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EDITORIAL.

LET US ALL GIVE THANKS TO OUR FATHER.

Another Thanksgiving Day is upon us, and now let our hearts and minds go up to our Father in heaven for his mercies and benefits to us during the year now closing. As a people we have been wonderfully blessed in life, in labor and in storehouse.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

This body of ministers and delegates is now in session in the goodly town of McKinney, about thirty miles north of Dallas. Bishop A. W. Wilson is presiding. Looking over the minutes of last year, we here gather a few facts and figures to show something of the strength and working force of the conference.

of the minutes, we have now had another year, and we are confident that there will be an advance in all of these matters. The conference is the second largest in lay and clerical membership in the State, but in territory it is the smallest of the five.

Four years ago this conference was entitled to only four clerical and four lay delegates to the General Conference. The roll of membership shows 192 clerical members. Two of this number have died during the year, and four have transferred.

THE FAITH THAT SAVES.

It is impossible to overestimate the value of faith in the process of salvation. Martin Luther declared that the doctrine of justification by faith only was the mark of the rising or falling Church. As the Church grows in wealth and worldliness the tendency is to substitute form for faith, and ritual for regeneration.

and leave no choice. But several questions have two sides and a choice must be made. To believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God is a question of fact, and may be accepted without any moral change in the person so believing, but to commit the soul to him is an act of the will—our moral responsibility of the whole man.

A faith that has this element of the sincere choice is it is not dead, but alive, but issues with the will and cooperation. There is a good faith which being received from some outside, that is popular because it is easy to receive and does not call for self-examination. It is given in this form, it is true, rapid and is hardened.

HUNGER-NERVOUSNESS NOT INSPIRATION.

"That had better be called the literary department. This was said in an Epworth League Conference. It was said of the Literary Department and in discussion of the fact that the little ice cream is sometimes served with the first of ideas on such occasions. In the speaker's mind the products of the kitchen seemed to be too vulgar to be associated with the highly wrought fabrics of the intelligence factory.

inspiration, however, is a gift of God, and is not a result of human effort. It is a gift of God, and is not a result of human effort. It is a gift of God, and is not a result of human effort. It is a gift of God, and is not a result of human effort.

spiritual gifts of social communion with God and his people, why not, out of gratitude, give cheerfully? We have heard of a missionary society somewhere which now and then gives a missionary tea. While the tea is being sipped, one appointed for the occasion presents the missionary cause, and the supper closes with the subscription. The results are good. There is philosophy in the method. A hungry man is not the most hopeful subject to ask for a contribution. Better tackle him when the condition of his stomach puts him in a good humor with all mankind. The apiarist taps on the hive before he opens it. The frightened bee fills up with honey. It does not propose to leave home empty-handed. If it comes to that, the full bee does not sting. It is too sweet when full of honey to sting. That is the philosophy of the apiarist's tapping. It is the empty and hungry bee whose barbed auger bolt makes the flesh quiver. Some preachers eat no supper before preaching. Then look out for blue blazes. Sinai is on fire, the thunder rolls and the forked lightning flashes right and left. The sinner is blighted with terror and retires into his storm-house or else laughs with open scorn. It is a Cicero and Cataline affair. Inveective may heap contempt upon Cataline, but it does not convert him. The compliment upon inveective is, "Didn't he give it to 'em!" It is never, "How he draws the multitudes to him!" It is one thing to make a class contemptible in the eyes of men; it is another thing to save their souls. It is one thing to make men curse the wicked, but quite another to create for them the sympathy and compassion which draw Christward. John the Baptist said some hard things of the impenitent, but no man ever tempered his preaching with a sweeter gospel than John. "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world!" The suppersless preacher may take his hunger-nervousness for inspiration. It may be so. But the inspiration is not from above. It is only the excitement caused by the gastric juices gnawing at the nerves of an empty stomach.

A SUNDAY IN ECTOR.

It was my pleasure to run up to Ector, in the Bonham District, and spend last Sunday with Rev. G. F. Boyd and his good people. Ector is a small town about thirty-five miles beyond Sherman on the T. & P. Railroad. It is situated in a fine section of the country and the trade from farming industry is excellent. There are several prosperous business houses, good public school, tasteful church buildings, and a good Normal Training School. In the latter, Rev. G. M. Boyd, son of our pastor, is the principal teacher. He is a bright and well equipped young man and he has before him an inviting prospect. He is a young minister, but wants to more thoroughly train himself before entering the conference. He is a graduate of the Polytechnic College and the Denton State Normal, but hopes to be able to go to Vanderbilt before a great while and take a course there. Rev. G. F. Boyd has had a fine year on his work. All of his reports are up and in full for conference. He has five appointments, with something over three hundred members. He lives in Ector, where we have a good parsonage property and also a good church building. We have a good membership at that point. Last Sunday their spacious house was filled with an attentive congregation and we had a good service. They are a helpful people to preach to, and I enjoyed ministering to them. On my way home I met Rev. J. A. Stafford, presiding elder on the Sherman District, and he gave a hopeful account of the work throughout his territory. The drouth and the green bug pest made fearful havoc all over Grayson County, but his preachers have been faithful and he has given them con-

stant co-operation, and the result will be good reports, despite all the drawbacks. G. C. R.

A VISIT TO GREENVILLE.

Last Thursday we ran up to Greenville to lecture that evening under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Society. We were met at the train by Mayor Chapman and entertained by himself and wife in their good home. At night a very good audience greeted us in the Woodmen's Hall, and we gave them a few "Sights on Land and Sea," and trust that the entertainment was profitable. I met Rev. O. S. Thomas, the presiding elder; Rev. J. W. Hill, of Wesley Church; Rev. L. A. Hanson, of the Greenville Mission, and Rev. J. J. Clark, of Kavanaugh Church. These brethren are closing out their year's work very hopefully, and at the conference they will make a good showing. The two city charges are in excellent condition, and they are making good progress. The mission is getting on a very good footing, and Bro. Hanson has done well by it. At night we had the pleasure of sleeping under the roof of the Kavanaugh parsonage. It is a splendid home, and well supplied with modern conveniences. In fact, there is no better parsonage property in the conference, and Bro. and Sister Clark are delightfully situated in it. We had a pleasant time with them, and sorry that we could not abide longer in such an attractive home and with such congenial company.

A COMPLIMENT WELL DESERVED.

