devise liberal things for the Lord, who so freely gave his own precious blood that we might be saved from all unrighteousness. The pouring of oil on the head was common custom among the Hebrews. To omit the use of this perfumed oil was a sign of grief, or mourning. This oil was used on all subjects to be consecrated to God. Jacob poured oil on his stone pillow at Bethel, consecrating it to God. Kings were called the anointed of God. Both kings and priests were confirmed into their office by the anointing of oil. Anointing of the eyes with this valuable ointment denoted a spiritual recovery of sight, knowledge of divine truth. The Holy Spirit descended on the head of Jesus like a dove—a spiritual anointing, a divine confirmation of the office of Messiahship.

Dead bodies were anointed with precious spiced oil. Doubtless this woman, who had been forgiven much, loved much, just poured out her love and gratitude, did not herself know she was inspired to do do this typical of his burial.

Matthew 26:7, Mark 14:3, Luke 7:37, 38, all refer to this and give a full account of this grateful woman's act of love. And millions have been telling it for ages.

We think this is an example worthy of our acceptance. We should give freely to the Lord. Devise liberal things for the Lord and the most precious and best. How encouraging to us and what an incentive to activity are the examples of Christ so honoring women, and approving of their acts of love and charity. Yes, he commended her at all times and in all places for her devotion to him or any service done.

Martha complained of Mary for leaving her to serve alone; but how beautifully our Lord commends her. Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken from her. He is the same to-day, looking on at our labors and devotion to his cause and approving of our work, and to all who humbly, earnestly, faithfully devote their time, talents, money to his cause when he makes up his jewels he will count them with those who are worthy. Then devise liberal things for the Lord. Break the alabaster box of love, of faithfulness, of devotion. Let it send forth the sweet perfume of prayer and work on. 'Tis Him that worketh in you to will and to do of His great pleasure. His Holy Spirit moved the woman to anoint Him. So 'tis his Holy Spirit to-day that is urging us onward in our efforts to spread the gospel to Christianize the world.

If he rebuked those upon earth while here who heeded not, how much more will he rebuke those who refuse to hear him who speaketh from heaven.

Be active, be earnest, be faithful to this important call and duty will reap its reward hereafter. Woman has never waked to her highest destinies and holiest hopes. She has yet to learn the purifying and blessed influence she may gain and maintain over the intellect and affections of the human mind. Though she may not teach from the pulpit, in her secret retirement she may form and send forth the sages that shall govern and renovate the world, and gain access to human hearts at home and in heathen lands, where man would never reach. Her capabilities are great, possibilities enlarged, and by earnest prayer, deep consecration and heavenly guidance she can accomplish much for the Master.

[The above was written by Mrs. M. C. Jones, of Waxahatchie, a short time before her death.—Editor Advocate.]

## THE LAST CHANCE.

In the year of 1880 there was a lovely girl attending school in one of our quiet little cities. As the time grew near for her return home to fond parents and loved ones her mother was asked this question: "Are you going to attend the camp-meeting?" She answered with great earnestness in the affirmative. She was burdened with

her daughter's salvation; so anxious that she might become interested in her salvation. She watched every time a call for mourners was made to see if she seemed to be concerned, but saw no sign of concern in her, and the mother's heart became more burdened, as the meeting was fast drawing to a close. When she was asked why she looked so sad she told no one but the Lord and a brother, whom she asked to pray for her daughter that she might be converted. On the last evening of the meeting the mother saw the daughter was not making any preparation to attend the services. She told her of her deep concern for her, and told her that she must remember that life was uncertain and death sure. And that night for the first time in her life she went to the altar and was happily converted. And that was her last chance. The Lord soon called her to join the happy ones who had gone on before her. She was just blooming into womanhood. And she had been a pious girl all her life, but had made no profession or claimed Christ as her Savior. It is a mystery how some parents claiming to be Christians can show so little concern for their unconverted children. It is not needful for them to tell their children that they are not concerned, for actions speak louder than words. Some parents will let a very small thing prevent their attending public worship, and if a protracted meeting is given out, time is appointed, they will consent for their children to go off on a pleasure trip. How can parents sit with folded hands in the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and salvation being offered, it may be for the last time? This mother always had great reason to thank God that her heart was so burdened for the salvation of her daughter, who was so soon to leave this world. That was her last chance.

Time and space would fail me to speak of those who let the last chance slip and pass off very soon. I have repeatedly heard parents say, who had unconverted children: "The Lord will bring them over in his own good time," as though to-day is not the Lord's good time. To-day is the day of salvation and God's good time, and it may be the last chance.

MRS. A. S. A. THOMPSON, Port Sullivan, Texas.

## TEXAS COLLEGE, AT TYLER, TEXAS, A LIVING REALITY.

Your grand old messenger did much some few years ago in getting our school before the members and friends of your Church in Texas.

We again seek space to report the results of our labors and its success. It will be remembered by the readers of this paper that I visited the conferences of the M. E. Church, South, in Texas a few years ago in the interest of Texas College, at Tyler, Texas; solicited quite a sum from a number of the conferences. On the morning of January 9, 1895, the idea long conceived by the Texas conferences of the C. M. E. Church in America went into effect by the opening of this school to the youths of the Southwest. The outlook at first was gloomy as any one could imagine. A farm of one hundred and one and a half acres of land, snow six inches deep, without ax, table, stove or wood of our own, a rude shanty, with no money on hand and no material plans for securing any, a great number of our leaders our enemies, were the means and prospects of establishing a great institution of learning. Since that time the school has grown steadily in favor, both in and out of the connection. It has won the recognition of the Bishop of the C. M. E. Church the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, South, and the conferences of that Church and the leading ministers and evangelists of the Southwest, to many of whom we are indebted for courtesies and voluntary contributions. Among them is the evangelist, Abe Mulkey. The mortgage of 1894 of \$1860 has been replaced by a deed to the property. The number of students has increased from three to one hundred and eighty in 1901; the faculty of 1895 increased from principal to a resident President, a well-organized faculty. The accommodations in 1895 were only one rude shanty. Now there are a girls' dormitory sufficient to accommodate at least eighty girls, boys' dormitory to accommodate at least forty boys, and other improvements necessary to meet other conveniences. The girls' dormitory is two stories, with chapel 36x50, with recreation rooms; boys' dormitory 36x56, with chapel. All these departments are well furnished. The last Trustee Board meeting ordered an annex to the girls' dormitory of 36x60, two stories, with a larger dining hall, and the boys' also enlarged to make room for the fall session. The Trustee Board appointed a Board of Commissioners who are to arrange plans to begin at once the canvass for the erection of a \$25,000 brick building, to be 64x108, on front and with wing 42x64, with chapel in second story, recreation and dining hall in basement, the front to run four stories, nicely finished with pressed brick. This we will do.

Our school was self-supporting last year, with an overplus of \$232. The prospect is now our opening at next session will reach the highest number in the history of the school. Last year 120 students had to seek shelter elsewhere. We could not accommodate them. What readers of the Texas Christian Advocate will make us propositions in the erection of this building on our campus? This school is located at Tyler, Texas, a progressive town of more than ten thousand inhabitants. The climate is healthful, the water is pure, and the school could not be better located. It is accessible to the greatest number of colored people. In a radius of 100 miles the colored population will approximate 125,000.

We here again take this opportunity to thank the members and friends of the M. E. Church, South, for assistance extended us in the past in our struggle to plant Texas College at Tyler, Texas.

## A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I have berries, grapes and peaches a year old, fresh as when picked. I used the California Cold Process. Do not heat or seal the fruit, just put it up cold, keeps perfectly fresh, and costs almost nothing; can put up a bushel in ten minutes. Last year I sold directions to over 125 families in one week; anyone will pay a dollar for directions when they see the beautiful samples of fruit. As there are many people poor like myself, I consider it my duty to give my experience to such and feel confident anyone can make one or two hundred dollars round home in a few days. I will mail sample of fruit and full directions to any of your readers for nineteen (19) two cent stamps, which is only the actual cost of the samples, postage, etc. FRANCIS CASEY, St. Louis, Mo.



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## Oil As a Medium of Wealth.

The discovery of vast deposits of oil in Southeast Texas, and the probability of the mineral being brought to the surface in other sections, will naturally exert a powerful influence upon the future of the State and create conditions which must be taken advantage of by its people. It is not reasonable to expect oil to flow from every pore in the cradle of Mother Earth, and hence the enormous rise in land values must be depressed gradually, as it becomes apparent that the oil does not lie in a vast blanket formation, but in hidden veins and seams of the under strata. This will be a matter of human recognition, however, as agriculture will always remain the first source of wealth. In the discovery of oil, however, the people of Texas are brought face to face with conditions which may make Texas a power in the world. The natural advantages of the State have failed in a degree of realization because of the absence of a cheap fuel. This commodity always governs manufactures, and in proportion to its availability and economy does the progress of a community advance or retreat. In all, every element of a cheap and easily handled fuel is found. Texas must realize the discovery and in this realization profit. There is a fearful hiatus in the matter of manufacturing industries in the State. Capital has almost forewarned a field in which there was no cheap fuel. We have been producing in the raw and purchasing in the finished article—conditions which indicate an absence of greater prosperity. Texas must now awaken; she must erect factories and furnish her people with what is now brought from other States. The whirl of the wheel, the clatter of machinery, and the tin bucket brigade must become elements in every commercial center. Local capital must be added to and local effort and enterprise made the lodestone for the capital from other centers to flow into what is now a verdant land of promise. The availability of the new fuel has been proven. Now must follow the effects of the marvelous discovery. Verily has the Almighty been good to Texas. Literary Bureau Southern Pacific, H & T. C. R. R.

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Where Do You Get Off.

It is a wise thing to know when to get off a train, but profane would suppose that you get off when the train is coming still, as you would no doubt be worth more to your family by doing so.

Now let us help you decide WHERE TO GET OFF. If you are preparing to take your summer vacation, why not get off at Galveston, LaPorte, Seabrook or Port Lavaca? Our trains stop at Houston and make close connections with G. H. & N. and N. Y. T. & M. Trains for points mentioned and with the New Orleans and Arkansas Pass Railway for Rockport, George Christ and Arkansas Pass.

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While the birth of a girl is not insured over in France, as in certain oriental countries, and it certainly does not cost both the trumpets and the cannon in the advent of a boy. The true world has been tied up with blue ribbons in expectation of the birth of her, should a girl be born, these are changed for pink. Baby Ladies Home Journal.

If men watched Eve more closely there would be fewer insurrections on Heart street.

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Huntsville, Madisonville, July 11  
Sherman, Preston, July 25

Godliness is God-likeness. It not  
only implies kinship with God, but  
likeness to God. He is holy, righteous,  
merciful and good. These attributes  
inhere in his nature. They go to  
make up his character. To be like him  
is to be born in his image, to take on  
his nature. The process that brings  
about this result is supernatural. Men  
are not born naturally into this state,  
neither can they educate themselves  
into it. They can not grow by the  
force of their will power into its posses-  
sion. Nature does not impart it.  
It is given to us by the Holy Spirit  
as a result of repentance toward God  
and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. It  
comes as a second birth, a regenera-  
tion of the heart and mind. It is be-  
ing born of God and therefore being  
made partakers of the Divine nature.  
Thus we become like God in the dis-  
position of our souls and in the prop-  
erty of our characters. Christ is formed in  
us the hope of glory, and we are now  
creatures in him. Holiness, rightous-  
ness, goodness and love enter into our  
experience and practices, and men  
take knowledge of us that we have  
been with Jesus.

Mental assent to the truths of the  
Bible is no evidence of our salvation.  
Thousands of people go this far, but  
they fall short of a real and saving  
faith in Christ. Even devils believe, in  
this sense, in the truths of the gospel.  
But salvation from sin is not the result  
of a mere intellectual apprehension of  
the doctrines of the Scriptures. "With  
the heart man believeth unto rightous-  
ness." The heart is the seat  
of the affections, the domain of  
the motives and the intentions. The  
moral quality of conduct is found at  
this point. Hence genuine faith be-  
gins in the heart where purpose has  
its birth, and where motive has its  
genesis. Regeneration of heart must  
necessarily follow our mental as-  
sent to the truths of the gospel, else  
our religion is only a form of godli-  
ness without any of the efficacy of its  
saving power. "Blessed are the pure  
in heart, for they shall see God." is the  
sum total of the beautitudes. When  
the heart is made clean, then our  
moral and spiritual life is transformed  
and we become the habitation of the  
Spirit of God. He dwells in us and  
we in him, and our salvation becomes  
perfect. "Keep thy heart with all dili-  
gence, for out of it are the issues of  
life."

## EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

God handles the clouds as well as  
the sunshine.

The drought has not yet called forth  
a day of fasting and prayer.

In the midst of prosperity men for-  
get God and in the day of adversity  
they murmur at his visitations.

Selfishness is of such subtle evil that  
it often produces moral color-blind-  
ness in its victims.

Such is the homage that some men  
pay to wealth in their struggles for  
riches, that they often forget the value  
of high moral character.

It is important that we have a good  
bank account upon which to fall back  
when our crops run short, but our  
most important bank account is where  
we have laid up treasures in heaven.

## STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE CON- FERENCE.

Last night the State Epworth  
League Conference was opened with  
devotional services, conducted by Rev.  
I. W. Clark, at the large auditorium at  
the Fair grounds. This was simply the  
initial service, and rather preliminary  
to the conference proper. This morn-  
ing, Wednesday, as we go to press, the  
gathering is in progress and the dele-  
gations are coming in rapidly. The  
attendance, in so far as we are able  
to judge at this juncture, is large and  
the members are in fine spirit. Frank  
Reedy has matters in hand as Presi-  
dent, and his committees are handling  
the hospitality in good style. The sun-  
rise prayer-meeting at First Church  
was very spiritual and placed the con-  
ference in good shape for the day's  
exercises. Lunch is being served on  
the grounds and the meetings are tak-  
ing on an all-day feature. A large  
number of the preachers from all over  
the State are here and taking quite  
an interest in the young people and  
their work. The hurrah element, for-  
merly characteristic of these State  
gatherings, is lacking in this one, and  
the Leaguers seem bent on business and  
spiritual improvement. This is a good  
symptom and it will make the State  
League an institution of permanent  
usefulness to the work in its local or-  
ganizations. The Fair ground is an  
ideal place for the meeting. The audi-  
torium is ample, well seated, thorough-  
ly lighted and open to the south  
breezes; and the grounds are arrayed  
in floral beauty. Then, too, it is quiet  
and free from the confusion and dust  
of the city. Next week we will give  
a fuller account of the conference.

## THE BONHAM DISTRICT CONFER- ENCE.

Last week I left over the Central to  
attend the session of the Bonham Dis-  
trict Conference. I stopped at Sher-  
man and spent the night with Bishop  
and Mrs. Key. Since the Bishop's re-  
turn from Nashville he has been quite  
sick, but not at all seriously so. Yet  
he was confined to his bed with fever  
for two or three weeks. He was able  
to be up for the first time the evening  
that I was with him. He has always  
had such uniformly good health that  
this little spell has pulled him down  
considerably. But his fever is now  
gone and he hopes to be himself in a  
few weeks. However, he will not be  
able to do any work to amount to any-  
thing during the summer. The night I  
spent under that hospitable roof was  
one of delightful communion. The spa-  
cious buildings and the elaborate  
grounds are now very quiet and it is  
a place for rest and recuperation. Mrs.  
Key has her arrangements all made  
for the next opening. She has all of  
her repairs made and the house-  
cleaning is complete. And notwith-  
standing the destruction of the wheat  
and the oats, and the danger threat-  
ening the corn crop from the contin-  
ued dry weather, she is looking for  
her usual attendance next fall.

At the depot at Sherman I was join-  
ed the next morning by Dr. Boggs,  
Rev. J. M. Binkley and W. C. Ever-  
etts, all of whom were bound for the  
approaching District Conference.

From there to Dodd City we were a  
pleasant company, with many things  
of interest in common. At the latter  
place we were met by the brethren in  
conveyances and driven three miles  
into the country to Lannius, the seat of  
the conference. We arrived in time  
for the opening and witnessed the pre-  
liminary exercises. Dr. T. R. Pierce,  
the presiding elder, was on hand and  
in the chair. All of the preachers were  
present and a large representation of  
laymen—the largest that I have yet  
seen at any of the District Confer-  
ences. Rev. Z. B. Pirtle was re-elected  
Secretary and the business proceeded.  
He will furnish us the substance of the  
actions of the conference. The preach-  
ers made extensive reports of their  
work and these show the district to  
be in good condition. Dr. Pierce has  
his eye and hand on the details and  
upon his men and everything in that  
important field is moving along pleas-  
antly and smoothly. Harmony and  
brotherly co-operation prevail and the  
Bonham district will make a good  
showing next fall. It embraces one of  
the best sections in the North Texas  
Conference and our Church has the  
ground very well occupied. South  
Bonham Mission made a fine showing.  
Rev. T. W. Lovell, the pastor, and his  
people are making excellent progress.  
They have a good church structure  
and they have just finished a cozy lit-  
tle parsonage, nevertheless the pastor  
is a young man, and as yet unmarried.

At 11 o'clock Dr. W. E. Boggs, of  
Travis Street Church, Sherman,  
preached in the interest of the Mission  
Board of the conference. It was a ser-  
mon of much thought, thorough inves-  
tigation, wide range, and evangelical.  
In fact, it was a masterly presentation  
of the preparation in the individual  
for genuine mission work at home and  
abroad. Such a discourse will evident-  
ly bear fruit. I heard nothing but the  
most favorable comments upon the  
discourse. In the afternoon the regu-  
lar order was pursued for awhile, and  
then I was permitted to represent the  
claims of the Advocate. The fact is I  
was given the right of way and took  
all of the time I desired. After I had  
finished, Dr. Pierce followed in a very  
strong and earnest address touching  
the importance of placing the Advo-  
cate in the homes of all our people.  
Then Brother Everett represented the  
Branch House in one of the best and  
most effective speeches he has yet  
made. At its close he sold out every  
book on hand and would have done a  
much larger business if he had had the  
literature with him. However, he took  
many orders yet to be filled. Just at  
this point, Rev. G. F. Boyd sprung the  
question, How to get our children to  
read our books and periodicals? Dr.  
Pierce made another strong address,  
and so did Dr. Boggs, Rev. Jos. Weav-  
er and others. This consumed the en-  
tire afternoon, and I have not seen a  
more profitable afternoon spent in any  
of our District Conferences. At night  
Uncle Dick Thompson preached an  
earnest sermon and got a fairly good  
collection for the orphanage. The  
next morning, Rev. J. A. Black repre-  
sented the Board of Church Extension  
in a very practical and lucid address.  
At noon Rev. J. M. Binkley preached,  
but I had to leave before he began.  
This is one of the best District Confer-  
ences of the series. Lannius gave to it  
a splendid entertainment. The villa-  
ge is not large, but it is made up of a  
fine class of people who own the ad-  
joining land. They revel in abundance  
and they possess the grace of hospi-  
tality to a marked degree. Brothers  
Everett, Riddle, Weaver and myself  
were delightfully entertained at the  
home of Dr. and Sister A. T. Reed. He  
is one of the successful physicians of  
the place and their home is open to  
the preachers. They certainly left  
nothing undone to make our stay some-  
thing to be remembered. They have  
but one child, a beautiful little girl of  
seven, and theirs is a happy Christian  
home. Rev. W. A. Pritchett, the pas-  
tor, looked well after the comfort of  
all the brethren. Rev. L. L. Naugle  
of Dodd City, rendered excellent ser-  
vice with his good horse and surrey  
in conducting a number of us to and  
from the place of meeting. The fact

is, all of the brethren showed readi-  
ness to make everybody feel at home.  
May the Lord richly bless and prosper  
them all.  
G. C. R.

## DR. C. F. REID.

Dr. C. F. Reid, who has been in this  
country for several months will soon  
sail for his mission field in Korea, to  
take his place as a worker in that far  
off part of the Church. He came home  
for the purpose of rest and recreation,  
and brought his family with him. He  
took in all of our Texas Conference  
last fall and endeavored himself to all  
of us very tenderly, and we learned to  
love him like a brother in the flesh  
as well as in the spirit. He showed  
himself to be a true, noble, consec-  
rated minister of Christ, and his ad-  
dresses and sermons made a profound  
impression upon our preachers and  
people. When he returned to his tem-  
porary home in Winchester, Ky., he  
became a correspondent to the Advo-  
cate, and his communications were  
read with a great deal of pleasure and  
profit. And when he met with his  
great domestic misfortune in the death  
of his beloved wife, we mourned with  
him in the loss he sustained. And now  
that he goes back to enter his work  
alone he will have our prayers and  
good wishes. We hope to hear from  
him often through these columns. May  
he have a successful voyage and a joy-  
ous service in the vineyard of the Mas-  
ter.

## TEXAS PERSONALS.

We had the pleasure of an hour or  
so with Rev. J. A. Stafford while in  
Sherman last week. He is good com-  
pany and it is always a pleasure to be  
thrown with him.

Rev. C. L. Ballard, of Sherman, made  
the Advocate a pleasant visit last  
week. He is a busy local preacher,  
even as much so as when he was in  
the pastoral work.

Rev. John Moore, of St. Jo, is in  
attendance at the League Conference  
and called to see the Advocate force.  
He has had a fine revival in his work  
and is hopeful of a fine year.

Rev. F. O. Miller, of the Terrell Dis-  
trict, called last week, and he reports  
his work in very excellent shape. His  
preachers are having fine revivals. All  
departments of the Church are going  
forward.

In a card from Rev. L. M. Fowler  
we learn that Dr. N. J. Gray, formerly  
of Willis Point, but now of Eastland,  
is lying at the point of death. He is  
a useful man and many prayers are  
being made for his recovery.

We notice in the Cuero Star that our  
Church there have granted their pas-  
tor, Rev. Thos. Gregory, a two months'  
vacation, and that he is going to visit  
his old home country and take in the  
Ecumenical in London September 4.

We note in the News, and with real  
sadness, too, the death recently of Miss  
Sallie Garrison at Marshall. She was  
the daughter of Rev. Gus Garrison, of  
the East Texas Conference. The Advo-  
cate extends heartfelt sympathy to  
the bereaved parents.

Rev. George S. Sexton, of Terrell  
Station, has returned from his Eastern  
trip, after an absence of several  
months. He is in perfect health, and  
had a great time. The journey was  
one of wonderful interest and will be  
an epoch in the life of Bro. Sexton.

The Advocate is in receipt of the an-  
nouncement of the marriage of Miss  
Rosa Collett and Mr. G. N. Dilworth,  
Jr., which happy event occurred at  
Austin, Texas, June 27, 1901. Miss  
Collett is the daughter of Capt. J. H.  
Collett, one of the old-time and staunch  
Methodists of Texas. The best wishes  
of the Advocate go with the young  
couple.

On the train last week we met Rev.  
J. B. Gober, of Van Alstyne, on his  
way to Howe, where he and Rev. J. S.  
Davis were engaged in a great meet-  
ing. We notice in the News that the  
services resulted in the conversion of  
about one hundred people. The pastor  
of the Cumberland Presbyterian  
Church in Howe also assisted in the  
meeting.

We missed the venerable G. C. Har-  
dy at the recent session of the Pitts-  
burg District Conference on account  
of illness. He has been indisposed for  
some weeks, and was not able to at-

tend. For a great many years he has  
been one of the most devoted and  
faithful members of the East Texas  
Conference, and his absence was great-  
ly regretted by all of his brethren.

## METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Capt. H. D. Moore, a cousin of Bishop  
David H. Moore, died at his home in  
Peru, Ind., June 4. He was a native  
of Athens, Ohio, where he was born  
nearly seventy-two years ago.

Dr. A. Coke Smith and Dr. Hoss have  
arranged to attend the Ecumenical  
Conference on the same steamer. We  
have been invited to join them, but  
regret that our ship will sail at a dif-  
ferent date.

