

COMMUNICATIONS.

WHY EDUCATED YOUNG MEN DO NOT RETURN TO THE FARM.

In the editorial department of the Christian Advocate of August 1 the editor grieves that few of the young men seeking a scholastic education ever return to the farm. He says: "They make good students and they develop into robust scholars, but the trouble with most of them is they lose their taste for farm life as soon as they take a thorough course in school." Now the question is, how could it be otherwise? Their very education educates them away from the farm. Does not the school find them the raw, plastic material? And all the way, from the primary school through every grade to the university, does not education say: "I am going to shape and mold and fashion you, and draw you out, you're between the hammer and the anvil, and I'm going to fix your character, and give you your place in society, and as far as possible decide for you your life work." And now let us look at what are the teachings of all these schools, colleges and universities of this great State? I think it a very unfortunate and culpable fact that with a country of millions of acres of the finest land in the world, the most suitable for and capable of the highest agricultural and horticultural development, and with climatic and seasonable conditions unequalled, yet with the exception of one lone college and one industrial academy, we have not any other centers of education that teach farming. Even our own technological school, with land enough round it, does not grow its own vegetables. We teach all the professions except the one that seventy-five per cent of our people must follow, and which is at once the most obscure and philosophically scientific, and that demands the closest and most varied acquaintance with nature's laws, the best trained intellect, understanding, judgment, foresight and skill, a science the balance of which is so sensitive that millions of dollars are made or lost every year as this fails or succeeds; a science of such importance that the farmer is the only real creator of vital production, on whom we all depend, and who holds our very lives in his hand. And yet we teach every other profession but this! We even preach the gospel of peace in our pulpits, and by our military drill teach the science of war in our universities, and in order to train our young men in athletics we set them back a thousand years into feudal savagery. It is not that our young men are educated too much, but that they are educated too much in a wrong direction. Common sense should dictate to us that if seventy-five per cent of our people must be agriculturists, then seventy-five per cent should be educated as such. It simply is not possible to be otherwise than that our young people should be educated away from the farm with our present methods of education. Put a new-born American child into the care of an Indian mother, and the first word it lips will be Indian. Put an Indian babe into the care of an American mother, and the first word it lips will be American English; nor will either of those children know any other than the maternal tongue till taught otherwise. How, then, can our young people do otherwise than follow the training they have been assimilating for all the years of their education? And if some do go back to the farm, it is because their judgment, will-power and common sense enable them to overcome the influence of their education. If, therefore, any one ask me how I would educate them, I would give them just such an education as they now receive, and add to it the principles of an industrial education, liberally and practically and skillfully learned, as it is what the seventy-five percent need, and would be of the utmost service to the twenty-five per cent, and it would also permit a system of calisthenics, gymnastics and hygiene far superior to the present military drill, training our young people in the arts of peace and usefulness. Instead of demoralizing savagery and war, I know that those who don't care to think will say, "Why they can learn farming at home." Can they? Whoever says so can not know the fact that nine-tenths of our Texas farms are without system, and too often a repetition of shiftlessness and waste. I speak advisedly. How many of our farmers are so arranging their crops and stock as to bring out the best powers of their lands and at the least loss to the land? Who of our farmers are so farming that the land increases in its crop and stock producing forces? How many Texas farmers make provision to take care of and utilize to the best advantage the feed that the willing land gives them? What is the meaning of those fires of straw and other feed that lights up the country every

season? Is the stock taken care of as good farming demands? Does the compassionate eye, that notes the sparrows fall, look down on the half-starved cow on the south side of a rail fence in a blizzard? And what about the home conveniences and comforts? And then the way the work is done, let any one travel a hundred miles through our agricultural Texas and tell me how many farms he sees the work and management of which are a credit to the skill of the workman. You wonder why our educated young men leave the farm? I don't. And yet this farm life is capable of the most refined and elevated development and demands an education, in all respects, superior to any other profession. Do I need to say more to show the necessity and benefit of industrial education?

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"TO THE PURE ALL THINGS ARE PURE."

The truthfulness of the above statement has been called in question by "H. G. H." I can not say that his criticism is altogether apropos. To determine the correctness of any expression, we must try to arrive at a reasonable conclusion as to what an author really means when he makes any declaration. Possibly the writer of this statement, when he made it, meant that "to the pure all things in nature are pure." When God had finished the creation of the world, he said that everything he had made was "very good." There are many things in nature which we do not consider blessings, and can not see clearly that they are really "good," judging from our standpoint. There are things that must have been created even before man's fall—therefore not thorns and thistles—by which we can not see any special virtue; but this view may arise from our ignorance of the fitness of all things. St. Paul says "all things work together for good to them that love God." The confiding Christian can not doubt the correctness of this comforting declaration, and yet it is hard to believe that many misfortunes of this present evil day are real blessings in disguise. It is hardly reasonable to suppose that St. Paul meant that many outrages that were prevalent in his day "worked for the good" of Christians. Our Supreme Courts are established to decide questions of law not well settled by lower tribunals, so that litigants can be secured in their rights. In many instances the written law is either conflicting in its provisions or ambiguous in its utterances; hence the Supreme Courts are compelled to decide as to what is the true meaning of the law, or what was intended by the law-making power. Many persons, and some of them ministers of the gospel, are no little outraged in their feelings about what Solomon says in Eccl. 7:28. Solomon was not always wise nor exceedingly virtuous, but when he wrote for succeeding generations we must believe he was acting under inspiration and if we could fully comprehend his meaning in this instance, we would have no cause for concern.

Then as to the propriety of the expression "To the pure all things are pure," let us place as charitable a construction on it as possible, and illustrate its appropriateness by our own devotion to purity; and "H. G. H." I have no doubt, will come as near doing that as any one else.

As to the question of late Bible revisions, though a linguist myself, I would like to interpose a crude opinion. The first step in our Sunday-school lesson for August 25 is evidence of the propriety of our settling down on the acceptance of some late revision. God can not "tempt" any one in the sense that the word "tempt" is usually taken. Hence the word "prove," in the new version, is so much better; and so it is, I think, in many other instances. I lately procured a copy of the Revised Version—verse and self-pronouncing edition—and am well pleased with it. I can not see any well-founded objection to a new revision of our English Bible, if we admit that there is any merit in increased biblical education. There may be no increase in individual piety and devotion to Christianity over two hundred years ago, but surely there must be in intellectual advancement, and I can not believe any body of ministers, embracing several denominations of Christians, would be guilty of an attempt to palm off on the religious world a spurious version of the Bible.