Below we give a well-deserved notice of Rev. T. C. Armstrong, which we clip from the Itasca Item:

"Rev. T. C. Armstrong, who was pastor of the Itasca Methodist Church the past conference year, which position he filled so acceptably to the members of his Church, has been appointed to the pastorate of the Church at Colorado, in Mitchell County. This item of news will be received with genuine regret by his friends in Itasca, who are legion. The people of this city were much in hopes that Mr. Armstrong would be returned to his charge. During his twelve months' residence here he won the love, confidence and admiration of this people. He is of genial disposition, equable temperament, and always approachable. Indeed, his personality attracted all classes, and one always felt that it was good to be in his company. He and his estimable wife won a warm place in the hearts of the young people of the town, with whom they were decided favorites. The best wishes of Itasca's citizens go with this man and woman of God to their Western Texas home."

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. D. J. Martin, of Plano, spent a pleasant hour in the office one day last week.

Bro. L. A. Powers, of Athens, Texas, was a pleasant caller at Advocate office this week.

Rev. J. R. Atchley, of Cedar Hill, recently made us a helpful visit. His work is all up for conference.

The following were pleasant callers at the Advocate office the past week: Revs. G. A. Nance, M. H. Hudson and Bro. C. W. Simpson.

Rev. E. R. Edwards, of the Decatur Circuit, looked in upon us on his way to conference. His reports are all full, and he makes a good showing.

Rev. R. B. Young spent a few days with relatives at Athens, Texas, before going to his work at Hasbelle. He was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office.

We are pleased to have had a call from Bro. J. G. Moss, a worthy layman from Cisco. He is spending a few days in the city, and, like all good Methodists who come to Dallas, he naturally found the Advocate office.

Uncle Dick Thompson preached for Rev. J. L. Pierce at First Church last Sunday, and they say he woke up the natives with a very fine sermon. Of course, he took up a collection for the Orphanage, and got a good round sum.

Rev. W. T. Morrow, of Mt. Vernon, encourages the Advocate force with the following kind remarks: "I am having good luck collecting for the Advocate; but a fellow that could not collect Advocate subscriptions would be a poor collector, as it paves the way for its own success by its excellent quality. Peace and prosperity to your craft."

A note from Rev. W. D. Gaskins, Wharton, Texas, November 21, says: "Yesterday, at 11 a. m., I united in marriage the pastor of the Methodist Church at Richmond, Texas, Rev. S. W. Thomas, and Mrs. E. W. Dawdy, of Wharton, Texas. Sister Dawdy is a most estimable Christian lady, and Bro. Thomas is to be con-

gratulated in getting such a worthy companion." The Advocate extends congratulations and best wishes.

Rev. P. E. Edwards, Rev. D. H. Aston and Rev. T. P. Turner, all out of the Bowie District, made us a pleasant call on their way to McKinney. They spoke very encouragingly of their work, and they looked in good spirit and health.

Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., was in the city this week, and made the Advocate an interesting visit. His address is Waxahatchie, Texas, where he will continue to live. Let all of his correspondents note this fact and address him at that point.

Rev. J. R. Wages, of Decatur, called on us as he passed through the city to conference. From his general appearance, we take it that he has had a fine year. We understand that his people without exception fully expect him back next year.

Rev. C. E. Cameron, transferred to us from the Northwest Texas Conference, spent last Sunday in the city. At night he preached for Bro. Barton at Floyd Street Church. Bro. Cameron is a well-educated, strong young man and a good worker.

In last Monday's News we noticed a very complimentary write-up of Rev. J. J. Morgan and his two years' work at Oak Lawn. All of his reports are in full for conference. Last Sunday night's service was a beautiful one, and the pastor is loved by his people.

Rev. S. F. Chambers, Franklin, Texas, wires us, under date of November 28, 1901, the following sad news: "Mrs. Mary Crawford, wife of the late Rev. Dr. Crawford, died Sunday night in great peace, at the home of her son, Judge John E. Crawford, in Franklin, Texas. Another pioneer Methodist gone."

The Dallas preachers have secured all of their collections for the various causes of the Church, and they will report their finances in full. Nearly all of them have had good meetings during the year, and they will report a healthy net gain in our membership. They are a faithful set of men.

We omitted to say in our last issue that the venerable Asa Holt, of Abilene, was a lay delegate to the late session of the Northwest Texas Conference, but was unable to be present. This was greatly regretted by all of his brethren, as he is held in great affection and veneration by them all.

Last Sunday morning our church building in Oak Cliff was formally dedicated. Rev. J. W. Rowlett, Rev. I. W. Clark, Rev. G. W. Owens, Rev. J. T. Whitaker and Rev. R. R. H. Burnett took part in the service. It was an interesting occasion, and the entire service was majestic and edifying.

The Alamo and San Jacinto Literary Societies of the Southwestern University have elected Rev. J. J. Clark, of Greenville, to deliver their annual literary address next commencement. Bro. Clark is an alumnus of the University, and this recognition of him by these societies is a merited compliment.

On account of family affliction, Rev. J. F. Webb, of the Beville District, West Texas Conference, has not yet been able to move his family to his field of labor, but he now hopes to be there very soon, and then he will throw himself with energy and devotion into his work. We look for good results from his presiding eldership.

We are pained to learn of the ill health of Rev. Jno. A. Black, of Bonham Station, North Texas Conference. For some weeks he has not been able to attend to his pastorate, and his physicians advise him to desist from work for at least a year. Bro. Black is one of our most devoted and efficient ministers, and we sincerely hope that he may be permanently restored. In the meantime, he will have the prayers and sympathies of all of his brethren.

Rev. J. S. Tunnel sends the following: "At the home of the bride, near Albany, Texas, November 19, 1901, Rev. Benjamin Hardy, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and Miss Elma Wofford were united in holy wedlock. J. S. Tunnel officiating. The groom is one of the proudest young men of his conference, and the bride a refined, cultured young lady, every way suited to the high responsibilities she has assumed." The best wishes of the Advocate corps attend the couple.

In a note from Rev. E. D. Mouzon, of Kansas City, he has the following, which his many friends in Texas will be glad to read: "It may be of some interest to my friends to tell them that I am comfortably situated in the parsonage here, which has been thoroughly overhauled and beautifully furnished from kitchen to parlor. I have never been given a more cordial reception in my life. There is a great work to be done here. I have a great opportunity, and there is every mark of the Divine approval upon my work. I do not feel that I have severed my connection with Texas Methodism. I am expecting to see you in Dallas next May during the General Conference."

CHURCH NEWS.

The delegates from the Memphis Conference to the next General Conference are: Clerical—R. H. Mahon, B. S. Johnson, A. J. Mendors and S. L. Jewel. Lay—J. R. Pepper, J. V. Barbee, T. B. King and W. C. Morrison.

The delegates from the Virginia Conference to the next General Conference are: Clerical—E. Lipscomb, Paul Whitehead, J. C. Reed, Coke Smith and J. P.

Garland, Lay—E. G. Mosely, W. W. Vlear, R. B. Davis, W. W. Smith, Frank T. Vest and G. I. Hunt.