Judge Walter Evans, of the United  
States District Court, has reduced the  
compensatory damages awarded John  
C. Underwood in his libel suit against  
the Confederate Veteran and the  
Southern Methodist Publishing House  
from \$15,000 to \$2000. The \$10,000 pun-  
itive damages recovered against Can-  
ningham, editor of the Veteran, are  
allowed to stand.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Sec-  
retary of the Methodist Church of  
Canada, has the honor of being invited  
to deliver the Fernley Lecture before  
the Wesleyan Conference, London.  
This is an annual lecture given by dis-  
tinguished men of the Methodist  
Church. Only once before has it been  
delivered by any one outside of Great  
Britain. Last year Prof. C. J. Little,  
of Northwestern University, was the  
lecturer.

The University of Georgia is culti-  
vating closer relations with the de-  
nominal colleges. At its recent  
commencement Dr. C. E. Dowman,  
President of Emory College, made at  
the banquet a magnificent speech con-  
veying the fraternal greetings of Em-  
ory. We suspect that this broader  
policy is due to the big-hearted and  
big-brained Methodist layman who is  
now Chancellor of the University, Hon.  
W. B. Hill.

The following Vanderbilt students  
are at work in the missionary cam-  
paign: J. W. Shackford, Western  
North Carolina; W. O. Sadler, Ken-  
tucky; Frank Seay, S. T. Slaton, North  
Alabama; J. D. Hammons, White  
River, Little Rock and North Texas;  
W. W. Holmes, Holston; Glenn Flinn,  
Northwest Texas. J. F. Carey will be-  
gin at an early date in the Baltimore,  
while J. E. McCulloch has been asked  
to remain in the Campaign Office.

Dr. Bonar tells of a man of God in  
London many years ago who used to  
say to his people occasionally: "Be  
very careful how you walk for the  
world will not read the Bible, but they  
will read you. They will form an idea  
of the Master from what they see you  
to be." There is plenty of food for re-  
flection in that truth.—Exchange.

## THE ANTI-CANTEEN LAW.

If you will allow me space in your  
columns, I want to call the attention  
of the readers of the Advocate to a  
fact that perhaps many of them do not  
realize. It is in regard to the re-es-  
tablishing of the army canteen.

There is a tremendous effort being  
made on the part of those favoring  
this institution to have the anti-can-  
teen law repealed at the next session  
of Congress, and many who favor the  
re-establishing of the canteen are using  
every means, fair or foul, to deceive  
the masses of the people in regard to  
the effect the abolishing of the canteen  
has had.

Many papers, purporting to be great  
friends to the soldier, are sending out  
"reports" from army officials and oth-  
ers, showing a great increase in drunk-  
enness among the soldiers and a great  
increase in the number of saloons be-  
ing established near our army camps.  
Upon investigations these, or most of  
them, are found to be entirely false  
and groundless. But as there are many  
such reports going out, and only a few  
who are taking enough interest or situ-  
ated so they can investigate the facts,  
that the people are liable to be misled.

I do not believe that the people will  
ever be willing for the canteen to be  
re-established. I am sure no father  
who has a son there, no man who has  
a brother there, no mother or sister  
who has a loved one in the army, will  
ever consent to its being again estab-  
lished. In fact, no one who has the  
love of God, or even of his country, at  
heart could ever consent to it. But we  
as Christians are not taking as much  
interest in this as the enemies of the  
soldier and the country, and unless we  
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awake too late to the fact that our boys who are defending their country are not receiving the defense that is due them from a Christian nation.

The canteen was only abolished by a long and hard struggle of mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, against the demon rum, and it can only be kept down by a continual struggle and watchfulness on our part.

Let every lover of home and purity, of Christ and the Church—yea, let every lover of our beloved America—see to it that the Representatives of our people in Congress are kept informed as to the will of the people, and let every Christian go to God in earnest prayer that the dreadful monster be kept out of the army, and thus remove some of the temptations from our soldiers. S. L. BURKE. Burke, Texas.

ABILENE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

At 7 a. m., Friday June 28, we boarded the west-bound train over the T. & P. for Midland, the seat of the conference. The trip was enjoyed by all, as the day was delightfully cool and the scenes new to most of us.

We arrived at 1:30 p. m., four hours late. Midland received us with hospitality as broad as her boundless prairies and as free as her pleasant breezes. Midland is populated almost entirely by cattlemen and their families, and there is a great deal of wealth, in proportion to the number of inhabitants. The constant winds made straw hats undesirable property, as it kept both hands busy to keep them on, and the sand has a familiar way of getting up into your face and eyes while you are trying to catch your hat.

The attendance was small—less than fifty out of a membership of one hundred and seventy-five, the great distance to the conference no doubt being the principal cause; but lack of numbers was counterbalanced by fullness of enthusiasm.

The conference got to work, without delay, Rev. E. A. Smith in the chair. Prof. Chatfield was elected Secretary and ye searife assistant.

An earnest devotional spirit was manifest during the entire session. A missionary turn was given to almost every service. Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh of Waxahachie, delivered an able missionary sermon Sunday at 11, followed by W. W. Moss, of Baird, in the afternoon, in an exposition of the Boxer movement in China and a review of the Missionary Conference at New Orleans.

C. E. Brown, of Abilene, presented the Church Extension claims on Sunday night in an able discourse.

In the way of visitors outside the district, we had Bro. Everett, of Dallas, to represent the Publishing House, in which the business had increased at Dallas from \$65,000 to \$85,000 the second year, and still growing. Bro. Switzer addressed the conference in behalf of Weatherford College, and Bro. Little presented the claims of Polytechnic. Bro. Sensabaugh closed the educational talks, and strongly advocated a unification of plans looking to the building up of a strong central University at Georgetown.

One candidate was recommended for license to preach; three—Bros. Finley, Wood and Livingston—were recommended for admission to itinerancy.

The selection of a place for the next District Conference gave room for a cross-fire of racy speeches, in which wit and repartee were tossed about promiscuously. Stamford and Merkel were each warmly supported, Merkel was chosen.

The following delegates to the Annual Conference were elected:

- C. W. SIMPSON, of Colorado. J. C. RODGERS, Jim Ned. ASA HOLT, Abilene. H. C. WILLIAMS, Merkel. Alternates: Rev. T. N. Lowery, Dr. J. H. Bass. The conference adjourned at 5:30.

and we got aboard the east-bound at 6:30, leaving Midland and its broad prairies shimmering in the western light, while we sped to meet the darkness and our duties toward the east, and with the unanimous verdict that we had had a very enjoyable and helpful conference. H. C. WILLIAMS.

HARDING-ALDERSON DEBATE.

Having heard the Harding-Alderson debate some years ago, I was delighted when arrangements were perfected for the Hall-Alderson debate at Vernon, June 17. But for reasons not necessary to be mentioned, this debate fell below the ideal.

Were E. W. Alderson, D. D., a minister of any other denomination, with his ability to define and defend the doctrine of his Church, his whole time would be given to it.

Texas Methodism ought to employ him in this field. Those who have not heard him cannot know what a series of doctrinal sermons from him would be worth to a congregation.

If any preacher contemplates a discussion with a representative man of another denomination he may rest at ease if Bro. Alderson takes the matter in hand. The main point to be looked into is that a "representative" man is put against him. Such a man must have a sufficient knowledge of Greek and Hebrew to enable him to do more than to meet Alderson's position by a mere denial.

Again, he should be a man of such stability as will save him from going to pieces and lowering the plane of the discussion when he discovers that a pet theory is being nailed to the wall.

If the Baptists have such a man who proposes to defend their "unbroken succession, restricted communion and exclusive baptism," he is in hiding. City congregations, resting in their security, know nothing of what our rural charges have to endure from those who say, "You have no Church." "The scholars of the world are against you," etc. hence it often occurs that young people raised under these conditions are greatly disturbed when they are forced to meet these questions. Therefore city pastors should awake to the importance of giving our people the best possible instruction. J. H. WISEMAN.

THE BORING FAMILY.

H. G. H.

Dr. Jesse Boring and family had many friends among the readers of the Advocate. Some of these friends have asked after them, which suggests that we ask you to print the following:

Dr. Jesse Boring, after his return to Georgia in 1868, lived some years in Atlanta; filled several positions in the Church, and died at Dixie, where his remains lay for some years, but afterwards were removed to Atlanta.

His wife, Mrs. Harriett Boring died in Augusta Ga, while the Doctor was pastor of the Church there.

One of his daughters and her husband died in Galveston with yellow fever in the summer of 1858. A child of the family was buried at Mobile, Ala, while the Doctor was pastor there.

His son, Rev. N. H. Boring, was killed in a railroad accident at Chapel Hill, Texas, in 1866, while the Doctor was attending the General Conference in New Orleans.

His son, John Keener, died in Luling, Texas, several years ago. John's wife, Emma, died near Seguin in the spring of the present year.

His oldest unmarried daughter, Miss Sallie Boring, died at Clarkston, Ga, last March. She was a woman of superior attainments, a professional teacher, and taught music in the old San Antonio Female College before the war.

His son, Isaac Boring, a lawyer, died at Eatonton, Ga., several years ago.

Three daughters are living: Mrs. Ella Stewart, Americus, Ga., and Miss Addie Boring and Mrs. Jessie DuBose, of Clarkston, Ga.

The old Doctor has six or seven grandchildren living near Seguin. The property of the family in Galveston was all lost. Miss Addie, at Clarkston, is exceedingly ill. The Doctor's whole life has been given to the Church. He was our first superintendent of missions in California some years before he entered Texas in 1858.

PREACHERS NEEDED.

We need five or six consecrated, energetic men in this conference. Our conference will convene September 20 in Medford, Jackson County, on the South Pacific line. In writing, please state all information about yourself and family you deem necessary. Send indorsements and references, and postage with letter for reply. Ask all questions you desire. This is a hard field. None but those who have the real missionary spirit will likely stay when they come. Our preachers here dress well, live princely, and travel with empty pockets. Address me at Corvallis, Oregon. P. A. MOSES.

We need not mind what the world thinks as long as we think right.

"THE TEXAS FLAG."

President Wm. L. Frather, of the University, has placed at the disposal of Mrs. Anson Jones, President of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, at Austin, the sum of \$50 to be awarded for the best original, patriotic, historic song or poem having for its subject "The Texas Flag," suitable to be sung on Texas Independence Day by pupils of the public schools and students of the University of Texas. Such song must not be less than thirty-two nor more than forty-eight lines in length. Competition open to all, and songs must be in hand by December 1. Any further information will be cheerfully furnished by addressing Miss Belle Fenn, Chairman Music Committee of Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Houston, Texas.

Enormous Growth of American Capital in Four Years.

It is to be noted that the interest account of Europe against the United States is steadily diminishing, because Americans have been using their surplus wealth during recent years to buy back their own securities. The process by which this comes about is, of course, indirect and not perceived by the average man. It represents, none the less, one of the strongest currents in the financial and business world, for four years past. The great railroad corporations in particular are absorbing the fact that, whereas their own securities of interest in bonds and dividends on shares of stock a few years ago went in large proportion to foreign holders, they now go in the main to people living in the United States. The absorption of our best American railway securities and other standard securities by American investors has been quite widely distributed, but it has been particularly noticeable in the case of great financial and fiduciary institutions like the principal insurance companies. Furthermore, the very process and policy of railway amalgamation has of itself created a large and determined demand for railway securities in this country on the part of the interests seeking to control specified properties for the sake of bringing about their absorption, or else their operation in harmony with other companies. Our trade balances for the past four years have aggregated about \$2,000,000,000—a sum about equal to the total of the balances in our favor for the preceding twenty years. Nothing could better illustrate the almost total change in the character of America's financial and economic relations to Europe. From the "Progress of the World" in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for July.

Choate's method was pure persuasion. He never appealed to base motives, nor tried to awake coarse prejudices or stormy passions. He indulged in no invective. His wit and sarcasm and ridicule aimed at the victim almost as much as it amused the bystander. He had the small-quantity which Clever attributes to Cornelius. There was never a harsh note in his speech.