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PAUL CORRECTED.

In a late issue of the Advocate "H. G. H." in notes of criticism, says: "In the body of a well-written article of a few weeks ago, in the Advocate, on Goldsmith, there is dropped in this mischievous sentiment, 'To the pure all things are pure.' This is untrue—false in morals and fact. Impure

things are not pure to the pure mind. This sentiment is in keeping with 'The end justifies the means.' One is of the devil, and the other is of the world." I have no controversy with "H. G. H." but he has started a controversy with Paul; and it is now he and Paul for it. There is no question as to the issue.

In Titus 1:15, New Version, we read: "To the pure all things are pure." In King James Version we read: "Unto the pure all things are pure." I put in quotation marks, but supposing that the most casual reader would recognize its origin, I did not give the author.

"H. G. H." in saying it is "untrue, false in morals and fact, and is of the devil," makes a charge against the utterances of the inspired Paul, which, if I had inadvertently made, I would hasten to endeavor to correct.

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REMINISCENCE.

The obituary of Sister Banks—widow of Rev. Thos. Banks, of Washington County, Ark.—that appeared in a recent issue of the Advocate, written by Bro. M. S. Hotchkiss, aroused a great many pleasant memories in the mind of this writer.

I was raised under the ministry of Thos. Banks, Jordan Banks, Martin Thornbury, M. D. Steele and Jimmy Simpson, all local preachers of the M. E. Church, South. Jordan Banks was long a member of the Arkansas Conference, and M. D. Steele had applied for admission, but was rejected. I doubt if any other community in Southern Methodism was ever blessed with the ministry of five such local preachers. They were all extraordinary men, but no two of them were at all alike. They served their Church faithfully and their converts were numbered by the thousand. No traveling preachers are held in higher esteem by their survivors.

Thos. Banks, I believe, was the oldest man among them. I never heard for do I expect to hear his equal as an exhorter. He used to say "The Church has injured a good exhorter by trying to make him a preacher." His family consisted of five elegant daughters and two sons. My brother married his granddaughter. The very name of Thos. Banks makes me want to be better.

Jordan Banks, the brother of Thos. Banks, was a rare man indeed. We used to call him "Jordan Stormy Banks." He could talk plainer to people and give less offense than any other man we ever knew. One day at the Greathouse camp-ground some Cumberland Presbyterians and Methodists got into a controversy about the possibility of apostasy. "Uncle Jordan" listened a minute and then jumped on a log and said: "I knew you Cumberlands in the war, when you were all swearing, drinking liquor and playing cards, and I thought surely if the war is ever over and we get home, I will never hear anything more of the doctrine once in grace always in grace, but here you are at your old tricks."

This brought down a storm of laughter, in which the Cumberlands joined as heartily as the Methodists, and thus he stopped a controversy and left everybody in a fine humor. Who but Jordan Banks could have done it that way? During the war he lived in three miles of Fayetteville, Ark., where was a garrison of Federal soldiers. They robbed him and abused him and frightened him nearly to death, so on a day he sent word to a company of bushwhackers to come after him. I was in the little company that went for him. When we had gotten a few miles from his home we stopped at a field to feed. When we were getting over the fence to get the corn he said to me: "Ben, I can't go in that field. I never stole anything in my life. You take my sack and fill it, and I will take your gun and watch, and if they come I will shoot them." That afternoon a young man who knew what Uncle Jordan had gone through asked him if he had prayed for the men who had treated him so badly. His answer was: "Well, my boy, I had just as well tell the truth. God knows it all any way. One day, while carrying firewood on my shoulder, I thought I ought to pray while I was in the woods, so I laid my wood down and prayed. I prayed the first thing that came into my mind, and it was this: 'O Lord, take those men who have so wickedly treated me and make better men of them if you can, but if you can't, let them die and go to hell.'" When the war was over and I was licensed to preach, "Uncle Jordan" took me by the hand and taught me to preach as a mother teaches her babe to walk.

M. D. Steele was a practicing physician. I have no doubt his efforts to preach in his young days were poor, and on this account he was rejected by the Arkansas Conference. He never had anything of the orator about him, and yet I doubt if any preacher in the State was ever instrumental in the con-

version of more souls than M. D. Steele. When he preached it was in a minotone, and his eyes were turned upward, but there was power in his preaching. It was not the power of oratory, for he did not have one particle of it; neither was it magnetism, for he was not a magnetic man. It must have been the power of the Holy Spirit. He held the meeting in which I was converted. It lasted a year, and about five hundred were brought to Christ. And out of it came three preachers—P. B. Hopkins, late presiding elder in the Arkansas Conference, but now translated; I. M. Carter, of the Indian Mission Conference, and myself.

Martin Thornbury was a brother to Rev. Walter Thornbury, so well known in Texas. He was a logician and a debater, and a man of some wealth. On one occasion he was taking a missionary collection, when a gambler thought to back him down and crow over him, so the gambler put down ten dollars in gold and asked the preacher to "follow suit." The ten dollars were covered at once, and the gambler came again with his money and a challenge, and thus the battle raged till the gambler realized he had met more than his match and sat down with less money and more respect for the preacher.

Now what shall I say of Jimmy Simpson? In his early days he was a tailor and a tough, but at Double-Spring camp-ground, under the ministry of Russell Rennon, he was soundly converted. From that time on I believe he was the most saintly man I ever knew. He was a sweet singer. Who that knew him can not remember how he used to sing "O Jesus, my Savior to thee I submit," and "Joyfully, joyfully, onward I move, sound for the land of bright spirits above." I have often thought I could feel the ground tremble when he prayed. I doubt if President Edwards or John Knox were ever more powerful in prayer than Jimmy Simpson. His death was sudden and without pain.

Rev. Thos. Stanford had a home in the midst of these grand men. He loved them and was loved by them. His children ought to know the truthfulness of all I have written. The elder Barcus knew them, and like all other traveling preachers was appreciated by them. They were always in harmony with their pastors, and when the pastor was young and inexperienced, they carried him. Under them I was converted and led as a young preacher, and from them I got a high idea of the local ministry. How much Methodism—that was introduced into this country by local preachers—owes to that arm of her power the judgment alone will reveal. May they never become less worthy or influential.