BOOK NOTICES.

"Constantinople and Its Problems," by Henry Otis Dwight, and published by Fleming H. Revell & Company. We have only had a chance to glance at this book, but we have seen enough of it to know that it is worth reading. However, we here quote the opinion of Dr. James S. Dennis as to its merit, and he is a man of fine judgment of literature and books: "Dr. Dwight has had continuous and exceptional opportunity to become acquainted with life in Constantinople, both in the higher and more commonplace aspects. What he has to say in his forthcoming volume will be authoritative, free from amateur sentimentalism, sane, straightforward and up-to-date. He has lived there in peace and war as a keen observer of the intricacies of its political and social life, and an active worker for the promotion of the higher interests."

"Galopoff, the Talking Pony," by Tudor Jenks. Published by Henry Altemus Co. Pictures by Howard R. Cort. 12mo, cloth; handsome cover design; twelve full-page illustrations. There is no doubt as to Mr. Jenks' position in literature. He is one of the most amusing of present-day writers, and all that he gives us is good reading. His books are sources of delight from beginning to end, and favorites among parents who judiciously select what their children shall read. "Galopoff" is a story of modern child-life, and in telling it the author has done his work not only well, but delightfully well. All the characters he introduces are lovable and likable—all but Gulgins, and his "brief hour" is so brief that we do not mind him in the least. He simply has to be in the book, for the author's quick sense of humor must present a foil to the agreeable people, young and old, that his vigorous imagination has conjured up. So we are glad to have Gulgins, and Galopoff enjoyed him, too.

"Caps and Capers," by Gabrielle E. Jackson, and published by Henry Altemus Company. "Caps and Capers" is a genuinely wholesome and modern story of boarding-school life, and quite unlike the general run of this sort of literature. It is a book that young people will read more than once. We meet very delightful people in "Caps and Capers." The girls are happy, healthy, jolly creatures, ready for any fun that offers, yet willing to do their best for their teachers, who treat the girls as though they were rational, reasoning beings and not a lot of irresponsible creatures who must be watched from morning till night lest they disgrace themselves and those who have them in charge. All through this charming book there is plenty of the fun that is the result of happy, healthy girlhood. There is a comical "Caps and Capers Club," with its secret meetings and midnight spreads; jolly sleigh rides in their season; a sleep-walking act for the benefit of an over-zealous teacher; spelling matches; and the most delightful wedding that ever was; and all these happenings are set forth in such a vein of happy thought that young people the world over will read them with the keenest interest.

"King Midas," by Upton Sinclair. Illustrated with four full-page drawings by C. M. Reilyea. 12mo, cloth. Funk & Wagnalls Company. An American story of today that is likely, if eminent critics are to be believed, to dispute with historical romance for the leading place in popular favor. The publishers announce that no novel they have ever published has equalled this in advance sales or in the extraordinary praise elicited from critics who have seen the advance sheets. Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Prof. Barrett Wendell, Prof. George Santayana, Edwin Markham and Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage are among those who acclaim the author as a writer of rare promise, and his novel as one of striking beauty, power and deep sincerity. "It shows a most tremendous power," writes Dr. Savage. "The opening chapters are to me a perfect delight; the first scene is simply superb, and the heroine is to me one of the sweetest, truest and most loving characters I have met with for many years." The story takes its title from the struggle in the heart of a beautiful girl just entering womanhood, who tries to please her friends and to gratify her own love of the beauty and luxury that wealth brings by giving her hand to a millionaire suitor when her heart does not go with it. It is a wonderful study of a woman's soul. Lovers of music will be especially interested by the skill with which music is made a language for the expression of emotion and the revelation of character. The story ends in scenes of thrilling dramatic intensity, culminating in tragedy, but beyond the tragedy is seen the promise of a new hope and joy.

FROM JAPAN.

I am still in the mountains, the most beautiful place I ever saw. The mountain upon which we are camped is covered by a network of paths and broad roads eight feet wide, and are so steep in many places that steps are made—large stone steps in some places, in others, logs laid across the road. These roads are clean, being swept by coolies. Every road leads to a temple. A temple here consists of one large room (the temple proper), and many smaller ones, in which priests live. There are many priests and a number of students who are studying for the priesthood. These pass in front of our camp every day. They wear garments of coarse cotton cloth, shaped something like a bathrobe, girdled in at the waist, and over this a brown or black veil made to fit the other robe, though there is little fit in either. Their hair is very closely cut, almost

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There are many small temples here, two by two and five feet high—just a little tall room with door and roof. These are called "fox temples," and are built to "propitiate" the foxes that, it is believed, enter into persons and cause them to become insane, sometimes carrying them off to the mountains. All of the temples and grounds adjoining are kept perfectly clean; and before each temple leaves are kept—a small pile, all from the same kind of tree. There are many, many images along the pathways; stones of all sizes from one foot to eight or ten feet high, with the image of Buddha carved upon the side next the road. On the edge of a very steep descent, leaves are also placed; never more than half a gallon in one place. Before coming, I heard that one could live cheaply in Japan. It is a mistake. There are practically no cows. Butter is shipped from France, and costs forty-two and a half cents in United States money, or eighty-five sen Japanese. None of the missionaries use coffee, but Postum, which is mostly ordered from America. So many buy grain, brown it and make coffee. Japanese food is cheap, comparatively, but is almost impossible to be eaten. I saw a fair sample yesterday. A vegetable man came to the tent, and in a separate box he had something rolled in large, dried leaves resembling shucks. Through the opening of the leaf, I saw something which looked and smelled like soured corn dough. In a few minutes the odor became so offensive I had to leave. At a feast they serve all kinds of things—raw meats of any kind, especially fish, which is their favorite dish.

The missionaries are great walkers, thinking nothing of walking four or five miles. Last Saturday a number of them came up from below us for me to go to a picnic with them. "Just a short distance" they said, I did not want to go, as I could not well spare the time. But as they insisted, I went. We walked up steep paths, around mountain-tops, through bamboo groves, in a path barely wide enough for one; the perspiration rolling down our faces, and the rain falling in sheets, at intervals, until finally we reached a temple twelve hundred years old, situated upon a mountain side, from which we looked out upon the Inland Sea. A few yards beyond this temple we stopped. They told me we were only two and a half miles from our camp, but I felt like it was six or seven at least. We wore nothing on our heads, as the shade was so dense. I thought it was funny to have a picnic out here on the mountain, but I found out that they mean the long walk and nothing more. Several of the men went out one afternoon and walked eight miles. They deem it a religious duty to walk, to store up strength for the coming years. Sunday we had Bible reading at nine o'clock, preaching at eleven, Sunday-school for children at two, servants' meeting at three, where missionaries conducted service in native language, prayer and praise service at five and Bible lesson at eight. Every day at ten to eleven, we have Bible study; every Wednesday night prayer meeting. These missionaries seem like a large family, kind and good to all. I am now studying the language in earnest, and it takes all my spare time. The preacher with whom I am camped is teaching me. I have learned the meaning of one hundred and sixty words, and as there are only four or five thousand words, I am quite encouraged (?). Pray for us. EMMA POTEET. Kobe, Japan, Aug. 28, 1901.