He had a voice without any gruff or any shrill tones. It was like a sweet yet powerful flute. He never strained it or seemed to exert it to its fullest capacity. I do not know any other public speaker whose style resembled his in the least. Perhaps Jeremy Taylor was his model. It had an air of the phraseology with which he studied some commonplace or mean thought or fact, when he was compelled to use commonplace arguments or to tell some common story, kept his auditors ever alert and expectant. An instance, who has killed the wife, threw away the ax with which Choate claimed the deed was done, when he heard somebody coming. This in Choate's language was "the sudden and frantic ejaculation of the ax." Indeed, his speech was a constant surprise. Whether you liked him or disliked him you gave him your ears, erect and intent. We used manuscript a great deal, even in speaking to ladies. When a trial was on, lasting days or weeks, he kept pen, ink and paper at hand in his pocket, and would often get up in the middle of the night to write down thoughts that came to him as he lay in bed. He was always careful to keep warm. It was said he prepared for a great jury argument by taking off eight great coats and shaking eight cups of water to Senator George F. Hoar, in July 1870.

The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine for July begins with an article by James Main Dixon, descriptive of the Reform School at Booneville, Missouri, which the superintendent, Colonel Drake, formerly of Indiana, has established on an excellent basis, making it a very interesting and instructive. The illustrations are numerous and attractive. There is a companion article by Mrs. Susie Mathis, of Memphis, Tennessee, also well illustrated, which deals with a "Model Sunday-school" in her city, of which Mr. Pender is superintendent. The article, which, perhaps, will elicit widest attention, comes from New Zealand, and is contributed by a lady resident in the neighborhood of Auckland. It is entitled "New Zealand or No-Strike-Land," and gives the history and present condition, still tentative of the legislation on the subject of strikes. Portraits are given of the two men immediately responsible for the law, with letters sent by them to the writer of the article, Mrs. Storer.

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A TESTIMONY.

Whereas, Miss Clara Buckingham, who has long resided in our midst, and who has been a most earnest worker in the vineyard of the Lord, has moved to and made her future home in Marlin, Texas; now therefore, be it

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May God's richest blessings accompany and abide with her, and her efforts in all Christian duties be crowned with abundant success.

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MORTUARY.

Lieut. Edward E. Downes, of the First United States Infantry, Philippine Islands, son of Hon. J. E. Downes of Crockett, Texas, was killed in the Philippines some time last week. He was in command of a detachment of men in the Island of Samar at the time of his death, and the details are not yet to be obtained. All Crockett is in mourning over the loss of one whom everybody loved, and the family have the sympathy of the entire community. The body will be shipped to Crockett for interment, and is expected to arrive in six or eight weeks. A more extended notice will appear later. ELLIS SMITH.

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MARRIAGES.

Gallagher-Bruce.—At the Methodist Church in Lorena, Texas, June 25, 1901, by the Rev. B. R. Bolton, Rev. C. E. Gallagher and Miss Flora Bruce.

Smith-McGlann.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Lavaca County, Texas, near Seclusion post-office, June 29, 1901, Mr. Carl E. Smith and Miss Velma McGlann, all of Lavaca County, Texas, Rev. A. G. Nolan officiating.

Price-Binnant.—At the residence of T. J. Knox, Reilly Springs, Texas, June 29, 1901, Mr. L. R. Price and Miss Maud Hingray, both of Sulphur Springs, Rev. G. E. Holly officiating.

Knox-Smith.—At the residence of T. J. Knox, Reilly Springs, Texas, June 30, 1901, Mr. W. T. Knox and Miss Bertha Smith, both of Sulphur Springs, Rev. G. E. Holly officiating.

McCrea-Mahay.—At our home, July 1, 1901, by Rev. Daniel Morgan, Mr. N. M. McCrea and Miss E. G. Mahay, all of McCreaville, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- June 2.—Nath Thompson, trial subs. S. G. Shaw, a. k. C. U. McLarty, sub. July 1.—E. F. Webb, sub. C. A. Martin, sub. H. A. Burns, a. k. July 2.—A. O. Evans, sub. Jno. Holpen, still has attention. D. T. Brown, change made. July 3.—S. L. Burke, sub. J. C. Russell, sub. C. R. Gray, sub. July 5.—J. A. O. sub. H. K. Agge, sub. T. E. Hillburn, sub. T. J. Lassoster, sub. J. R. Smith, sub. S. D. Waddell, sub. F. M. Winburne, sub. has attention. W. T. McLaugh, sub. July 8.—H. H. Sullivan, change made. J. P. Davis, sub. July 9.—P. C. Archer, sub. Jerome Danican, sub. W. J. Hudworth, samples sent. G. W. Kinchelow, sub. July 10.—J. D. Scott, sub. W. O. Hightower, sub. S. N. Allen, sub. S. W. Miller, sub.

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- Morgan Mill, at S. Springs, July 12, 14 Bluff Dale, at Solar, July 20, 22 Glen Rose, at Oak Grove, July 27, 28 Granbury, July 29, 30 Proctor, at Oak Grove, Aug. 2, 4 Duffau, at Oden's Chapel, Aug. 7, 9 Green's Creek, at G. C., Aug. 10, 11 Irrell, at Irrell, Aug. 17, 18 Hico, at Fairly, Aug. 22 Carlton, at Gilmore, Aug. 24, 25 DeLomondia, at Victor, Aug. 31, Sept. 1 De Leon, Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 Carbon, etc., at Romey, Sept. 1, 2, 3 E. F. Boone, P. E. E. F. Boone, P. E.

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Sunday-School Department.

THIRD QUARTER, LESSON 3, JULY 21.

NOAH SAVED IN THE ARK.

Gen. 8:1-22.

Golden Text: "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."—Gen. 6:8.

From Dr. Paul Whitehead's Doctrinal Teaching in Sunday-School Magazine we take the following:

The story of the deluge and the ark is treated by certain modern writers of our time especially as legendary, and not matter of fact. Stories of a similar kind, it is alleged, have been found in the writings of the Babylonians and other very ancient peoples, as we know the story of Deucalion has been preserved and recorded among the ancient Greeks and Romans. But these are far inferior in simplicity, majesty, and verisimilitude to that in Genesis, and may have resulted naturally enough from traditional transmissions, among idolatrous people, of the original story which we have in Genesis, as the Jews had it from the first. Of reliable records among such peoples, going back to the date of the flood, there are none: none that can pretend to connect that distant event with later times. The wide-spread existence of such a story in varied forms would be evidence, however inconclusive, of the probability that some such event as the flood must have occurred, as the legends among the Greeks and Romans of a golden age, when all men were good and happy, are corroborations of the Bible account of man's first estate in Eden.

Our Lord and the New Testament writers distinctly refer to the flood and Noah and the account in Genesis. See Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 22:26, 27; also Hebrews 11:7; I Peter 3:20; II Peter 2:5, 6. Those who think that Jesus would make such references because the Jews of his time received the story of the flood as historical, although he knew positively that it was nothing but a legend, unauthentic and baseless, have strange notions of his sincerity and regard for truth. But if he misled the apostles, they may well have innocently misled their readers. The subject affords doctrine as follows:

1. The destruction of the antediluvian world was necessary to preserve a seed of righteousness on earth. "All flesh had corrupted his way," sin was everywhere flagrant, rampant, incurable. The corruption of mankind had broken all restraints and overflowed all bounds. The righteousness of Noah and his family, though but a single instance, shows that there was no fatal necessity that this should be the condition of men. They were led away "of their own lust." (Jas. 1:14.) Any of them could have been as good as Noah if he would. They were "contentious, and (would) not obey the truth, but obeyed unrighteousness." (Rom. 2:8.) Probably no such state of things has existed among mankind since that day. The cancer needed the knife.

2. The ark was a symbol of Christ. See Peter's words in his first Epistle (2:21). Christ bears the souls that believe in him above the flood of sin and death as the ark bore the family of Noah over the wide engulfing waste of waters. God had "shut in" his servant, and he and his loved ones were safe in a tempest such as the earth never saw but that one time. "The long-suffering of God waited" with the guilty race till then; when that no longer afforded a respite, the ark was ready for Noah, who was "righteous before God" and "found grace in his sight."

3. Noah was saved ("instrumentally" by faith. (Heb. 11:7.) He believed the warning given by God of the coming flood; and doubtless as "a preacher of righteousness" (II Peter 2:5) he warned others of the danger which he believed was ahead. He believed in the agency suggested by God as sufficient for the emergency, intrusting himself fully to the Lord in that great crisis of his life. A real believer obeys. He built the ark. Such a vessel no man had ever made; it was prodigious undertaking in his or in any other age. Men of lively imagination have drawn the picture of Noah building and preaching amid a scoffing jeering world. Faith needed to be strong, not to faint or be discouraged. But it was victorious. "He condemned the world, and became (as many since his time) heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

Epworth League Department.

July 21: "A Strong Weak Man."—Judges 16:29-30.

We take the following from the Canadian Epworth Era:

A strong weak man—this is the brief biography of many human beings. "He

is a good man, but he has a violent temper, and he gives way to it," is the description given of certain individuals. "My! what a fine woman she would be, if you could only depend always on what she says," is a remark not unfrequently heard. "What an influential man he might be in the community, but occasionally he becomes intoxicated and spoils it all," constitutes the outlines of another character. "I could believe in her religion, if she did not spend all her time on dress and do nothing but plan for her own pleasure, never thinking of the unfortunate about her," is a statement that rightly condemns many a would-be young Christian. The ifs and the buts, what a difference they make when they point out weaknesses which should never exist! A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and a human character is no stronger than its components factors. Observe how this is shown in the tragic history of Judge Samson.

SHAPING ONE'S COURSE ALONE.

It is strange that in the case of a man like Samson, entrusted with such an important mission and dangerous, we never hear of any prayer he offered for divine guidance. In David's case we often read of inquiry being made for the direction of God. Samson should certainly have taken a similar course. He ought in all his expeditions to have asked counsel of God. To take one's affairs into one's own hands, leaving God out of the count is a most unsafe and perilous course to pursue. We can not expect God's presence to direct us when his presence is not asked or desired. When there is no prayer, it is little wonder that there is much turning aside into forbidden paths. All God's children may be led by the good Spirit (Rom. 8:14). Not a step should be taken in life without seeking the guidance of our Heavenly Father. His hand in ours and ours in his—so shall we avoid the snares of the enemy. Samson was strong in physical power and determination, but was weak in dependence on God.

EXPOSURE TO TEMPTATION.

We constantly read of Samson as being among the Philistines, and seldom among the Israelites. It is most unsafe to be always breathing an atmosphere full of contagion. It is dangerous to be most of one's time in the camp of the enemy. We unconsciously begin to think that the enemy after all is not so far wrong, and begin to imitate their example. Sin, like the smallpox, is a communicable disease, and every one is more or less liable to catch the infection. The most difficult part of Samson's work was to avoid temptation while doing his duty. Indeed, this is more or less the case with us all—who is there but must face temptation in the discharge of daily duty? What are our Christian principles for, but to fortify us against the attacks of evil? Still it is often much safer to flee from temptation than to face it. As Guthrie says, "Abjure every scene, abstain from every pleasure, abandon every pursuit which tends to sin, which dulls the fine edge of conscience, unfits for religious duties, indisposes for religious enjoyments, sends you prayerless to bed or drowsy to prayer." Samson was strong in maintaining the cause of Israel, but weak in constantly exposing himself to evil influences.

LIABILITY TO SIN.

The tendency of the human heart is by nature toward evil. It is through the grace of God in Christ by the Holy Spirit that this tendency is overcome, and sin is overpowered. Even in the Christian there are possibilities of evil, which, if given way, will wreck all that is good. Whatever good one has, he owes it to God, and continuance in well-doing is secured by the constant help of God; so that if the help of God be withdrawn, one is liable to be thrown over, as a child would be before a strong wind when out of the grasp of his father's hand. This is illustrated in the personal history of Noah, Lot, Jacob, David, Solomon, and others. And how sadly Samson stands as an example of the same thing! Instead of silencing the voice of the tempter, he listened, and was persuaded; instead of overcoming he was overcome. By the help of God, he could have resisted every solicitation, and remained faithful to the divine truth, which he had accepted, and loyal to the cause which he has espoused. But no! He was strong in muscle, but weak in will. Moral courage is always greater than mere bodily strength.

INEVITABLE PUNISHMENT.