The men of whom I write have many descendants in Texas, and their spiritual children are in pretty near every nook and corner of Methodism. May God bless them all.

R. H. GREATHOUSE,
THOMAS O. SUMMERS,
H. G. H.

In Advocate of August 15, W. A. Bowen gives some interesting points about old Liberty on the Trinity, but he is mistaken as to Thos. O. Summers being presiding elder of Galveston District in 1841. He was never presiding elder in Texas. The Moses Spear to whom he alludes died on the Montgomery Circuit in 1829, and is buried in the Robinson settlement, where an Annual Conference was held in 1842, presided over by Bishop Andrew. Robert Crawford, who was associated with Moses Spear on the Montgomery Circuit in 1829, was a San Jacinto veteran. He entered the itinerancy in 1830, and died in Franklin, Robertson County, December 5, 1888. He was both in the Congress of the Republic and in the Texas Legislature. The noted James Bowie was one of his particular friends. Bowie's parents becoming Methodists after their removal from Mississippi to Louisiana.

Thos. O. Summers' first appointment in Texas was Galveston, in 1840. This great theologian and cultured Englishman had been a member of the Baltimore Conference six years before he came as a missionary to Texas in the fall of 1839. The conference at which Summers received his first appointment to Galveston was held at Reuter-ville, commencing Christmas Day, 1840. Bishop Beverly Waugh presiding, and Thos. O. Summers Secretary. Only nineteen preachers were present. At this conference there were admitted on trial Nathan Shook, James H. Colard, D. N. V. Sullivan and Richard Owen. Only eighteen preachers received appointments.

At the conference of 1841, held at San Augustine, Dec. 23, Bishop Morris presiding, Thos. O. Summers was Secretary. This year Galveston and Houston were put together, and Dr. Summers was preacher in charge, with S. A. Williams, presiding elder. Twenty-two preachers received appointments. Dr. O. Fisher's name appears in the

list, though he had filled Brazoria Circuit the year preceding. Dr. Abel Stevens having been appointed to Brazoria, but failing to return after his trip to the North, Dr. Fisher was sent to take his place.

After this conference, on their way to their work, accompanied by Bishop Morris, Dr. Thrall tells us that Messrs. Summers, Whipple and Clark spent an hour at the grave of Dr. Rutter at old Washington.

Dr. Summers erected the first church in Galveston. The old County Court records show many marriages performed by him while pastor there, among them the marriage of the Presbyterian minister.

The old Texas Conference for 1842 met at Bastrop, December 22. Bishop Roberts was too ill to be present, and Robert Alexander presided, while Thomas O. Summers was Secretary. About twenty-five preachers were present. The conference was held in the back room of a store-house, there being no church in the town. The room was about 12x15. Another back room was fitted up for preaching. A revival was kept up all during conference, and there were fifteen conversions. Summers was again returned to Houston and Galveston. Just before the appointments were read out by Dr. Alexander, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. Summers.

During the fall of 1842 great rains fell. Bishop Andrew, Dr. Summers, and others, started from Houston to Robinson's settlement (then Montgomery, now Walker County), where conference was to be held. They reached the settlement by flat-boats, rafts, tall wading and some swimming. Conference met December 12. Thos. O. Summers was Secretary. At this conference he transferred to Alabama. There were fifty-five local and forty-one itinerants appointed to work. Twelve were received on trial. There were only four presiding elders' districts. At next conference Channey Richardson becomes Secretary. Dr. Summers was Secretary of every conference held while he was in Texas. Outside of Houston and Galveston, he had no regular charge in Texas. He was scholarly in his tastes and habits, did fine work in the cities, but was evidently poorly fitted for rough circuit work.

PUNCTUALITY.

Your readers have had somewhat on this subject with reference to the recent session of the Tyler District Conference. Many thanks to the worthy Secretary for giving credit to whom credit is due. As Dr. Joe Cottrell used to say of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, most of us need all the credit we can get. Those who started in time got there in spite of hot sun and stifling dust; those who did not, failed utterly, though they had buffet and dust-proof cars to their hearts' content.

Years ago when John G. Walker, Jub Bridges and myself were under-graduates, we had Clarke's Preachers' Manual for a text-book. His chapter on Punctuality is never to be forgotten. How he does ring the changes on the preacher that sleeps late and causes great confusion with the kind family, both as to prayer and provender, and is also late at all the Church services. And he reached the climax when he said a preacher that is thirty minutes late in meeting his appointments has willfully lied to that people the full amount of one-half hour. Bro. Walker was very much impressed with the subject, and as the Master evidently had the same "yard stick" for all alike, he decided to try it on his congregation, Deatsville being his charge that year. Of course he felt perfectly safe having the great Dr. Clarke for his security. It was really a warm number, and he delivered himself with very decided force that day. He had it all his own way in the pulpit, but when they reached the Church yard it was all the other way. John held his own with the brethren very well, but when it came to the good mother with six or eight children to care for and then be accused of lying by the half hour, was just a little too much for patient endurance. He very soon decided that a good run was better than a bad stand; so he made for his gospel pony and left for his next appointment. After the fashion of so many hornets they peeled and peppered him as long as he was in hearing. A very thoughtful young preacher was he that afternoon, and finally decided after the style of Sut. Lavengood he would in the future let all such jobs as that out to the other fellow. He had overdone his patient. After all, brethren, we have voluntarily taken the solemn vow that we would "do every thing exactly at the time" and we must, by all means, pay that vow, the opinion of Highmightsness to the contrary notwithstanding. Eccl. 5:4 says: "He (God) hath no pleasure in fools," and it refers to fools of this sort.

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CAL Gleanings

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Secular News Items.

The Census Bureau reports the average age of Americans at death to be 32.2 years. The report for 1890 was 31.1 years.

On last Sunday a devastating cloud burst flooded Cleveland, Ohio, resulting in damage amounting to something like a million of dollars. The water rose to a depth of several feet and many miles of street railway was destroyed as well as many houses, barns and household goods. No lives were lost, though there were many narrow escapes.

J. H. report Morgan has deposited a check for 200,000 francs at the United States embassy, Paris, to be paid over to any man who delivers there two robes of Lafayette. One of these is a sword, believed to be the long one chiefly worn by him when in the United States. The other is a gold cap. Both were pawned in London many years ago by some needy relative of the General. The chief difficulty now is to have them conclusively identified.