In old English times, when each family was obliged to cut its own fire, it sometimes happened that an energetic man would turn his stove so rapidly as to cause it to catch fire. The style of stove used in those days was called a "temse," and it became a customary saying that a lazy man would never set the temse on fire. Now it happens that the name of the river Thames is pronounced like the name of this old flour-sieve, and after many years when the old-fashioned temse was forgotten, it was thought that setting the temse on fire meant setting the river on fire, and that is why today we say that a stupid person will "never set the river on fire."—Ladies' Home Journal.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

EAST TEXAS.

RAILROAD RATES.

The Cotton Belt and the International and Great Northern Railroads, together with connecting lines, have granted convention rates to the fifty-seventh annual session of the East Texas Conference, which meets at Tyler, Texas, December 1, 1901. Selling dates, December 2 and 3, with final limit December 10. Remember, the agent at your local station will sell you a round trip ticket.

JAS. W. DOWNS, Sec. E. T. C.

NOTICE.

The Cotton Belt and I & G. N. Railways and all their connecting lines will give reduced rates to all persons attending the conference at Tyler, Cotton Belt and its connections will sell tickets 20 and 31 and I & G. N. 20, 31 and 31, all good to December 10. J. T. SMITH.

Rev. J. W. Downs will preach in Marvin Church on Monday, December 2, at 7 p. m.

Rev. John A. Beagle will preach the conference sermon on Tuesday at 7 p. m. Bishop Wilson will preach on Wednesday at 7 p. m., and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Following the Bishop's sermon Sunday at 11 a. m. and the ordination of deacons, Marvin Church will be dedicated.

From present indications it is doubtful whether we will be able to entertain any persons except those who are members of the conference or who have official business with it, and the women who are delegates. Unless you have a home assigned before coming you will take risk of being without one if you come. I will do my best, and hope to entertain the conference well, and all others that I can provide homes for. V. A. GODBEY.

NOTICE TO BEAUMONT DISTRICT.

Any persons attending conference at Tyler who desire to come over the T. & N. O. can make connection at Huntington, arriving at Lufkin about 4:30 p. m. Cotton Belt for Tyler leaves Lufkin 6:45 a. m. If you desire entertainment overnight, please notify me by the 20th inst., and homes will be provided.

A. A. WAGNON, P. C. Lufkin, Texas.

ATTENTION.

All members of the Woman's Home Mission Society and all preachers' wives, as well as any others who will have business with the East Texas Conference, are entitled to entertainment if their names are sent to me in such time as to enable me to provide for them. We hope to provide well for all if this request is complied with; but if it is not, and you are entertained at a long distance from the church, you will have no one to blame but yourself. Sit right down now and write me about it. V. A. GODBEY. Pastor Marvin Church, Tyler.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The presiding elders will please urge the pastors on missions to have written reports of their works. Let the reports be concerning the territory occupied; the church buildings, as to their condition; the progress made, if any, on all lines, etc. D. F. C. TIMMONS, Secretary of Board of Missions.

All committees may be called to meet in Marvin Church, since we have plenty of rooms for all purposes. We propose to entertain all persons having business with the conference, and as many others as possible, if we are notified in due time. You will be notified at an early date of the name of your host, and I hope you will write to him at once what day and on what train to look for you, so you can be met at the train, and so your host will be ready for you. Please notify me of these facts, also, on a separate postal. Avoid night trains, if possible, as hotel room is not plentiful, and you would discommode your host by a night arrival. V. A. GODBEY.

The class of the fourth year will please meet the Committee of Examination on Tuesday, December 2, at 9 a. m., in Tyler, Texas, at Marvin Church. D. F. C. TIMMONS, Chairman.

The class of the third year will please meet the committee at Marvin Church, Tyler, at 9 o'clock a. m. December 2, prepared for written examination. A. A. WAGNON, Chairman Com.

The candidates for admission on trial in the East Texas Conference will meet the committee in the basement of the church at Tyler Tuesday morning, December 2, at 9 o'clock a. m. Candidates must be on hand. The committee can not give their time to tardy candidates after conference opens. B. H. GREATHOUSE, Chairman.

TEXAS.

A large number have written me to provide entertainment for their friends at the coming session of the Texas Conference. Let this answer all: We have nearly five hundred Normal students in Huntsville. We expect to entertain the Woman's Home Mission Society, which I am glad to say, will be well represented. We can not promise to entertain any except those who are members of the conference or have business with the conference. To those who expect to bring their wives, and yet notify me only at the last moment, I can promise nothing. Applicants and Committee for Admission on trial will meet at the Methodist parsonage; committees and classes of first and second years at the Methodist Church; committee and class of third year in the lecture and Sunday-school room at the Methodist Church; committee and class of fourth year at Dr. J. W. Thomasson's office.

G. W. DAVIS, P. C. Huntsville, Texas.

RAILROAD RATES TO TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The several lines of railroad in the territory of the Texas Conference will sell

round trip tickets to Huntsville for the approaching session of our conference at regular convention rates. Tickets will be on sale December 2 and 10, good for return until December 11. For rates, inquire of your nearest ticket agent. SETH WARD.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Applicants for admission on trial in the Texas Conference will meet the Committee on Examination at the parsonage in Huntsville, December 10, at 9 a. m. SETH WARD.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Let all who expect to apply for aid at our next meeting, December 10, 1901, write to Rev. H. C. WBBs, Houston, Texas, for the necessary blanks and information. Follow the directions, and return the application to him as early as possible. W. WOOTTON, Pres. Flatonia, Texas.

The class of the first year in the Texas Conference will please meet the committee in the Methodist Church in Huntsville Tuesday morning, December 10, at 9 o'clock. O. T. HOTCHKISS, Chairman.

The class and committee of third year will please meet in the Methodist Church at Huntsville, Tuesday, December 10, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m. Let every one be present then, that the work may be done without delay. D. H. HOTCHKISS, Chairman.

SANDFORD GIBBS MEMORIAL LOAN FUND.

Interest on the above fund will be available the 1st of February, 1902, and will be loaned to proper applicants to assist them in securing educational advantages. Application should be made to the Board of Education at the Texas Annual Conference at its approaching session in Huntsville. SETH WARD.