The hero who had never lost a battle for twenty years was at last delivered up into the hands of his enemies, as a wounded lion succumbs to a pack of yelping hounds. Not only was he fettered and imprisoned and mocked, but his eyes were put out, and he was made hopelessly blind. Note the greatness of his folly, in having broken his vow of consecration to the Lord, in having made friends with his enemies, in having been guilty repeatedly of fragrant sin like the heathen, notwithstanding his sacred position as the appointed deliverer of Israel. Great Samson fell! From strength to weakness; from hill-top to the deepest valley; from freedom to slavery; from glory to shame; from the brightest prospects to the darkest gloom! The man who gave liberty to Israel now grinds at the mill! He was strong in securing the freedom of others, but was weak in falling into sin and losing his own liberty.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

The fifth annual session of the San Marcos District League Conference met in Luling June 25 and 26, 1901, in the capacity of a League Institute. This was the first year the League has been separated from the District Conference and the first year as a District League Institute. The wisdom of the whole plan was fully demonstrated.

A nice program had been arranged, and nearly all the Leaguers that were appointed on it were present and had their parts well prepared.

Our presiding elder, Rev. Sterling Fisher, and a member of our General Epworth League Board, was present and added greatly to the success of the Institute.

J. T. Ellis, our State Secretary, made us a short visit and gave us a general outline of the State work. Nearly all the Leagues in the district were represented.

The subject of missions was made prominent. Besides strong missionary addresses by Bro. Fisher and Prof. Peacock, we had with us Miss Vannie Fourqurean, a missionary just back from Cuba, who gave us an interesting account of her experiences there in the orphan work. The San Marcos District has collected, so far, nearly double the amount for missions of any other district in the conference. Bro. Fisher says this is largely due to the missionary activity of the Leagues. The Institute recommended that each Leaguer in the district pay as much as 5 cents per week from now until conference, this amount to be used as a reserve fund to cover any deficit for missions that may occur in the district. Also pledged \$50 for Soo-Chow University in China.

We were entertained by the youngest League in the district, having been organized in February last, and under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. F. H. C. Elliott, is now one of the largest and best Leagues in the district.

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 tendent of Junior Leagues, and elect-  
 ed Miss Ethel Piland, Waelder, to the  
 office.

The last night was devoted to a con-  
 secration service, conducted by Bro.  
 Fisher, and many expressions of  
 greater fidelity were heard. At the  
 close of this service a rising vote of  
 thanks was tendered the people of  
 Luling in general, and the League in  
 particular, for their open-hearted hospi-  
 tality.

The time and place for the next  
 meeting was left to the council.  
 S. H. HOPKINS, Secretary.  
 Waelder, Texas.

**ATTENTION, LEAGUERS!**

All Southern Epworth Leaguers who  
 will attend the International Confer-  
 ence at San Francisco are invited to  
 attend an "Echo Meeting" in St. Paul's  
 M. E. Church, South, Denver, on  
 Thursday evening, July 25. Every-  
 body will want to spend at least one  
 day in this beautiful metropolis of  
 the Rocky Mountain region. The pas-  
 tors of the two Southern Methodist  
 Churches of the city and their  
 Leaguers will be glad to lend their as-  
 sistance in pointing out places of in-  
 terest to visitors, directing them to  
 suitable hotels and doing whatever is  
 in their power to make the "stop  
 over" enjoyable.

Some of the delegations have al-  
 ready arranged to stop in Denver on  
 the way out. We shall be delighted  
 to have these persons worship with  
 us on Sunday, the 15th. A mass-  
 meeting of all the Leaguers has been  
 planned for Trinity M. E. Church at  
 3:20 p. m. on this day. Let all who  
 can, however, plan to attend the "Echo  
 Meeting" on the 25th. You want to  
 know something of our work in this  
 section and we need the uplift that  
 will come as a result of your pres-  
 ence among us. A number of the  
 strongest speakers in Southern Meth-  
 odism will take part in the "Echo  
 Meeting" and leading ministers of the  
 Church are expected to fill our pul-  
 pits on the 14th. Let the heads of  
 delegations everywhere that will pass  
 through Denver notify us at once if  
 they purpose attending the "Echo  
 Meeting" and if not at what time they  
 will stop in Denver. Hotel rates are  
 reasonable. First-class accommoda-  
 tions can be secured in the leading  
 hotels of the city at an average of  
 from \$2 to \$2.50 per day.

Come, and let us have a good time  
 together and be mutually helpful one  
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 undersigned, pastor St. Paul's M. E.  
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**DOGGEREL—NOT POETRY.**

To Milton, Dante Et Al

Dear Friends—To you, in sadness, I must  
 truly confess,  
 That of late my heart has been in great-  
 est distress.  
 'Tis sad to see a crown so long and wor-  
 thily worn,  
 By fair young hands, from poets' brows,  
 So ruthlessly torn;  
 To behold the stars that shone so glori-  
 ously bright,  
 Now being forced to give place to this  
 far greater light.  
 And what stabs my poor heart, and  
 makes me feel even worse,  
 Is to think that all this comes from a  
 preacher's blank verse.  
 Poor Belshazzar's life was, indeed, wick-  
 ed, willful waste,  
 But I'm sure now he's truly glad he died  
 in such haste.  
 Of course you know Jericho's walls were  
 broken and torn  
 By the fearful blasts that were blown  
 through the poor sheep's horn,  
 And now poor Babylon's proud walls  
 have fallen for aye,  
 By the blast of other sheep's horn in this  
 latter day.  
 I am sorry for Daniel, and I know you  
 are, too—  
 To interpret this writing is more than he  
 can do.  
 The "verse" is continued—I'm afraid  
 'twill never end,  
 But no matter what the future, I am  
 still your friend.  
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 the many imitations. 633

**A PARABLE.**

It happened once that into a certain  
 family there was born a child—fair  
 and beautiful to behold. From its very  
 birth it seemed healthy and vigorous,  
 and gave great promise of becoming  
 an honor and a blessing to the family.  
 Its advent was hailed with great joy,  
 and they said it was "sent of God"  
 and spoke of it as being a "gift of  
 Providence."

The family met in council, and de-  
 cided to do their best for the child. So  
 they provided a nurse, and gave it fine  
 apparel, and "an organ," and did much  
 to cheer it and help it in its infant  
 days.

The nurse traveled about among the  
 members of the family, and all the  
 time talked about the child, until they  
 were sure that the youngster was des-  
 tined to become a great power in the  
 land.

And, lo! when the child had reached  
 the age of 1 year, it was found that it  
 had cost the family a great deal to  
 support it. The nurse, however, re-  
 minded them that it was but a child,  
 and they must not expect it to make  
 its own living so quickly. And behold,  
 they were satisfied with the statement,  
 and gave all their care to the child  
 and helped it in many ways.

In time its second birthday came,  
 and it was found that it had cost the  
 family just as much as ever. They be-  
 gan then to fear for its future, but said  
 little until they should try it another  
 year.

But, behold! when it was 3 years old  
 it was found that the expense was be-  
 coming greater, and the wise men of  
 the family concluded that there was  
 something wrong, for surely a 3-year-  
 old child ought to be able to support  
 itself. Finally they said the nurse was  
 to blame. One of them called Jonas,  
 and another called Thomas, declared  
 that the nurse was giving too much at-  
 tention to other people's business and  
 was not feeding the child aright. So  
 when the fourth year rolled away, and  
 still the child was not making its own  
 living, nor furnishing any help to the  
 worn-out members of the family, they  
 decided the old nurse had too much  
 steel in his make-up to care for such a  
 delicate child; so they fired him and  
 hired another, who, they said, would  
 feed the baby on sweet things, and  
 pretty things and things that would  
 not give it indigestion and cause it to  
 be fretful and cross and disobedient to  
 the older members of the family.

But, behold! the fifth year passed,  
 and the sixth, and each year the family  
 found that the expense of maintaining  
 the child was not diminished.

Now, when the child had reached  
 the great age of 7 years, it was found  
 by the representatives of the family,  
 who met to investigate the matter, that  
 it had cost the family over \$6000 that  
 year.

Whereupon a great cry went up from  
 some of the older members of the fam-  
 ily (who had never had any too much  
 sympathy for the child, any way) that  
 it was a sin and a shame and a disgrace  
 to spend the family's money to feed a  
 7-year-old child; that the worn-out  
 members of the family (and it was  
 these who seemed to cry the loudest)  
 were being robbed and cheated out of  
 their birth-right (?) by the child.

And, behold! one who is "Nunn" of  
 our acquaintance we judge him to be  
 quite old, though, from the spirit of  
 his cry, went further than all the rest,  
 and would have us abandon the child  
 to its fate—"drapping it right dar."  
 V. G. THOMAS

**THE EPWORTH ERA.**

We heartily indorse your editorial  
 in last week's issue, giving the merits  
 of the League organization. In our  
 short experience, we have found the  
 League as you have—"one of our most  
 helpful arms of strength and activity."  
 In our League here at Millsap (only  
 ten months old), we have an Epworth  
 Era in almost every home, and we  
 have not tried to imitate other  
 Leagues, but are guided by the noble  
 designs laid out by our editor, H. M.  
 Du Bose.

Some of the results: At this once  
 very timid Church, Methodism has  
 been greatly strengthened, young men  
 and ladies are cheerfully taking on  
 themselves many of the burdens of  
 the Church, both spiritually and finan-  
 cially; pastor and people are being  
 drawn closer in touch, one with the  
 other; the cause of missions is not  
 now such a "bugbear," but the re-  
 verse; once a month we have interest-  
 ing missionary programs; already this  
 point is "out" with a "gilt-edge" on  
 conference collections; our temperance  
 meetings are enthusiastic; all our  
 programs edifying and enjoyable. Mill-  
 sap is now the banner appointment of  
 the six on this circuit. It pays the  
 pastor half his support. However, we  
 are not perfect here yet; but if the  
 Epworth League, with the Sunday-  
 school, can be held up, we expect soon  
 to have one of the most stable and  
 loyal classes in the M. E. Church,  
 South. One good indication now is  
 that our sister denominations are  
 awake to the fact that they must be-

stir themselves, else the Methodists will  
 soon have supreme reign.

"The League bridges the space be-  
 tween the Sunday-school and the body  
 of the elders in the organized congre-  
 gation." And I want to state that we  
 would feel at as great a loss to try to  
 run a Sunday-school without "Teach-  
 ers' Magazine" and its other helps as  
 to try to run the League without the  
 Era. Furthermore, it seems to me  
 that the editor of it is serving a God-  
 chosen place, and from my point of  
 view, the best thing we Southern  
 Methodists can do is to seek to relieve  
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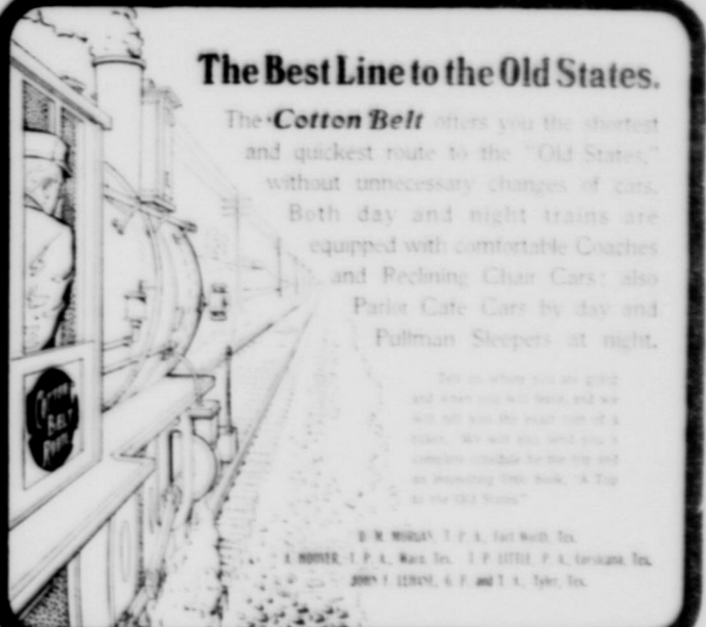
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WOMAN'S BOARD FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, held in Asheville, North Carolina, June 6-12, 1901, was an occasion full of interest and one much enjoyed by the members of the Board and by the numerous visitors who attended. To this writer (who went as a reserve delegate from the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference) the meeting was of especial interest, she having been previously a member of the Board for a number of years, and therefore found pleasure in meeting and meeting old friends among the members of the Board, while making the acquaintance of others. The business routine from day to day was instructive and showed the fine method with which all departments of work under charge of the organization is conducted. The meeting was held in the Central Methodist Church, of which Dr. J. H. Weaver is pastor, and he and his estimable wife were untiring in their efforts to make all members and visitors comfortable and to adjust matters for the convenience of all. The five Texas Conferences each had a representative at the meeting, as did almost every conference in Southern Methodism, and the presence of seven returned missionaries, employed by the Board, now at home on leave of absence from various fields, added much to the interest of the daily sessions. Dr. Young J. Allen, the veteran in the cause—the missionary patriarch of Southern Methodism—was there, giving help and inspiration by his words of brotherly cheer and by his wise counsel and information on important points. Dr. Walter Lamark, Missionary Secretary of our Church, was also a welcome visitor at the daily sessions—an able counselor and adviser, whose views and opinions were valuable and helpful in the consideration and discussion of various items of business.