The gifts to universities and colleges during the past commencement amount in all to about \$15,000,000, the largest sum ever reached in a single year. One-third of this amount went to Washington University, St. Louis; most of the rest was given to institutions in the North and East, and very little in proportion came to the South. J. P. Morgan alone bestowed \$1,000,000 upon Harvard, and the total benefactions to Brown University reach the sum of \$2,000,000.

Ernest L. Harris, United States Consular Agent at Eilatstock, reports to the State Department that valuable minerals have recently been discovered in Palestine in such quantities as to insure an industrial awakening in the Holy Land. Rich mineral deposits lie on both sides of the Jordan and the Dead Sea. The coal veins that the vast fields of phosphorus to the east and west of the Jordan only need better means of traffic and communication in order to insure their development. This can not long be delayed, as the Turkish Government is planning an extension of the Yata-Jerusalem Railroad, and steamboats are already plying the Dead Sea.

While the steamboat City of Trenton was on her way from Philadelphia to Trenton, N. J., Aug. 28, her port boiler exploded, killing seven persons and injuring over a score of others. Four passengers are missing, but as many sustained slight injuries. It is thought the missing may be among those who did not find it necessary to go to the hospital. The City of Trenton made daily trips between Philadelphia and Trenton, stopping at Burlington, N. J., Bristol, Pa., and other points on the way. After the explosion the boat took fire and ran aground. To-night she lies a wreck of blackened hull in the marshes opposite Torresdale, sixteen miles above this city. Her hold is filled with water and it is feared more of her passengers and crew may be found in the bottom of the boat when the water is pumped out. Later reports state that twenty-eight persons lost their lives, and ten are in a critical condition, four of whom are almost certain to die.

A fearful wreck occurred on the Great Northern Railroad in Montana a few days ago and thirty-four people were killed and several severely and some fatally injured. There is a heavy grade near the scene of the wreck. Two engines had taken a train of twenty-eight freight cars up this grade and had drawn off to take water. While doing this all of the twenty-eight cars started down the grade. The runaway train dashed down the grade at frightful speed and crashed into the rear of a passenger train near the siding at Nyack. As the runaway train sped by the switch it struck a caboose and day coach on the siding, wrecking them. Fire immediately started from the wreckage.

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

These have been making and selling perfumes since September 1. I use the Martha Francis formula and make my perfumes at home. In the last few months I have sold perfumes and formulas to make 1000 perfume. I do not exaggerate as to the people come to me and want for the formulas. Any one will pay \$1.00 for a bottle of high grade perfume with formulas for making over one dozen of the most exquisite scents, when they feel the samples. As there are many people like myself, dependent on their own resources for a livelihood, I naturally give my experience and feel confident any one can make a few hundred dollars profit in their own home in a very short time. Martha Francis, No. 11 S. Vanoyester, Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Will mail you a sample of perfume with her formulas for making over one dozen of the most exquisite high grade and lasting perfumes for 25c. samples. As she does not go out, send \$1.00 to my care, she offers them to you, and that will be benefited by them. She will also help you to get started in the business. JEAN C.

diately started from the oil lamps in the caboose. The point where the wild train crashed into the passenger was several hundred feet away, and it was two and a half hours before the flames reached the main wreck. Meantime frantic efforts were made to take out the dead and injured. The wreck was piled high and wedged into almost hopeless confusion, and in spite of superhuman efforts the flames burst through the wrecked cars before the work was completed. The fire was so fierce that the rear sleeper could not be saved, though it had not left the track. Its occupants were hurried into forward cars, which were hauled ahead, out of the reach of the fire. The flames extended to the brush alongside the track and burned the telegraph poles. A wire broke and this, followed by a storm, greatly retarded telegraphic news of the wreck. The first message sent went to Kalspell, where the wrecker and all doctors in that town were ordered to the scene. The injured were given every attention, and as soon as possible the train, with its burden of dead, dying and injured was taken to Kalspell.

Mortality statistics just issued by the Census Bureau show that there has been a decrease of 2.4 per cent per 1000 in the general death rate during the past ten years. This encouraging improvement is attributed to advances in medical science and sanitation, and to the preventive and restrictive measures enforced by health authorities. A comparison of returns from thirty-six cities with a population of 100,000 shows that, with a few exceptions, there has been a decrease in each one. The comparative returns are here-with given:

Table with 4 columns: City, 1900, 1890, 1900, 1890. Lists cities like Washington, Boston, Philadelphia, etc., with corresponding mortality rates.

This table gives St. Joseph, Mo., the lowest rate—9.1 per 1000—and from another source the information is obtained that the highest rate—45.5 per 1000—is reported from Shreveport, La. A most encouraging feature of the report is that death from all the principal diseases shows a decrease since 1890. Consumption alone has decreased 54.9 per 100,000. The ratio of deaths from leading causes per 100,000 is as follows: Pneumonia, 191.9; consumption, 190.7; heart disease, 134.0; diarrheal diseases, 85.1; kidney diseases, 82.7; apoplexy, 66.6; cancer, 60; old age, 54; bronchitis, 48.3; cholera infantum, 47.8; debility, 45.5; inflammation of brain and meninges, 41.8; diphtheria, 34.1; typhoid, 33.8; premature birth, 32.7.

According to the statement of the operations of the Pension Bureau during the last fiscal year, which Commissioner Evans has prepared for the use of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held before his regular annual report is ready for publication, it appears that the number of pensioners on the rolls on June 30 last was 997,735, a net gain of 4206 over last year. The total loss to the roll in the year was 43,586, which includes 38,152 by death, 852 by remarriage, 1582 by minors reaching the age of sixteen, 1528 by failure to claim pension, and 1469 from other causes. A comparative table shows that the roll for the year just closed is the high-water mark in the history of the Pension Bureau, the next highest having been reached in 1898. Of the gains to the rolls in the year, 3849 were from the war with Spain. The losses include two from the Revolution, 215 from the war of 1812, 826 from the war with Mexico, and 544 from the Indian wars. The gains to the roll since 1898 were 12,334 widows of the Civil War and 5694 from the Spanish War; total, 18,928. The net gain to the rolls in the four years was 4021. Pensions granted to widows under the act of June 27, 1890, in the year number 16,610, or nearly 4500 in excess of those granted the previous year. The pensioners on the rolls are classified as follows: Survivors, 8655; invalids, 735,994; widows, 249,086. These comprise 13,124 widows and the 8655 survivors on account of wars prior to 1861; 297,675 invalids, and 88,802 on account of general laws, disability of service origin, mostly Civil War; 428,114 invalids and 145,111 widows on account of the Civil War, and 650 army nurses, and 2555 invalids and 2949 widows on account of the war with Spain. The total amount paid to pensioners as first payments on the allowance of their claims in 1901 was \$9,934,764, or