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Sunday-School Department.

FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON 10, DEC. 8.

MOSES AND PHARAOH  
Exodus 11.

Golden Text: "The angel of his presence saved them"—Isa. 63:9.

Topical Outline: 1. The end approaching. 2. The final blow.

Time: About 1492-1491 B. C.

Place: Probably at Tanis, the Zoan of the Scriptures, a large city on the Nile, in lower Egypt.

Dr. Paul Whitehead, in the Sunday-school Magazine, gives the following doctrinal points from the lesson:

The chapters which close with the lesson bring out strongly the contrast between the leader of God's people and the heathen King. One is the representative of holiness and righteousness, of the rights of an oppressed and down-trodden people, and of the worship and service of the one living and true God. The other stands for a corrupt and tyrannical despotism, bent on evil, and acknowledging nothing superior to itself.

Pharaoh's haughty words (chapter 7:2), contemptuously avowing his ignorance of Jehovah and asking "who that God was, that the King of Egypt should obey his voice to let Israel go," are a candid and proud statement of his attitude toward the Lord. This changed only when for the time he was intimidated and overawed by the plagues sent by Jehovah on him and his land. The moment these were intermitted he became again unmerciful and unrepentant.

The continual willingness of Moses to make entreaty for the removal of each successive plague is an object lesson of God's patience and compassion. Any of the plagues long continued would have rendered the whole land of Egypt uninhabitable. Angry as the Lord was with Pharaoh and the Egyptian people for the treatment of the Israelites (represented by saying he had "come down" to deliver them and punish their oppressors), he was ready to recognize the best sign of better behavior on their part and meet it with a suspension of judgment. Moses faithfully represented the long-suffering and patience of God. Only once does he speak bitterly and with a majestic sarcasm. It is at the last, when the proud and desecrated King said, "Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou shalt see my face, then shalt thou die" (chapter 10:28) that Moses' answer was, "Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more," and it is added that "he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger" (chapter 11:5).

This lesson brings up the very difficult and perplexing matter of doctrine respecting the hardening of Pharaoh's heart. The view of this subject entertained by the ultra-Calvinistic theologians has been that the hardening was altogether the effect of divine power which irresistibly brought about this result of Pharaoh's being more and more resolved not to suffer the children of Israel to go; and that, to display God's glory in the hardening of his heart, Pharaoh was "raised up" to the monarchy and sustained and preserved till he reached the climax of a desperate and futile resistance to God. It is not denied that the language both of Exodus and of the ninth chapter of Romans, where Paul refers to the case, especially the language of our Authorized Version (of 1611), appear to bear out this teaching. Of course, the Calvinists contend that Pharaoh's acts were also free and blame-worthy, although predestinated and the end effected by the means of hardening his heart by the divine power irresistibly exercised. They pretend not to reconcile these positions. The Arminian theology held in the main by the Methodists, claims that Pharaoh hardened his own heart, as obstinate sinners always do, and as indeed it is expressly said that Pharaoh did (for example, chapter 7:34); and that the cause of it and the accountability for its wickedness lie in the misuse, sinful and deliberate, of his power of free will. They allege that the expression used by the Lord that he would harden Pharaoh's heart and the statement that he did so (for example in chapter 10:1, 20, 27) are to be understood as a punitive withdrawal of divine help, by means of which, had he been disposed to use it and especially to rely upon it, he might have been saved from such deplorable folly and crime. His case would differ from the ordinary sinner, who perishes despite divine love and neglected grace, in the fact that his

more flagrant resistance and opposition to God caused a withdrawal of the divine Spirit from striving with him, whereby he displayed an uncommon hardness. The judgment of exemplary and fearful destruction is threatened against the evil-doer who hardens his neck against reproofs in Proverbs 29:1.

But no view removes difficulty in the interpretation. The student who wishes to look at the subject fully is recommended to read John Fletcher's "Checks to Antinomianism," where this case and the reference to it in Romans 9 are treated at large and with no little ability; also Richard Watson's "Theological Institutes" on the same passages. Nothing more recently published has thrown additional light on this vexed question.

Epworth League Department.

Conducted by Rev. J. Marvin Nichols. Address all communications for this department to him at 67 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas.

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Fourth Quarter, 1901.

Dec. 8—The Right Use of Ability. Matt. 5:13-16.

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December 8: The Right Use of Ability.—Matt. 5:13-16.

THE TEXT.

Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill can not be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on the candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

THE EXPOSITION.

The spirit of service is the complement of conversion. Soul-cleansing is that divine work which qualifies a man to meet the purposes for which he was born. We are called according to his purpose. Redemption is God giving himself to man; sanctification is man giving himself back to God. That is an unfinished work which does not inspire a true spirit of service. The antecedent of conversion is in the question: "What must I do to be saved?" Its sequel: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" There is a vast breach between the two. An angel touched haphazard lips with a live coal from off the altar. His relation to a people of unclean lips was intensified rather than minimized. The ancient sinner's transformation at once became a divine co-partnership. The Lord said: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah caught the conception. Conversion is always supplemented by the recognition of our relation to a lost world. The prophet could but answer: "Here am I, send me!" Like us to Saul of Tarsus, the voice that spoke peace called to action.

The position we occupy in the economy of grace is, in its order, absolutely necessary. A gentleman visiting a glass manufactory saw a man moulding clay into the great pots which later were to be used in shaping the glass. Noticing that all the moulding was done by hand, he said: "Why do you not use a tool in shaping the clay?" "There is no tool than can do this kind of work," replied the artisan. "We have tried a number of tools, but somehow it needs the human touch." In the history of our redemption we seem to have forgotten that no man enters the arena of life by accident. Destiny knows no individuality; we are all partners in the struggle. Each successive death marks a complete design in the realm of spirit. Every birth anticipates a purpose in the mind of God. We do not play our part in life's great drama from simple choice. There is an unseen, indefinable force that constitutes each new-born heart a factor in the sum of the world's redemption. To be born is the insignia of life and the martial call to action. Conversion is a

divine qualification. It seeks the adjustment of the soul to the revealed will and purpose of the Father. To be saved is to be awakened to profound relationships. He alone is redeemed whose salvation incorporates the problem of another individual's destiny.

The soul can not long live that forces everything to contribute to its own selfish interests. To revolve about self, forgetful of diviner relations, is to invite certain dissolution. Heart-life must expand in proportion that it expands; duplication is the law of the world invisible. The minimum basis on which we may expect God's approbation is the gain of at least one soul as a trophy. On this basis largely rests our religious obligation. The law is absolute; we must duplicate our lives. Love is paradoxical in that to retain it is suicidal. It expands as it expends. The soul is contracted or developed in proportion to the expenditure of this divine essence. The soul must measure its greatness by the radii of its love. No individual, Church or nation is great until self is transcended by entering the heart of another. We are to be measured by the distance we have gone into other destinies. Life can never be exclusive. It must be inclusive, since we incorporate each other. Definite boundaries mark the horizon of love. These boundaries are God's standards by which he decides upon individual worth and merit.