Bishop and Mrs. Wilson who have so recently returned from their visit to China and Japan were present, their minds teeming with information on the condition of those remote fields, and their hearts full of sympathy for the needs of those benighted children of the Orient. While in China Mrs. Wilson visited all the schools under the auspices of this Board and she read a carefully-prepared report of her observations at one of the morning sessions, giving in detail the conditions and the system of work as found in these several institutions—a paper which was full of valuable information, coming as it did from an observer so intelligent and interested as she is, who had seen eye to eye and face to face, and who spoke therefore as one having full information.

Bishop Wilson preached the annual sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock and at night gave an address on "Conditions in the Far East" and was heard by large and responsive audiences at each service. It has been my privilege to hear Bishop Wilson on various occasions, but never before, it seemed to me, did he seem so full of the Spirit and speak with such fervor and eloquence as in that sermon at 11 o'clock, for he was moved out of his usual deliberate—we might say majestic—style, and spoke with an animation and power that thrilled his hearers as his voice rang out the message which he had come to deliver at this auspicious hour. Fresh from the field of action in China and Japan, he exhorted the Church at home to renewed zeal and activity in carrying the message of salvation to these remote regions, not for a moment giving up to seeming discouragements, but pressing forward still to conquest and to victory, in the name of our King, Immanuel!

This annual meeting of the Board, the first annual meeting of the twentieth century, was made memorable by the acceptance and appointment of twelve new missionaries—the largest class ever received at one time—a class of twelve young ladies who had finished the required two years' training at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and had been adopted by the Woman's Board for work in the foreign field.

The exercises on Tuesday night, the closing night of the annual meeting, were devoted to the formal presentation and acceptance of this class of young ladies. It was indeed an impressive hour—this class of twelve coming thus in the full flush of young womanhood to receive their commission to enter that field of work which meant for them renunciation of home-life in the home-land, and all that such renunciation implies to a young lady, to go out to a strange land, among strange people, to labor for

them, to bring them to a knowledge of Christ. The address of the President of the Board, Mrs. Wightman, to this class of young ladies was such as could come only from the loving and sympathetic heart of a consecrated Christian woman, who understood and valued the treasures which these noble young ladies had placed upon the altar—their own young lives—and her words to them will linger with them, no doubt, to life's end, comforting and inspiring them. As each young lady in a few words spoke of her call to enter this life of service for Christ, it was made clear to their hearers that each one had felt the effect of the grand motive power, "the love of Christ constraineth me," and had thus responded by giving herself to the divinely appointed work.

The presence of the returned missionaries—most of whom were on their first visit to the home-land after several years' absence, several from China and from Brazil, one from the City of Mexico, and one from Cuba—was an inspiration to the members of the Board, and their words, full of hope and cheer, brought encouragement to these sisters of the home-land who are giving of their time and means to sustain them in their work in the foreign fields.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board, Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, showed that the year's total collection amounted to \$118,869.67, and of this amount about forty thousand dollars had been contributed to the Twentieth Century Fund.

The social features of the annual meeting were much enjoyed—the time spent in this sojourn in the "Queen City of the Mountains" being of itself an unalloyed pleasure; and then the courtesies of the local auxiliary extended to the members and visitors added brightness to the hours day by day. The afternoon, given to the drive out to "Biltmore," the palatial domain of Mr. George Vanderbilt, about three miles from the city, was one full of interest and enjoyment—the long line of carriages winding in and out the graded driveways of the estate, rare blooming shrubs and bright evergreens on every side, the gleam of artificial lakes at intervals, and the cool depths of the Swannanoa River extending along the margin of the roadway at other points, the water spanned at various points by handsome artistic stone bridges, conspired to make a charming drive—a diversion which the ladies of the central auxiliary so kindly provided for their guests. This estate, comprising thousands of acres of woodland and valley, with forty miles of graded driveways through it, and the white marble "chateau" standing upon a noble elevation, with the blue mountains rising in grandeur and beauty on every side, the building a crowning piece of architecture, is the ideal place of all America for beauty, it is claimed—nature and art joining hands in making the picture complete.

The outlook for the year just opening to the W. F. M. Society is full of promise. We will work in faith, trusting for a glorious outcome for our efforts, fully believing "that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." We believe that the women of our beloved Methodism are "called to this work of helping in the evangelization of the world, and that the work is according to the purpose of God.

FLORENCE E. HOWELL.

In the class of young ladies, twelve in number, who were accepted for work and appointed to their various fields of labor at the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, is one who is from the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference. This representative from North Texas Conference, Miss Norwood Wynn, of Dallas, has been for the last two years a student in the Scarritt Bible and Training School as beneficiary of the scholarship of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, in that school. She has made a fine record in the school, graduating at the close of the last term in May, and has been appointed by the Woman's Board to work in Cuba. She will not be expected to enter upon her appointed work until some time late in the next fall and will, therefore, be glad to occupy her time meanwhile in aiding in the organization of auxiliaries of the W. F. M. Society in the conference, or otherwise assisting the District Secretaries of the conference in promoting the interests of the work. Any District Secretary who may wish a visit from Miss Wynn, either to assist in organizing or to take part in any meeting looking to the interest of the work in auxiliaries already organized, can address her at 259 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, and she will gladly respond. Those auxiliaries wishing a visit from Miss Wynn for the good of their work in any way will pay her traveling expenses, and her expenses to such points as have no organization

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DEWITT—Sister Willie C. Dewitt (nee West), daughter of Mrs. and Sister W. L. West of Johnson, Texas, and wife of Dr. C. Dewitt, was born May 7, 1824, in the State of Mississippi, near Columbus. Her parents moved to Texas in 1838, and settled in Johnson County, near Childress, where she was absorbed by Dr. Dewitt and Joshua. Sister Dewitt was raised in Johnson County. She grew up to be a most beautiful woman, and possessed an excellent disposition. The writer was her mother's pastor, and somewhat took charge of her father, though he was a Primitive Baptist when Sister Dewitt was of tender years. She professed religion in 1851, under the ministry of W. C. Longenecker, near Childress, Texas. She was a faithful and consistent member, always ready for every good word and work. She was married to Dr. C. Dewitt November 21, 1857. This union was never blessed with any children. She died in great peace April 2, 1901, aged 76 years, 10 months and 26 days. A faithful, trusting child, an uncompromising follower of the blessed Christ, an earnest, devoted member of the Church, having true wife and neighbor in deed and in truth, she will be missed. Truly can we say, "For he that lives in Christ, to die is gain." Yes, the dear one has gone. Her place cannot be filled by another. But she left upon all about to tell whether she was gone. They all point heavenward. In that safe and restful haven, where no storms blow and where no ships are ever wrecked, and where all may all meet after the voyage on life was 40 years. Look up, ye bereaved ones, behold the glorified spirit of your loved one, that which were and sorrow, clothed in glorious garments, ready to more and with weeping, resides in the home of a blessed reunion by and by which all souls be broken. May the grace of our precious Saviour comfort your hearts and give you strength to successfully sustain all the temptations and trials of life, and bring you at last in triumph to the beautiful home of God.

G. S. WYATT.

HAYNES—Dr. Joseph Susan Haynes was born in Tennessee, December 28, 1825, and died in Van Zandt County, Texas, near Jewell, October 18, 1898, after a long illness. He was married to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Mary, who was born in Tennessee, and after stopping a while in Texas, they moved to Van Zandt County, where his wife died. He then moved to Van Zandt County in January, 1852, where he was married to Mrs. J. C. Turner, who survives him. He began practicing medicine when he was 20 years old, and retired from the practice in 1870. He had three children, two of whom are living: Mrs. John Morgan, of Stone Point, Texas; and W. L. Haynes, of Dallas, Texas; and Dr. C. L. Haynes, of Dallas, Texas. He was a most successful physician, and we know where to find him. His pure white soul has gone down with his God. He was always kind and gentle to the widow and orphan. His name was always put in prayer. He was a member of the ministry. His name was kept up from the days of his youth to the time of his death. He was without reproach, his character without blemish. We know he has gone down with Jesus and the angels, and he will live in our memories. May we all strive to meet him in that better home. His granddaughter, MISS LURA POLLARD, Jewell, Texas.

MISS LURA POLLARD.

JORDAN—Mrs. Eva B. Jordan (nee Jordan) was born in Belmont, La., April 1, 1824, and died in Sherwood, Texas, June 1, 1898. In early life she professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, near Childress, Texas, under the ministry of Dr. C. V. Moffatt. From that time to the day of her death she lived as a precious member. She was noted for her sweet spirit and kindness of heart. She was sick four months and four days, though having lived but a short time in Sherwood, she had many warm friends. This was true, also, in every place she had lived. Many will shed a tear when they see this notice. She was married to H. C. Jordan in the Methodist Church, October 3, 1844, by Rev. W. D. Bradford. She was the mother of three children—Ruth, Ivan and Louis. Little Ivan died when only 8 months old in Kilbuck, Texas. Ruth and Louis are still living. In the case of her only daughter, P. M. Roster, May the grace of our precious Saviour may be needed to supply him with all he needs in caring for these little ones. He was the sickbed and only brother of two sisters, who will again with longing hearts be coming to the heavenly home. May we all meet in that good land.

W. S. P. McCLOUGH.

EASTON—Mrs. Eliza Easton was born August 1, 1821, was married to Rev. T. C. Easton May 1, 1845, and converted to the M. E. Church, South, shortly after their marriage. Her husband died in 1866, since which time she made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Sister Greer. She died in Johnson County, Texas, June 25, 1898, at the advanced age of 76 years, 10 months and 26 days. The call did not come to Grandma Easton unexpectedly, she felt the coming of her death, and often said she was ready and resigned to the will of God; that she was as soft clay in the potter's hands. Sister Easton had a host of friends, who loved her much. She was a noble, pure, consecrated servant of God, rich in experience and ripe in years, and more than the best of homes, we may well say for her to live was Christ and to die was gain. May her devoted children all be faithful and meet her in heaven. The funeral services were held at the Methodist Church and her body laid to rest in Hurto Cemetery by the side of her husband. We shall meet her again. S. J. VAUGHAN.

HULL—J. H. Hull was born in Lowndes County, Miss., January 6, 1831; moved with his parents to Gonzales County, Texas, in 1838, and in 1848 to Childress County, Texas, where he lived at the parental home until his Christian parents took their departure to their eternal home. By this time he had grown to full manhood. He joined in the late Civil War and served his country faithfully for four years. He was wounded during the time in his knee. With the exception of the four years he was in the war he lived in Lavaca County, where he made many acquaintances and a host of friends. All who know him learned that he was an honest, upright, law-abiding citizen, a kind, affectionate friend and neighbor. For several years he made his home with his brother-in-law, James Morrow. He was sick about six months, which resulted in death June 13, 1898. He has left affectionate, mourning loved ones and many friends to mourn their loss. The Lavaca country this bereaved with good of their immortal souls, and help them to apply their hearts unto wisdom and so live as knowing they too, must die. A. G. NOLEN, Childress, Texas.