\$106,238 more than the first payments in 1900. This amount represents the arrears of pensions, aggregating 675 claims allowed, to an average of nearly \$1500 each. The fees paid to attorneys amounted to \$591,245, an increase of almost \$74,000, due to the Spanish War. At least one hundred thousand of the medical examinations held in the year resulted unfavorably to the claimants. The amount paid to pensioners under the general law in the year was \$67,867,233, a decrease of \$1,790,553 from the amount paid last year. It is believed that in the fiscal year of 1902 the payments under the general law will be exceeded by those of pensioners under the act of 1890. The Spanish War pensioners received \$1,115,225, an increase over last year of \$842,329, and the pensioners under the act of 1890, as amended on May 6, 1900, received \$68,975,481, an increase over last year of \$1,207,402. In the last thirty years the survivors of the War of 1812 and their widows have received \$11,841,640; Mexican War, \$36,201,187; and Indian wars, \$5,402,054. The total disbursements for pensions from July 1, 1790, to June 30 of this year, aggregate \$2,763,250,933. There were 45,860 claimants for pensions in the year. The pension rolls still contain the names of one survivor and 1527 widows on account of the War of 1812; 1996 survivors and 3479 widows on account of Indian wars; and 7568 survivors and 8189 widows on account of the Mexican War. The bureau issued 109,668 certificates of all classes in the year, 44,225 being for original pensions. The number of claims pending on July 1 last was 102,569.

Texarkana, Ark., Sept. 3.—No. 1 Cotton Belt passenger train, leaving Texarkana at 9:25 p. m., in charge of Conductor Armstrong and Engineer Henderson, was held up and robbed near Elyan, four miles south of Texarkana, to-night. The train was flagged by one of the robbers, who proceeded to force the mail and baggage cars, and returning forced the engineer to give up the management of his engine, however securing him in the cab to one of the robbers, who, it appears, is an expert engineer. They ran the engine, mail and express cars about a mile from the point where they stopped it, and saying: "Here we'll do business," they forced the express messenger to open his car, and then they blew the safe open with dynamite, securing a very large booty. The exact amount is withheld by Cotton Belt and express people, but it is known that a very large shipment was made to-night on this train.

The robbers then cut off the engine from the mail and express cars, and forcing Engineer Henderson to get off, they took the engine, in charge of the robber-engineer and went south at full speed. At 1:30 a. m. the engine has not been found. No passengers were molested. They were, however, very badly frightened and hid their valuables. The robbers were evidently in possession of all facts concerning this particular shipment of money, together with the schedule of the train, as their scheme was successful in every respect. A very suspicious character was seen to board the head end of the train leaving Texarkana. Railroad employes here seem to be confident the robbery was committed by railroad men from the manner in which they spiritlessly cut the cutting off of the cars and handing of the engine. The spot selected for the robbery was well adapted for this kind of work, as it is very wild and heavily timbered. The conductor and several passengers walked back to Texarkana, a distance of four miles. The Sheriff and posse have been summoned to go in pursuit of the robbers. At this hour the passenger train stands in two pieces, with the engine's whereabouts unknown. As far as known no one was injured. There were five men in the gang.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS. August 29—C. E. Lindsey, sub. C. M. Shaffer, c. k. W. M. Kerr, sub. J. H. Gilman, sub. J. W. Bridges, sub. August 29—R. F. Dunn, sub. J. R. Wages, sub. A. H. Hussey, sub. P. M. Winburne, sub. C. Williamson, change made. August 31—S. J. Drake, sub. W. H. C. T. H. at Buffalo, N. Y. September 2—S. J. Vaughan, sub. has attention. C. L. Cartwright, sub. W. A. Govette, change made.

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Notes From the Field.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CANTON CIRCUIT.

J. T. Smith, Aug. 2: I am just out of a great revival at Edgewood on Canton circuit. There were many conversions...

PHILLIPS'S CHAPEL.

D. F. Pully: Closed last night another six days meeting with thirty conversions...

BULLARD.

C. H. Smith, Sept. 2: My two last protracted meetings on Whitestone charge were at Walnut Grove and Noonday...

QUITMAN.

J. M. McCarter, Aug. 29: On last Sunday night we closed a very good meeting of nine days' duration at Liberty...

SEXTON.

F. B. Hanks, Aug. 29: This is our best year on this circuit in terms of revival at conference by the former pastor W. W. Nunn...

Augustine, was with us in one service at McMahon's Chapel J. R. Bichte, of Memphis, was with us most of the time at Rock Springs...

BEAUMONT AND CHINA.

M. I. Brown, Sept. 2: After an absence of two months, caused by sickness, I am back on my work. I find it at a very low ebb...

CANTON CIRCUIT.

H. E. Upphart, Aug. 2: We have held two meetings at Morris Chapel, the other at Edgewood. At the former there were a number of conversions and reclamations...

low. Just before Bro. Milam took the train there was slipped into his hands \$5.00 the gift of the town; then a few days later the pastor was told that he was wanted at Sister Burns' whether he went...

BRUSHY CREEK CIRCUIT.

A. A. Kidd, Aug. 2: We began our protracted meetings at Mt. Vernon Church the second Sunday in July. We held six days, and had a good revival in the Church. Sinners were convicted and came to the mourners' bench...

tion that it is written in the book of Acts, 'Some of us think you need a little vacation, and I have come to see if you can take it.' On receiving an affirmative answer...

PARATRISO.

S. C. Hight, Sept. 2: After a revival at Paratriso, we had a very good revival in the Church. The first three weeks with us in our work. Bro. Hight was the pastor...

FINON HOWARD.

James Kirkland, Sept. 2: One of the most remarkable revivals I have ever seen was held at Finon Howard Friday night, August 2. It was largely a praise and testimony service after a successful protracted meeting conducted by Rev. P. A. Hawkins...