The hallowed, divine secrets are given to the heart in communication with the Holy Ghost. The sinner's gospel is none other than the tangible demonstration of these potent truths. "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them which are lost." The Bible, were it not for man as its living demonstration, would be a vague and meaningless message. Drummond, speaking of missionary responsibility, truthfully said: "You can take nothing greater to the heathen world than the impress and reflection of the love of God upon your own character. It is the man who is the missionary; not his words. Character is his message."

The life of the redeemed, harmoniously blending creed and practice, is the only point in religion where the doubts of men are forever silenced. "Show us the Christ" and "We would see Jesus" are the sighs of a lost world. Christ's life must be put in tangible form. The Christian life is but the divine process of reducing the unfathomable and unapproachable in the

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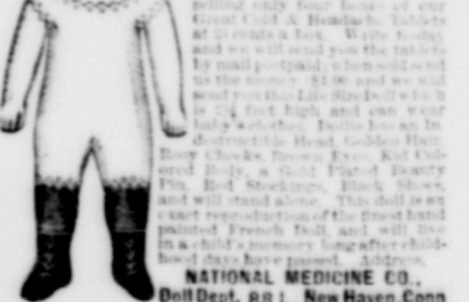
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God-man to a perceptible point. A book is a tangible form of thought. A magnet is a near view of the electric current. The merchant's scales are a comprehensive form of the subtle law of gravity. A holy life is the Christ reduced to a perceptible point. It has been truthfully said: "The searchlight of practice must illuminate the dark places of theory." A saved man is redemption's axiom.

In this analogy used by the Savior in his Sermon on the Mount is to be found the law involved in our lesson in the term "salt" is revealed the intense relation of the redeemed to the unredeemed. The statement is: "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." A noted preacher has declared that Christianity is inherently expansive and progressive; that its nature is to grow. In what lies the validity of salt? The only answer is: In its ability to lose itself in the object it would save. "We count time by heart-throbs, not by figures on the dial," for

"We live in deeds, not years; In thoughts, not breath."

Under the pressure of this divine illustration, what a flood of light falls on the assertion: "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it!" The soul that does not expand beyond its own horizon forfeits its right to redemption. The Church that is void of the missionary spirit has surrendered her divinest credential. The soul, or the race, in whose salvation we have been instrumental at once becomes the prophecy of our own redemption. "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," is the ultimatum of the kingdom. Not only is expansion the law of life in the spirit-world, but the loss of this idea is disastrous. In the divine anathema, "it" and "salt" are synonymous. The great question, therefore, is: Can an individual, a Church or a nation hope to exist and at the same time be insensible of this awful responsibility? The only answer is: No; life must be commensurate with the power of one individuality to lose itself in that of another.

George L. Mackay, D. D., in his wonderful utterance touching the great missionary movements of the world, sums up, in a small compass, the entire scope of the text, "Christ gives life to men, and then says: 'As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.' Every Christian is a missionary. He may have been nursed in the lap of Christendom and trained in a luxurious religious home, or he may have been born a pagan, and suckled on a creed outworn. It matters not, if he has been 'born again,' and feels the thrill of the Christ-life, he is a missionary sent by the living Christ to touch dead souls to the newness of life."

To Texas Epworth Leagues—Greeting: I take up the duties of my office with some misgivings for my own experience in this department is very limited and I must glean largely from the experience of others.

I trust that all of our Leagues have already made definite plans for work this winter. If you have not, will you not do so at once? It would be useless for me to try to outline a plan of work. Your League can arrange to meet the demands of your field as no outsider could.

Some Churches place at the disposal of the Mercy and Help Department the proceeds of one or more of the incidental collections of each month; some Leagues use a part of their income from membership dues, etc.; others earn their "charity money" by entertainments of some sort, for of course this department must have some funds at command, and often we go to our own purses, pantries and wardrobes for supplies.

The most important part of this work has nothing to do with dollars and cents—that is the part that willing hands and loving hearts must do—the ministries to sick and sorrowing; the dainty bit of food, the bunch of flow-

ers, the cheery word and bright smile, the message from the Word.

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Appoint an agent for the Epworth Era in your Leagues, and do not rest until you have at least one club of ten subscribers. ANNA FISHER, Second Vice-President State E. L. San Marcos, Texas.

A LESSON THE FLOWERS TAUGHT

"No, we haven't anything left over," said Millicent Browning, in answer to an old beggar at the gate who had asked for something to eat. He passed on, and lazily stretching herself out in her comfortable hammock, resumed her chocolate and book.

Millicent was a beautiful girl, with a beautiful reputation; was vivacious and spirited, a leading spirit in all the League meetings, courted praise and was envious if she did not always get it. So you see her real character was not like her reputation.

No one besides herself and mother suspected this but a tall, dark-eyed young man, a member of the League. Millicent knew he admired her—she instinctively knew he saw her as she was. She was very desirous to appear pleasing in his sight, and as she looked in her mirror she wanted it to always say, "Thou art the fairest Lady Queen."

So selfishness, vanity and envy were fast reaching the citadel of this fair young girl's heart.

As she gently rocked back and forth, the book dropped from her slim fingers, and she found herself in such a beautiful land of flowers.

It seemed a great meeting was in progress among the flowers. A giant Jack-in-the-Pulpit was stationed as a Judge and twelve queer little manikins were sitting cross-legged on the grass as jurymen. It appeared there were only two flowers left to answer some great impending question propounded by the Jack-in-the-Pulpit Judge.

The air was warm and languorous and heavy with the perfume of myriads of flowers. They were all talking animatedly during the ten minutes' recess, when, as the Judge raised his gavel and commanded silence, not a flower moved.

Then the Judge sternly said: "Rose, come forward and give an account of yourself. What good have you accomplished in life? I will first quote to you, as to the preceding flowers,

"Count that day lost whose low, descending sun Views at thy hand no worthy action done."

"Oh, dear me!" said the queenly rose, as she stepped into the witness box. "I have done so much good I scarcely know where to commence. First," she said, "I am the Queen of flowers, as every one knows, and no one disputes I am always chosen to grace the richest of functions. I have dwelt in kindly palaces, been kissed by queenly lips, have been held in the hand of the dainty debutante, sent to her by an admirer, costing him a fabulous sum, been tucked in the hair of a fair young bride, and nestled against her bosom, smothered in rare old lace.