RATLIFF—Mrs. Susan A. Gresham Ratliff died suddenly, after three days illness, June 7, 1898, at her home in Tennessee in 1852; was married to Robt. Ratliff in 1852, while living in Texas. They came to Idaho in 1857. In the spring of 1857 they moved to Hot Spring, where they built a house and raised it in grass, trees and flowers. Ten children were given to them. Four sons and four daughters are left to mourn their loss. When asked if she was ready to go, she replied: "Yes, I prepared for this long years ago." To her husband's question of what she saw, she said, "Peace." She wanted all her children and neighbors to meet her in heaven. She spoke of the room being full of angels. The funeral services were held Sunday, June 5, under the trees in the home yard by Rev. C. E. Mason. Her form rests on the ranch, overlooking the valley and the shadow, with the river of grand making it green and beautiful. ROBT. RATLIFF, Hot Spring, Idaho.

PATTERSON—Bro. J. W. Patterson died the night of May 22, 1898, at his residence near Benjamin, Knox County, Texas. His death was the result of the kick of a young animal which he was saddling to ride. He was hurt on Monday evening and died Wednesday, Patterson had been a professor of religion and a member of the Church from early boyhood. A good citizen, a good neighbor, and beyond doubt a Christian, has gone to the better home beyond the borders of time. Bro. Patterson had been twice married. He leaves ten children, his wife, two brothers and one sister to mourn his departure. Five of his children are members of the Church. Bro. Patterson tried to bring his children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. God's gracious blessings rest upon the family and guide them to the brighter shores. J. W. R. BACHMAN.

HAMILTON—On March 18, 1898, at the home of Jim Hamilton, in Palo Pinto County, Texas, two of his beautiful children, Emma May, aged 18, and Emmett, five years old, were burned in an outbuilding. Little Emma May died at once, her beautiful little body being consumed. Emmett lingered in much pain and agony for three days and passed away, God took them to himself. Their death was by fire and suffering, but their new life is radiant in glory. "Earth hath no sorrow, heaven can not hold, so to the bereaved ones, father, mother, brothers, sisters and friends, commend the grace of God, who will make all things, afflictions and sorrows, work for them good here and glory in heaven. Rest safely, sweetly, dear children, till your loved ones shall meet you in heaven. L. C. REICHTER.

HILL—Annie Laurie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Hill, departed this life June 28, 1898. She had been 16 years old the 18th of next October. She was the only daughter in a family of five children. She was a pet in the family, and still was not spoiled; but was obedient, gentle, and very beloved by everybody. She was a Christian, and possessed an intelligent faith, which worked by love and purified her heart. The stroke was a heavy one, and the family have the sympathy of the people generally. We laid her to rest in the cemetery here in Greenville to await the resurrection in the just, and we confidently expect to meet her in that day. I am glad to say that the parents regard her not as lost, but gone before, and some have already been brought to the Saviour through the influence of her consecrated life and triumphant death. UNCLE WILLIE.

TUCKER—Mrs. Callie Tucker departed this life April 12, 1898. Sister Tucker, though not a member of the visible Church, had been a professor of religion some four years, being, we believe, converted at a Methodist church, and was desirous of uniting with the Church, and expressed her determination to do so to one of her intimate friends, Sister Tucker was, no doubt, a good woman. Her mother, at her burial, expressed the fact that she had never an occasion to reproach her in the slightest for any misconduct whatever. We believe she is in the land of glory. She leaves a mother, six sisters, one brother, her husband and four little children. She was 28 years old. The gracious Lord preserve her loved ones to meet her on the brighter shore. J. W. R. BACHMAN.

ENGLAND—Mrs. Naomi Susan (Crowley) England was born in Hohenstein, Calhoun County, Miss., Jan. 25, 1823. She was converted and joined the Baptist Church at the age of 14. Six years later she joined the Methodist Church and lived a consistent Christian until her death. She was married to T. W. England December 24, 1852. After her husband's death in Detroit, Texas, in 1857, she moved to Mississippi, and returned to Texas and settled in Breckenridge in 1862. Two children are buried by the father in Detroit. One rests beside the mother here. Three daughters—Mrs. H. B. Furr and Misses Eliza and May—live here, and all are Christians and live not without hope of being a reunited family after death. Heart-broken over her husband's death and the added sorrow of the death of her only son three years ago so proscribed her that she never recovered her strength. About a year ago her body so rapidly gave away that she was off and on the bed, and for the last four months continually thereon. Her "faith

was spoken of throughout Breckenridge, and so among the first things I learned as I entered the charge as pastor was of her serious sickness. Until her death I was to see her many times, and found her always a great but exceedingly patient sufferer. She had a very bright and happy religious experience, and was constantly testifying to God's power to save. She carried nothing for death and frequently said if it was not for her children she would be anxious to go. After bidding all good-bye on Saturday, 3 p. m., March 22, 1898, she waved "farewell to every body," and thus the prisoner's fetters fell off and Sister England now inhabits the mansion prepared for her. On the day following, the church would not near hold the congregation at the funeral service, and a long procession of friends followed to the last resting place. Her pastor, E. V. COX, Breckenridge, Texas.

STERN—John W. Stern was born in Bedford County, Tenn., August 1, 1861, and died at his home in Johnson County, Texas, April 18, 1898. He was married to Alice Denton, July 25, 1882, who, with a son and daughter, are to mourn their irreparable loss. A kick by a mule caused his death. The loss of so good and useful a man, and the suddenness and shocking manner of his death have not a gleam over all communities in which he lived. But he was ready. He gave his heart to God when a young man, and was a good and faithful servant till the day of his death. Modest and distrustful of himself, he did not pose as a religious man, but when imposed upon him by his brethren he did not shrink responsibility. But he was a leader in a very important sense. He could truly say, "Follow me as I follow Christ." He was religious from principle, and in all the relations of life was governed by the principles of Christianity. He took his stand on the Lord's side, and remained there steadfast and unmovable. He led a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and honesty, and died in peace with God and all men. And now the universal testimony is that a good man is gone. We have lost him, but the influence of his upright life still lives. Being dead, he yet speaks to us by doctrine, by precept, by training and exhortation, loved the doctrines and discipline of his Church, and was a liberal supporter of its institutions. His home was a home for his preacher, where he always found a hearty welcome. He was our Sunday-school superintendent at Denton's Chapel, faithful and beloved. When we go there now to Sunday-school and to worship, our hearts are made sad by his absence, but we think of him at home over the ether, where we hope to meet him by and by. W. H. MOSS.

TRAVIS—Miss Tillie Travis was born January 7, 1851, in Gibson County, Tenn., was converted October, 1871, and joined the Presbyterian Church in 1882, where she lived a consistent Christian until the day of her death, which occurred June 28, 1898. Miss Tillie was indeed a type of true womanhood from every standpoint—gentle, kind, patient and affable under all circumstances, evincing a strong, well-founded Christian character and a sweetness of disposition that is worthy of our imitation. She lived her religion to a high degree. In fact, she was always found a hearty welcome to all who were in her home, and her Christian life shone brighter and brighter till the day of her death. Oh, to live right! That is the chief desire. I am not concerned about dying. The Lord will take care of the inevitable, but, oh, to live so that when the summons comes, will all be ready! Miss Tillie was sick only a few days, and her suffering was intense, but she bore it with great patience and submission to the Lord's will. Her life of gentleness, faithfulness and humility is certainly an example to those who are left behind. She was very much loved in the community in which she lived and her influence was always for good with those with whom she associated. May the Holy Spirit direct the hearts and lives of those left behind that they may join her in the beautiful beyond, where there is no sickness and sorrow and where parting shall never come. A. WALKUP.

THOMAS—Sister Alpha A. Thomas was born May 18, 1828, in Fayette County, Ala., and died at her home in Benjamin, Texas, June 4, 1898. Sister Thomas professed religion in August, 1866, and joined the Baptist Church, in which she lived some nine or ten years, and then joined the Methodist Church. A good, Christian woman, a faithful mother, has gone to the beautiful land where joy and happiness reign forever. She had been in ill health for some time. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom still live. God's blessings in abundance be upon the bereaved ones. J. W. R. BACHMAN.

ARMSTRONG—Ernest Pierce Armstrong, son of J. K. and E. L. Armstrong, was born January 5, 1825, in Drew, Gibson County, Tenn., and died May 23, 1898, aged 73 years and 4 months. He was a man of noble character and sterling integrity, and his associates counted him one of their truest friends. He was kind and obedient to his parents, was especially devoted to his step-father, and polite and friendly to all with whom he associated. He bore his long sickness with great patience and submission to the Lord's will, and yet amid it all the Christ in him ex-

abled him to rejoice over every foe and to shout victory in the last hour. Life to his parents will no doubt seem lonely, but it will strengthen their interests in the land beyond. What a sweet assurance it is that we shall see and know our loved ones in heaven. Though the family circle is broken, and the inmates of this saddened home are burdened with grief and sorrow at their unspeakable loss, we have the assurance that if we are faithful we will be reunited in that better world. J. A. WALKUP.

LEWIS—It was in the early morning of June 22, 1898, that the death angel came and bore away the sweet spirit of our precious friend, Mamma Feltz Lewis, just in the bloom of young womanhood—just 23 years old. In early life she professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the old Forest Academy camp-meeting. She was always ready to do her duty and to obey the Lord. She was happily married to Mr. S. H. Lewis of Como, Texas. Three children were born in that home. Two years ago, and on the same day, death came and robbed the home of her two boys—little Fred and Clyde. They both sleep in the same grave in the Como Cemetery, and to-day their beautiful, loving mother sleeps by their side, and sweet little baby Helen is left with papa and appreciated by many sympathizing friends. Oh, God! look with love, pity and tenderness on the grief-stricken young husband; watch over and guide the footsteps of her precious baby; bind up the broken heart of her mother, father, and so many other loved ones; be the prayer of her friend and one who loved her. MARTHA D. AIRDIS.

WILSON—Sister Malinda Modinia Wilson was born in Mississippi, and on February 17, 1829, moved to Texas in the fall of 1852, and settled near Lookout Mountain, Montague County; was born of the Spirit in 1852, and joined the M. E. Church in 1857; was married to Mr. W. H. Wilson, July 27, 1857, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Forestburg in 1866, under the ministry of Rev. C. W. Glayville, and in great peace June 11, 1898. Sister Wilson was confined to her room for almost two years, and visited by her often, and sometimes would ask her if she had any certain passage of Scripture she wanted read. Often she would say the twenty-third Psalm. Hers was as great a victory as ever witnessed. She leaves a devoted husband, two children to mourn their loss. Truly one of God's most noble women has fallen. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." May God bless Bro. Wilson and Burt and Lena, may they imitate her spirit, emulate her life, and like her, die in the triumphs of a living faith, and give us by example with the Lord. J. W. TINSHER, P. C.

HILTON—Eugene M. Hilton, the subject of this sketch, was born in Erie, Pa., May 25, 1865. On January 19, 1884, he came to Texas, where he remained until his death, May 31, 1898, of consumption near Re, Texas, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, where he was nursed with tender care. He bore his sufferings with all patience. Mr. G. S. Hilton, of Erie, Mich., carried the remains of his brother back to Erie, and interred them in the family burial ground. In August, 1886, he professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a faithful member; therefore his death was victory. The community and Church will miss him. To the grief-stricken mother, father and brother I would say, sorrow not as those who have no hope. In the sweet by and by you will all meet again where there will be no sorrow nor death. A FRIEND.

HILL—Henry Wesley Hill, son of Robert A. and Annie D. Hill, was born in Erie, Pa., 1868, and died from the bite of a rattlesnake, June 4, 1898. He was born and died in this, Taylor County, Texas. Henry is the only one that has been taken from a family of ten children. He was a boy of extraordinary good nature; always contented with his lot, and perfectly obedient. He was a great lover of music, had a musical voice, and around the home circle he sang a great deal. The family are much bereaved, but resigned to the will of God. While the heart-cords on earth are torn and bleeding, dear parents, heaven is made richer and sweeter. May God in his mercy help every one of the remaining family to meet Henry in heaven. BUFFALO GAP, TEXAS. M. H. HILSON.