FARMERSVILLE.

T. H. Morris, Sept. 2: My last report, giving an account of the revival in Farmersville, has been having great success. The revival is now in its third week...

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

RENNER.

J. N. Hunter, Sept. 2: Our third quarterly conference was held the fourth Sabbath of Renner, Rev. W. A. Bower presiding. We had protracted the meeting eight days, resulting in fourteen conversions...

HAGAN'S SHORT CIRCUIT.

C. A. Martin, Sept. 2: We have just closed our meetings for this circuit. Had our meetings at every point. Had one hundred and sixteen conversions and low many more...

BOYD.

F. A. Edwards, Aug. 29: I have just closed my round of protracted meetings in all God was with us in power. One hundred and sixteen conversions and low many more...

ROXTON.

R. A. Hicks, September 2: Meetings are all over. Have had the most gracious meetings I ever had. Have just closed at Elm Grove, with about sixteen conversions...

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

MORGAN HILL.

J. M. Fisher, Sept. 2: Our meeting at North Springs is booming. Thirty-four conversions in five weeks...

GALLISBURG.

J. R. B. Hall: Our regular campaign is over. Have had a pleasant year. One hundred and sixteen conversions and 160...

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JOHN WESLEY.

The spirit of the immortal Wesley and the illustrious founder of Methodism fled from the tabernacle of flesh about to o'clock a m. Wednesday March 2, 1791. "Children," said John Wesley's mother, "as soon as I am dead, sing a song of praise." And as soon as Wesley himself was dead, his friends, standing about his corpse, sang:

"Waiting to receive thy spirit,
Lo! the Savior stands above;
Shows the purchase of his merit,
Reaches out the crown of love."

A century and a half ago John Wesley was shut out of every Church in all England; but now marble medallion profiles accompanied with suitable inscriptions, are deemed worthy a place in England's greatest cathedral, Westminster. The man who a century and a half ago was the best despised man in the whole British Isle is now rarely ever mentioned but with the most affectionate regard and esteem. The men and the women who would not defile their lips with mentioning his name are to-day thanking God that such a man as John Wesley lived and spoke. In the literature of this age: in its lectures and in its debates; in its chapels, churches and cathedrals; in its synods, congresses and conferences; from pulpit, platform and pew; by the highest lords and most illustrious commoners; by Americans and Europeans, the once-despised, mob-beaten and persecuted reformer, Christian and preacher, John Wesley, is now exalted, his example emulated, his heroic deeds recited around every fireside and his colossal genius magnified.

Let me speak of him as he appeared in the pulpit; for this was his throne. Here he was graceful and easy; in action, calm, natural, pleasing and expressive. In voice, clear and resonant; in manner, most elegant. If Whitefield had the enchantment of the forum, Wesley had the unctious of the saint, the accuracy of the scholar, the authority of the ambassador and the power of God. If Whitefield was the greater orator, Wesley was the greater divine. If Whitefield was a Demosthenes in eloquence, Wesley was an Aristotle in logic and in power. If he was not always terrible and severe, he was always penetrating and searching. When he addressed the humble and the poor, he did not scruple to tell them of their sins and to rebuke them for their follies; and also to impress them with the fact that poverty was a condition that might, by diligence and frugality, be greatly ameliorated, if not wholly obliterated. In no case necessarily a blessing; himself always showing them, by example, the blessings of diligence and frugality. And when he addressed the rich, and "to the manor born," he did not plead that respectable position was an excuse for sin. Never, we may safely say, was an heavenly ambassador more faithful in his mission to all classes than was John Wesley.

In the broad catholicity of the man; in the equilibrium of mental activity; in the broad yet thorough culture; in the quick decision; in the firm conviction; in the great heart of the man; in the whole bearing and deportment of the man there was the sure token of a genius and a truly great man. Had he faults? Yes! But they were like the solitary mote that glances in the golden sunbeam, not of sufficient magnitude to obscure the sun nor to destroy the mission of the sunbeam. Taking John Wesley, all in all, he is without a parallel. He stands alone. He had no predecessor, so he has no successor. He was a holy man and a whole man. His physique, genius, wit and wisdom; his mirth, penetration, manner, judgment and memory; his benevolence, purity, piety and diligence; his dress, courtesy and conversation—all these are combined in him with such a solidity of character as to make him as nearly a perfect man as we can reasonably expect to be found this side of heaven. A greater poet than Homer or Milton may arise; a greater theologian than Calvin; a greater philosopher than Bacon; a greater dramatist than Shakespeare; a greater philanthropist than Howard or Wilberforce; a greater missionary than Carey or Livingstone; a greater prophet than Isaiah or Daniel; a greater warrior than Napoleon, Wellington or Grant; a greater statesman than Pitt, Lincoln or Gladstone; but a more distinguished reformer, revivalist and herald of good things to the meek of the earth than John Wesley—never!

His was the good that mounts to the pinnacle of human excellence; his was the scholarship that unites head and heart in one holy passion and wholepassion for God and humanity. His philanthropy was broad enough for two continents, yea, for the whole world; and the world-wide and evangelistic spirit of the man is well expressed in his own words: "The world is my parish," and "I desire a league, offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Jesus Christ."

Not adventurous Anglo-Saxon only,

but sturdy Teuton, plastic Celt, fickle Frank and sable Ethiopian unite to speak his praise, and that praise is just! While his resting-place is modestly marked yet no marble shaft piercing the skies nor magnificent mausoleum mark the place where his remains lie. His monument is an imperishable name, a posterity found in every land under the skies, and a record for faithfulness that an angel might well covet. And when the roll of earth's worthies shall be called, the name of Wesley, though it may not like Abou Ben Adhem's, lead all the rest, yet deserves and doubtless shall have no inferior place in the list of those whom love of God has blessed, and who, themselves in turn, have blessed mankind. It is not too much to say that we might place his name among the worthies of the eleventh of Hebrews, "of whom the world is not worthy." And well might we say with Shakespeare-speaking of another:

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might
stand up
And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

White Heath III. —Exchange.

THE GREAT AGNOSTIC AND THE BIBLE.