"Ah!" she said, "I have been in costly vases, perfuming dainty bouquets. I am not a coarse flower, by any means, and deserve my title—Queen of flowers. "Once in my life—I will have to tell it, although it disgusts me to remember—I was taken to a low tenement, a vile place, and given to a dirty, foul-smelling child who was dying. Oh! how I dread to recall that hour! But before the child died he handed me back to the beautiful lady who had brought me, and said (ungrateful little wretch): 'Lady, it is beautiful, but I can't smell it, and, see, its sharp thorns have pricked my fingers.' I think I feel too faint to continue my story," said the rose, and sat down, pulling her glossy, green leaves and hidden, sharp thorns around her.

"Violet," sternly said the Judge, "you are the last. Come forward and tell what good you have done in your life."

As Violet timidly picked her way

among the flowers, Miss Peony said, with flushed cheeks:

"Oh, I dare say Violet is quite stuck up, she has been the fad for so long, and will have lots of beautiful places to tell where she has been and the abundance of good she has done."

As Violet stepped into the witness box her gentle head dropped lower and lower, and she murmured:

"I have done so little in my life I scarcely have anything to tell. I did so love to dwell in my woody twilight home, and with the sweet briar making a swing over my head and the trembling shadows of the leaves falling at my feet. The butterfly was so comfortable to have around, a cloverly little cricket made such sweet music. Oh, I was so happy! But I was doing no good in my happiness.

"One day a little chubby hand plucked me and carried me to a pretty home and laid me on a table with fifty or more of my kindred, but I was somewhat different from them—I was a country cousin. A queer-shaped hollow tin lay on the table. I afterward found it to be a 'Mansie cross.' After a while a lady sat down by the table and commenced filling in the hollow tin with blue violets, reserving some white ones for the lettering. She completed her task, and then commenced to form the letters. She picked me up and said: 'Why, what a queer violet! Where did it come from?' Her little daughter said she had found me in the woods, and to please put me in, too.

"The lady made the first word—in—then commenced on the next—His, I was happy afterward I was in that word. Then on to the next. She held up the beautiful cross, with azure background bringing out the white letters, and read, 'In His Name.'"

"She then took the cross to a poor tenement, where a little boy had just died, and laid it on the plain little pine coffin.

"A poor, hollow-cheeked woman raised her head and thanked the lady only with her tears. Oh, how happy I was!" said little Violet, all in a tremble at the recollection of it. "I felt I had not lived in vain."

At this stage Millicent awoke. Rubbing her eyes, she sat up and said to herself: "Oh, what a beautiful, beautiful dream!"

All afternoon she was quiet and thoughtful, and that night, where she so seldom knelt, she bowed in humble submission and asked God to take the pompous pride of the Rose out of her heart and gently infuse the sweet spirit of the Violet in its stead.

One Sunday night, after League-meeting, Millicent Browning came timidly up the aisle leaning on the arm of Chester Fountain, and at the altar was made his wife.

In her hand and at her throat were sweet blue violets. MRS. R. R. RAMSEY, Marshall, Texas.

MARRIAGES.

Greathouse-Maryes. In the Methodist Church in Caldwell, Texas, Sunday, November 17, 1901, Mr. M. E. Greathouse and Miss Josie D. Maryes, Rev. W. W. Wooten officiating.

Womack-Morgan. Near Turk, Child, Dallas County, Texas, November 25, 1901, Mr. J. E. Womack, Jr., and Miss Della Morgan, Rev. J. B. Bennett, J. D. officiating.

Davis-Steck. Near Child, Indian County, Texas, November 26, 1901, Mr. J. W. Davis and Mrs. M. P. Steck, Rev. J. B. Bennett, J. D. officiating.

Wiles-Fox. At the writer's residence, near Child, Texas, November 27, 1901, Mr. J. A. Wiles and Miss Vera Fox, Rev. J. A. Wiles officiating.

Hamilton-Lawyer. At the home of the bride's parents, near Lawler, Texas, November 28, 1901, Mr. James Hamilton and Miss Martha Lawyer, Rev. J. A. Wiles officiating.

Cook-White. At the Methodist Church in Nevada, Texas, November 28, 1901, Mr. W. A. Cook of Brown, Texas, and Miss Loretta White, daughter of Rev. John H. White of the North Texas Conference, Rev. S. W. Miller officiating.

Jordan-Goffman. At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Goffman, September 15, 1901, by Rev. S. W. Miller, Mr. J. L. Jordan and Miss Lena Goffman, all of Josephine, Texas.

Hodges-Allen. At the residence of the bride's parents, November 17, 1901, Mr. S. F. Hodges and Miss Ellen Allen, Rev. J. J. Morton officiating.

Johnson-Johnson. At Pecosville, Texas, November 2, 1901, by Rev. J. M. Johnson, Mr. J. M. K. Johnson and Miss Lillian Johnson, all of Victoria, Texas.

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Secular News Items.

Prince Christian, eldest son of the Crown Prince of Denmark, is seriously ill with scarlatina.

Anti-ratificationists in Alabama have protested against the methods by which the new Constitution of that State was adopted.

Delegates were chosen to represent Oklahoma and Indian Territory at Washington in an effort to obtain the right of Statehood.

Lutheran students and Catholic students fought in the halls of the University at Vienna, and the latter were driven from the building.

A heavy snowfall was reported all over the Eastern States November 11, extending from northern New England as far south as Roanoke, Va.

The Gould railway interests will construct a line 80 miles in length in Louisiana and Arkansas, on the western bank of the Mississippi River.

President Roosevelt is enforcing the Civil Service rules in appointing men to Federal office. The "bosses" are greatly disturbed over the matter.

Indignation was aroused in Jersey City, N. J. by the appointment of a negro woman to the position of teacher in the public schools of that city.

On November 1, the amount of money in circulation in the United States was \$2,246,306,542, which exceeded by \$97,119,129 the amount in circulation one year ago.

It is said that the cost of the Chicago Exposition was \$18,000,000; that of Paris, \$6,000,000; that of Buffalo, \$10,000,000, while that of St. Louis will be not less than \$20,000,000.

Queen Wilhelmina is reported to be seriously but not critically ill. Messages of sympathy and solidarity are pouring in upon her from her subjects and from various nations.

The North-German Lloyd and Hamburg-American Steamship Lines intend to adopt precautionary measures to prevent Americans from obtaining control of those companies.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West Indies have been transferred to Washington, where they will be carried on by Secretary Hay and Minister Constantin Brun.

A fearful mining disaster occurred at Smuggler-Union mine, near Telluride, Col., in which twenty-five men were killed. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined.

In the annual report of the Lighthouse Board, the sum of \$6,307,829 for the support of the lighthouse establishment and for improvements to the service during the next year is recommended.