EVANS—Joseph Morgan Evans was born in Morgan County, Ala., June 15, 1826; was married to Miss Eliza McDowell just forty years and three months ago. The next day after his marriage he left his bride to join the Confederate Army during the four years of strife he visited home, which God blessed this union with

nine children, six of whom are living. He moved, with his family, to Breckenridge, Texas, in January, 1871, in search of health for his wife. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in August, 1882. He has been sick for about a year, and was confined to his bed for eight months. He departed this life June 18, 1898. As his pastor I had visited him numerous times, always talking to him about his future condition, and he gave every assurance of a glorious destiny. Though a great sufferer, he never complained, and talked freely that he would be glad when the time of departure should arrive. His wife and six children still survive him, on whom we pray God's richest blessings. E. V. COX.

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A CHAT WITH LOCAL PREACHERS.

It may seem to some an unpardonable presumption for an obscure Methodist local preacher to call in question the matured opinions of a Bishop, but a great Bishop—in fact, all of them together, with the wisdom of the whole connection to help them—may make little mistakes, which may be far-reaching in their results, or else why should the General Conference meet continuously every four years for a century past to amend and, in many instances, to entirely undo the work of previous sessions, materially effecting the relations and the status of the local preachers? And now it is gravely considered necessary to make another change at the approaching quadrennial session.

We dissent from the suggestion as expressed on the 4th page of Bishop Hodding's discourse on the administration of Discipline, that a traveling preacher who has become so sordid as to ask for a location for the purpose of influencing certain societies to receive him as their pastor to the exclusion of the traveling preacher, "should become local." We insist that he should not be permitted to locate under such circumstances, but rather let him be stripped of his ministerial authority and expelled from the connection.

When one of our number goes up from us into the itinerant connection, he goes with good faith, and finds himself unable to do the work, and then in like good order of his own free will returns to us with unsullied name to abide with us, we are ready to receive him with open arms and with a brotherly welcome. But when he is thrust upon us in dishonor, branded with the doubtful record and indefinite explanation, located for want of acceptability, it becomes a matter of offense to more than four thousand unoffending local preachers in our Southern connection as an unmerited reflection. A brother says we ought to be willing to take him back because they got him from us. Yes, but he was all right when he left us. They took him from us, and were glad to get him at the time. They undertook his training and education; sent him to "Brush College" for two or more years; at each annual examination subjected him to the most rigid tests of character and progress in scholarship, and then, at the end of his sophomore pupillage, they propounded to him all the hard test questions that the savans of the Church have been able to invent for more than a century past, touching his purposes and willingness to repent, all selfishness and worldly ambition, and in response to all these sweeping interrogatories he promised most emphatically to keep the rules involved and not to mend them for convenience sake; and then the whole conference, it may be, of more than a hundred good men and true, passed judgment upon his fitness and acceptability, and then, with the solemn imposition of hands, set him apart to their own use and service, seemingly forever. Then what next? Well, let Bishop Hodding tell us on page 88 of that little book: "On a few, yet but few, I trust, the obligations of a traveling preacher hang so loosely that they can take appointments, or locate and follow some other business, just as their own convenience can be best served. Such men, moved by unworthy motives, hang around the conference, watching for the best appointments, till they find they can not get them, and then ask for a location." Oh! it may be that a pressure is brought to bear to force them to locate out of the way, or else, if they are not in a hurry to leave, are located without their consent, for want of acceptability. And now our brother insists that we ought not to object because he came from us, and they just simply return him. Now, we are not complaining against the great man for unmasking the aggressor and exhibiting to view the hideous deformity of his real character, but on account of the

strange advice he gave him, after discovering, as he says, "with his own eyes and hearing with his own ears . . . these improper practices," that the scheming rascalion "should locate."

Now that we ought not to object because they got him from us reminds us of the fellow that went into a store where he saw more pairs of shoes than there are local preachers in our whole Southern connection. He looked about for a while, and then helped himself to what he liked best, and then walked away without saying a word to the merchant except, it may be: "I may see you later." Two or three years pass away, and not a murmur of objection is heard against those shoes, until at length the snows fall and the rains descend and the whole face of the ground is covered, as far as one can see, with a sea of melting snow, and now the shoes spring a leak. That fellow pulls off those worn-out shoes, goes to see the merchant "later," as he said, throws the old shoes back on the counter, marked and branded, "Returned for want of acceptability." Will any brother say the merchant ought not to object because that is the place where the fellow got the shoes?

That the relations between the local preachers and the itinerants, if not the whole membership of the Church, are strained is too keenly felt and seen to be gravely questioned. This is recognized as a disturbing element in the fellowship of the connection. The growing distrust of the friendship of each for the other, in the two classes in the ministry, if not checked by some needed conservative legislation, may soon culminate in disastrous results. A crisis in this state of affairs is steadily and surely approaching, unless it be circumvented by a radical change in the conduct of both, each recognizing and conceding the equitable and legitimate rights of the other—if there be, as a matter of fact, any real grounds of complaint of the existence of conditions to which we allude.

In these matters of grief, we have no personal experience worth remembering. Our relations with both classes are amicable, and we have no quarrel with either side. Our pastors use us for all we are worth. Our presiding elder said to this writer, while in the chair at the District Conference: "You have full liberty, at any time and anywhere in my district." Our pastor, when he is unwell or necessarily absent, commands one or the other of his two local preachers to take his pulpit, and we usually have the average "old stand-by" element of the congregation in attendance in their accustomed places, although our central Church is accused all around about as being a "high-steeped people." So we conclude that much of the doleful complaints of which we hear are more imaginary than real.

The care of our esteemed correspondent at Mobeetie, in considering what should be said and what should be left unsaid, is well taken. In view of the supposed conditions with which we are environed, it would be unwise, in our judgment, to say anything that would increase the discontent or intensify the prevailing unrest.

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TENNESSEE LETTER.

Remembering that when we met at the great conference in New Orleans I promised to send you a few lines for your valuable paper, I now undertake the very pleasant task of redeeming that promise.

Tennessee continues to prosper both in things temporal and spiritual—and I might also say moral; for this State has made the most wonderful more toward abolishing the liquor traffic during the last twelve months of any year, perhaps, in her history. Many, many towns which were under the rule of the rum-devil a few months ago are now enjoying the peace, quietude and prosperity that come to all towns that rid themselves of this the greatest of all curses.

The saloon is doomed in the great State of Tennessee. Christian men and women have enough of it, and when Tennesseans get enough of anything they don't want any more. All hands to the rescue, and let's cut with it!

Generally hot and dry weather prevails throughout the State, with local showers in some sections and here and there a wind or hail storm doing some damage. As a rule the weather has been favorable for farm work, and the final plowing of early corn, thrashing wheat and saving hay progresses nicely.

Wheat is yielding fairly well, and the quality is satisfactory. Cotton is growing nicely, but is badly in need of rain for development. There is a great

deal of hay being saved in fine condition. Fruit, in most places, is good, except apples, which from some cause are falling from the limbs greatly.

All in all, indications are good for prosperity among us for another year, at least.

While the Lord is blessing us temporarily, we see also signs of spiritual advance. True, we have had no unusual outpourings of the Spirit in our revivals, but there seems to be a steady, healthy onward movement which tokens final victory if we only remain faithful to Him who hath called us. Especially is this true of Methodism.

Of course we have a few—as I suppose all conferences have—who contend that times are growing worse, that spirituality is dead, and that the Church is losing her hold on the people, etc., but after careful consideration and close observation, I have concluded that a great deal of such complaint comes from people who have lost their hold on the Church.

Like the blind beggars, the have sat still and complained while the Church has moved forward and left them. Such people remind me of the hen that hatched the duck eggs. The nature of the duck inclines to water, and the hen would stand on the bank of the pond and nearly take a fit every time the ducklings went in to swim. It is true that our Church is not as spiritual as she ought to be, and many of us would like to see her more so; but I don't think her spirituality is to be improved by constantly comparing the present time with fifty or a hundred years ago.

I never thought it was a good way to make a young lady sweet by constantly telling her that she is uglier than her grandmamma was when she was a girl.

I don't object to people talking about the "good old times" and the blessings then enjoyed, but are not these good times? Each day brings to us more blessing than we can enjoy, and more opportunities than we can improve.

Is it a fact that, because we don't do things now just as the people did fifty years ago, we are not Christians? What is it we do now like they did then? Can anybody tell us? Everything has changed, but God remains the same.

Roll back the wheels of time to fifty years ago and dump this generation into the surroundings of the people then, with their experiences of the present, and what a cry would at once go up for the "good old times" of the beginning of the twentieth century!

No difference in what age we live, times will be good to us only as we improve our opportunities. Then let us look ahead, and not backward.

Our pastors are all at work—some engaged in their revivals, some have already held, and others are getting ready.

The writer is engaged to help many of the brethren in their meetings, and I sincerely trust that each one will have a glorious time.

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In the report of the Paris District Conference, in your issue of June 25, you make me say, referring to Bro. J. W. Hill, "Bro. J. W. Hill leaves old Wesley," when it should have been "Bro. Hill leaves old Wesley." E. L. EGGER, Paris, Texas.

CAMP-MEETING

There will be a camp-meeting at Stanford's Chapel, near Richey, on the Cotton Belt, in the Hewitt charge, beginning Friday night before the second Sunday in August, and running over the third Sunday. Ministers and workers invited. Elegant camp-ground in one-fourth mile of Richey. We expect a great meeting. S. W. TURNER, P. C. Hewitt, Texas.

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WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

The District Conference of the Waxahachie District adjourned to-day, having been in session here since Tuesday, July 2.

This was one of the most profitable conferences that has ever been held in this district.

Several promising young men were licensed to preach, and others were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial into the traveling connection.

The first day of the conference was devoted to Sunday-school work. Reports from different Sunday-schools in the district, methods used, etc., were not only interesting, but beneficial.

The second day was taken up with Epworth League work, in which it was clearly shown by some able speeches that the Epworth League was a great factor in training up the young of our Church.

The third and fourth days were devoted to the conference proper.

We had some very able preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8:20 p. m. each day. The fellowship was as genial as that between Jonathan and David.

The District Epworth League organization was effected with W. F. Dixon of Hillsboro, as President and Robert Alexander, of Midlothian, as Secretary.

The Epworth League and Sunday-school Conference will meet next year at Ennis, Texas.

Two young men were licensed to preach—B. B. Middleton, Midlothian, and J. E. Crawford, Palmer.

Delegates to the Annual were elected as follows:

- C. C. HAYDEN.
- W. H. BERRY.
- A. LASWELL.
- CARR FOREST.

Alternates:

- R. D. Hudson.
- C. A. Stevenson.

This year will conclude the administration of Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., as presiding elder of the Waxahachie District. By his genial manners and courteous bearing he has endeared himself to the people of this district, and a very warm expression of this was entered upon the conference journal.

The good people of Grandview entertained the conference royally and greatly enjoyed its sessions.

The following are a few of those who attended the conference: Prof. D. S. Switzer, President of Weatherford College; Rev. J. M. Sherman, representing Board of Missions; Rev. R. C. Armstrong, representing Polytechnic College, Fort Worth; Rev. O. F. Senabough, of Waxahachie, represented Southwestern University.

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THE CAUSE OF  
Occasionally it has been shocked at the man in whom they perfect confidence, expectation and be crime that is loathing. At the same been prominent in society. We have one case of this sort the grief that his looking at his casual point of view account for it, but another point there the matter whatever of a well-defined case study the situation apostasy is not the act or of the impulses reaches far back it was a time when a honest thought got and he permitted it a season. In course thought of similar associated with the strength of a sin in intensified. By and began to take on purpose, and directly root in his heart. The law of association, and then the heart conduct and the sin the community and started. But the p were in operation for be for months, before outward breaking arrived. At first almost unconscious the sin, and if he dent that when he arrived he would be come out more than each step in the pre moral nature, just away of the texture der the constant d until he was help aware of it. In this resistance gradual him, and at the tin was strongest his str from him. Hence w wreck, his own re wife humiliated and dren disgraced. He insidious encroach throttle the sin wh first feeble thought, to abide with him at he became its willi yonder at the glant a monarch of the fo like it is capable of fruitly of years and most violent storm. you look upon it the tempest had sw prone upon the earl and shattered. Yo But when you look see where the little eating into its vita years, until its fiber its vitality gone. I understand why it g bled down with a era of the gale. So it is actor. Sin, in small erous thoughts, eats