The question, "What may be known in matters of religion?" is certainly a very serious one, to which various answers have been given. From the time of the early Church there has been the agnostic who has claimed for knowledge a place that excludes all necessity for revelation and faith, the man who knows everything about God and unseen things immediately and intuitively. Professor Huxley very naturally felt that the agnostic's claims were quite too large; but he went to the other extreme, disclaiming and even denying the possibility of such knowledge, and indeed of any knowledge of these things. He invented, to sow his views, the term agnostic, now so familiar—the know-nothing in religion. There was still no term to express the middle-ground, taken by the man who disclaims the omniscience of the agnostic and the renescence of the agnostic, but claims to have some knowledge. It is perhaps eight years since Joseph Cook and the writer, then managing editor of the Standard Dictionary, completed the naming of this last man, President McCosh had suggested, and President Patton had indorsed the suggestion that Paul's statement, "now I know in part," would furnish a name for the religious philosophy of Paul and all such as agree with him, and so taking a hint from the Greek he was called a merognostic, one who knows in part.

That Professor Huxley found no resting-place in agnosticism is shown by a very remarkable address before the London School Board reported by Lord Avebury. In that address, expressing his religious perplexity, he said:

"I have been seriously perplexed to know by what practical measures the religious feeling which is the essential basis of conduct, was to be kept up, in the present utterly chaotic state of opinion on these matters, without the use of the Bible. Take the Bible as a whole; make the severest deductions which fair criticism can dictate for shortcomings and positive errors; eliminate, as a sensible lay teacher would do if left to himself, all that is not desirable for children to occupy themselves with, and there still remains in this old literature a vast residuum of moral beauty and grandeur. And then consider the great historical fact that for three centuries this book has been woven into the life of all that is best and noblest in English history; that it has become the national epic of Britain, and is familiar to noble and simple, from John o'Groat's House to Land's End, as Dante and Tasso were once to Italians; that it is written in the noblest and purest English, and abounds in exquisite beauties of mere literary form; and, finally, that it forbids the veriest hind who never left his village to be ignorant of the existence of other countries and other civilizations, and of a great past, stretching back to the farthest limits of the oldest nations in the world. By the study of what other book could children be so much humanized, and made to feel that each figure in that vast historical procession fits, like themselves, but a momentary space in the interval between two eternities, and earns the blessings or the curses of all time, according to its effort to do good and hate evil, even as they also are earning their payment for their work?"

This is not only a remarkable tribute from an unbelieving scientist to the value of the Bible and its necessity in order to high civilization and morality, but also a tacit confession of "the impregnable ground held by the merognostic." This passage belongs to what DeQuincy called the "literature of power," and will doubtless be remembered and quoted long after Professor Huxley's scientific utterances, belong-

ing only to the "literature of knowledge," have been forgotten.

These unconscious admissions of the skeptic are among the strongest evidences that religion is natural to man. "Gee, God, Gee!" murmured in the dying gurgle of 'Elsbalm, showed that this idea is at the bottom of even the most debased natures.—Homiletic Monthly.

A METHODIST IN ROME.

Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D. the well-known Methodist, has been visiting Rome, and in the New York Christian Advocate he spoke as follows, in a letter:

"At about 8:20 o'clock (Sunday) we start for St. Peter's Church, to be present at the ceremony of high mass. As we wend our way along the streets we observe that all the shops and smaller business places are open, and tra-ogoes forward as on a week day, while most of the larger places are closed and the windows barred. We cross the Tiber whose waters are always turbid—fit emblem of the turbid stream of deceit, fraud and ecclesiastical corruption that has for centuries poured forth from the Vatican. We ascend the massive marble steps, enter the grand nave and turn aside to witness high mass, conducted in a chapel. There are about forty priests and three Cardinals taking part in the ceremony. A choir is rendering the music from a side gallery. A bevy of acolytes file here and there, swinging smoking censers, supporting priestly vestments, and performing various and sundry other duties. The priests officiating at the altar in a drawing manner in- tone the service, with responses from other priests that flank the altar and from the choir. They bow before the crucifix, cross themselves, elevate and bow before the host, and keep up the dreary perfunctory ceremony for an hour and a half. Once I witnessed a Buddhist ceremony in a monastery in China, and to an onlooker either one might easily be mistaken for the other. If the ceremony I saw at St. Peter's is not idolatry, neither was that which I saw in China idolatry. At no time during the ceremony were there to exceed 400 people present, and probably more than three-fourths of the whole number were tourists and non-Catholic.

"Turning from the ceremony of the mass, we crossed the nave to where stands what is supposed to be a bronze statue of St. Peter seated on a pedestal with the right foot projecting at a convenient height to receive the kisses of the faithful and unpretentious upon the great toe. While passing we saw two women and one man each in turn, approach the image, carefully wipe the toe with a handkerchief and then kiss it. The toe has the appearance of being half worn away by the kisses of the faithful. Wonder what Peter thinks of such nonsense, if he knows about it!"

TURTLES.

Since you are naturalists, you ought to learn something about turtles. Do you know where they live? What they eat? Where they spend the winter? How they protect themselves from their enemies? How early in the spring can we find them? Can you tell a land turtle? A mud turtle? A water turtle? Land turtles are awkward creatures. They are usually good-natured, how-

ever. You see they do not have to protect themselves by biting at every one and every thing. If an enemy come near, the land turtle gets inside his shell. It is a very perfect armor. These turtles are called box turtles. Why? What clumsy feet they have! They remind one of an elephant's. Notice their claws. Why do you think they need such large feet and claws?

Young naturalists know some of the mud turtles best—snapping turtles and painted turtles. Can a snapping turtle shut himself up in his shell so that he is completely covered? Do not ask any one to answer this ques-

tion for you. Find out for yourself. There may be some reason why a snapping turtle is not so good-natured as box turtles.

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My Dear Sisters—The following letter was intended for Sunshine Auxiliaries, many of whose members are valued friends of the writer, but the liberty of sending it to you is taken with a feeling of confidence that it will be welcomed by you and the liberty will be pardoned by the writer and her correspondents. Yours In His Name, MRS. S. PHILPOTT, New, Texas.

Santa Ana, Cal., August, 1901.

Dear Sisters—I wish to write of the most remarkable missionary meeting I have ever attended, signaled as it was from the opening service by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It was the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Los Angeles Conference. It was opened by the Vice-President, Mrs. Downey, who read the last twelve verses of the seventeenth chapter of John, and offered prayer for divine guidance through the meeting. After the organization, Mrs. Chapin was introduced. She was a missionary in China until compelled to return to America by the sickness of her husband. He died, after having received a promise from her that she would raise all her children to be missionaries. Since then—fourteen years—she has been doing city mission work in Los Angeles. She told of her own and her husband's work in China, and her daughter's more recent work in the same school. She told of six little boys who were received into the school just before she left—very bright children, especially one of them. All the others had professed Christianity, but he did not until after the Boxer movement arose and persecution commenced. The six were captured and driven in front of a Buddhist temple, where they were asked, each in his turn: "Do you believe in Christ, or Buddha?" and as they answered "Christ," their heads were cut off. The one who was thought doubtful was the last, and the teacher (Mrs. C's daughter) was almost discouraged about him, but after seeing the playmates of his childhood, the friends of his boyhood, and the associates of his young manhood yield their lives, when asked the same question, he answered, "I can but confess Christ," and suffered the same fate.

I was appointed to conduct a praise service, but it did not have to be conducted. It led itself. The only difficulty was to stop it. In the afternoon Dr. Sharpish was introduced. He was an unbeliever when he went to China as private physician to American Consuls. Now, for several years, he has served the Board of Missions of his Church—Presbyterian. I think—as hospital physician. He says the change came to him after witnessing the transforming effect of the gospel on those heathen Chinese. He added that no candid man, whether he became Christian or not, could fail to notice that effect. He told of twelve young men of the nobility, who had graduated with honor in the school with which his hospital was connected. All had lucrative employment. One he mentioned especially, whose position in the Government was worth \$1200 a year. They all became preachers and surrendered their positions for a salary of \$100. After his lecture, a Chinese woman and her little boy, who was dressed like an American, came up the aisle, followed by Mrs. Dr. Jackson and three Chinese girls, daughters of this woman. The girls went into the altar and sang "Trying to walk in the steps of the Savior." Then Mrs. Jackson enticed them for half an hour, and they answered every question with a passage of Scripture. They were taught every afternoon by Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Wolfskill alternately. They were gorgeously dressed in silk and jewels, their hair hanging down their backs in one long braid, into the end of which coarse floss silk was woven, lengthening it so as to reach their feet. As they rose to leave, some one in the audience said, "Can't we shake hands with them?" Instantly the ladies were on their feet, eager for an opportunity to compliment or encourage them, to all of which they answered, "Thank you!"

At night four Chinese youths sang No. 32 in the Young People's Hymnal. I have always heard that the Chinese are not natural musicians. Perhaps not, but I never knew four persons to carry their parts better or keep better time than that Chinese quartette. They were trained in our mission school in Los Angeles. Three of them are members of Trinity Church. The other is a Presbyterian. Recently they have organized a "Home Mission Society" (note the reflex influence), saying that society "been heap good to them, they

join it help to build heap more Chinese churches." After their song Mrs. Norvelle, a returned missionary of the Baptist Church, lectured on "Gifts." "Give yourself, your purse, your prayers." She told of a number of instances of answered prayers during the recent persecution. I wish I could repeat them to you, but my letter is growing so long I fear it will weary you. I must tell you, however, of the last, the crowning day of the feast. Mrs. Chapin was again called to the stand. She had told us something of her daughter's dangers and deliverances. Now she told us of her son. He was in the Province of Hunan. His house and chapel had been burned. His converts suffered death. He and his comrade, Mr. Sanderson, escaped under cover of darkness, and made their way, without food, for five days to the Yangtze River, and then got into a vessel belonging to some of the Powers. They got into the hold and lay there on their faces for some time, when the Captain came and told them the Boxers were around them and threatening to burn the boat and the only safety for him or them was for them to get into a canoe and go down the river. It was very dark and he got them into the canoe, but they heard the Boxers, when they boarded the vessel, say, "Those men have escaped; go across the country to the next town and intercept them." They knew they could not reach that town before daylight, on account of a bend in the river. To go back was certain death; to go forward, almost as certain. So they spent the time paddling and praying. Midnight the forty-sixth Psalm occurred to him, and he repeated it till he came to the verse: "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen," when his prayer turned to praise. From that moment he never doubted his safety or the ultimate success of his mission in China. He passed the town the next day in broad daylight and without interruption, and the next village was friendly. He is now in America, trying to regain strength for another effort in China.

I want to tell you of two resolutions offered by the Committee on Extension of Work, and adopted by the society. Perhaps it will be an inspiration to you:

Resolved, 1. That we take for our motto this year 'An auxiliary at every appointment, and every woman a member.'

2. Realizing our utter impotence without help from above, we will spend at least ten minutes every day in prayer for divine guidance in this work, and we suggest that this time be between 12 m. and 1 p. m., that our voices may ascend in unison for the help we so much need."

Will not you, my dear sisters, join us in prayer for the success of the missionary cause on this coast, where we face the whole heathen world in a few weeks' journey, and where the overflow of crowded population rushes among us and to some extent mingles with us?

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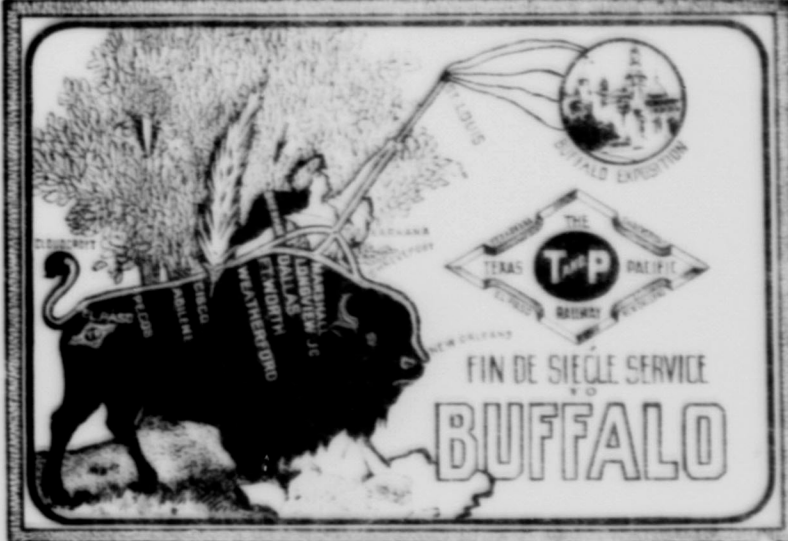
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