Famine riots have broken out in the Government of Saratoff, and serious conflicts have taken place between the Russian peasants and the troops. Many persons were wounded during the fighting.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Yerkes decided that internal revenue taxes will be collected on goods sent to the Philippines as if they had been sent from one part of our domestic territory to another.

Rev. Charles Henry Brent, who has been elected Bishop of the Philippines by the Episcopal General Convention, was born in Newcastle, Ont., in 1862, and was graduated from Trinity College, Toronto, in 1884.

Appropriate exercises commemorating the founding of Yale College were held at Saybrook, Conn., November 11. A unique monument marking the spot where the original "collegiate school" stood was dedicated.

It is said that there is a beneficent provision in Denmark that when a man gets so drunk as to need medical attention, the doctor's bill must be paid by the proprietor of the tavern where the inebriate got his last drink.

The offer of John Refakis to pay the city of Chicago \$90,000 a year for ten years for the privilege of having the exclusive right to sell fruit under twelve elevated stations is evidence that these sidewalk sellers reap large profits.

The Columbian Government is in a state of insurrection. The Liberals made an attack last week on Colon and captured the city. At this writing they are still in control, but the Government is preparing to resist the insurgents.

The question whether or not raw sugar grown in Cuba shall be admitted to the United States free of duty, or at a reduced rate of duty, under a reciprocity treaty, promises to precipitate a battle at the coming session of Congress.

Miss Helen Gould has accepted the appointment of lady manager-at-large of the St. Louis World's Fair. No honors which may come to her will be thought excessive by the American people, who know so well her kind heart and generous philanthropies.

The North Atlantic squadron, in its winter cruise, will stop at Charleston for four days during the Exposition, and visit Cuba, Porto Rico, the Isthmus of Panama, Colombia, Trinidad Island, on the northeast coast of Venezuela, and the Danish West Indies.

The young Queen of Holland is a total abstainer, and ostentatiously refuses on all occasions to take wine. Her most intimate friend, Princess Pauline of Wurtemberg, was by her won over to the ranks of the teetotalers. She is said to be the only teetotaler among reigning monarchs, except the Sultan of Turkey.

A speed of 165 miles an hour has been attained on an electric railway between Marienfelde and Zossen, in Germany. The air pressure at this rate of speed was equal to a wind force of twelve feet a second, a force which has only been registered once on the German coast, namely, during a hurricane, February 1, 1894.

The remains of Col. John B. Denton, an early pioneer and border hero, in whose memory the town and county of Denton were named, were buried in the courthouse yard in Denton last week. In the presence of a large crowd, Capt. Denton was killed in an Indian fight east of Fort Worth in May, 1841, and this is his third interment, the first being on Denton Creek, in that county, immediately after

his death, the second near Bolivar and the third last week. Two sons, the oldest 74 years of age, and a grandson from Ellis county were the only descendants of Col. Denton present. A monument will be erected by public subscription over the grave.

The largest steel dock of its kind ever built was recently towed from the Maryland Steel Works, near Baltimore, to the United States naval grounds in New Orleans. The location of the great dock in New Orleans will be generally accepted as Government recognition of the importance as a port which that city has attained.

The Transatlantic postal service cost the United States Government \$1,921,829 last year. The sum of \$1,480,284 was received by the department as postage on foreign mail, of which amount \$2,965,323 was collected on articles exchanged with foreign countries other than Canada and Mexico, or \$942,736 more than the net cost of the service.

The Attorney-General of Texas brought suit against the breweries for violating the anti-trust law, and last week the suit was compromised by the breweries agreeing to pay a penalty of \$87,500 and to forfeit their permits and charters. Having complied with this agreement, they will apply for new charters, such as the present law requires.

As a memento of her visit to Pittsburg, Pa., on Founders' day, Andrew Carnegie will present "Twilight," a picture he bought, to Mrs. Grover Cleveland. During the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland to the art gallery last week, Mrs. Cleveland admired the picture. When Mr. Carnegie heard of this he purchased it and will send it to Princeton.

At a recent auction in London, an almost complete set of William Morris' publications on paper and vellum by the Kelmscott Press was sold. The gem of the set, the special original copy of Blake's "Songs of Innocence and Experience," in fifty-four leaves, printed on one side only, with each plate beautifully decorated by Blake, brought \$350.

As a result of developments during the Schley Court of Inquiry, the Secretary of the Navy issued instructions last week calling attention to the importance of preserving accurate logs, cautioning against carelessness and instructing that a complete record be kept upon all vessels, including the signals exchanged and megaphone and other verbal messages.

The future extension of rural free delivery may be judged from the fact that the Postmaster-General will ask from Congress an appropriation of \$6,000,000 for this branch of postoffice work. No doubt is entertained of the appropriation of the money, for few features in connection with the postoffice are more deservedly popular than the proposed extension of free delivery to the rural districts.

The business men of Canada are apparently anxious to share the benefits of reciprocity with the United States. A large delegation of Canadian merchants is now in Washington making representations to the President and leading officials of the Government on the subject and endeavoring to arrange the preliminaries of a treaty which will be presented to the Senate early during the coming session.

Fully half a million dollars' worth of damage was done in Utah by a series of earthquakes which occurred November 12 and 14. Buildings were wrecked in several towns. In one place a chasm was opened in the earth and a number of persons had narrow escapes from death. Great damage is reported from the south and central part of the State. In the town of Richfield alone the damage is estimated at \$100,000.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company has secured for use during the fair the 110 acres comprising the grounds of Washington University and the fine buildings of that institution, now nearing completion, just west of Forest Park. The buildings cost \$600,000. The administration building of the university will be used as the administration building of the Exposition. The other buildings will be used for congresses, educational exhibits and athletic sports.

Miss Helen M. Gould was accorded a hearty reception at the jubilee dinner of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America, which was held in New York City November 11. Great applause followed when W. B. Miller, in his report of the Young Men's Christian Association work in the army and navy, said: "To that noble woman whose name is on every tongue, who gave the Association Hall in Brooklyn, too much praise can not be paid."

The first monument erected to the memory of President McKinley was unveiled recently at Tower, Minn., as a mark of the esteem and love in which he was held by the people of the mining regions of Northern Minnesota. The monument is a simple shaft eighteen feet high, rising from a base consisting of concrete and iron ore, and cost \$12,000. A touching part of the unveiling ceremonies was the deep interest taken in the affair by the large number of laborers in the mining regions who were present.

Reports are current of excessive cruelties practiced by the Belgian administrators of the Congo Independent State. In the region known as State Domain, natives are forced at the muzzle of guns to hunt rubber in the forests, receiving two cents a pound for what brings seventy-five cents at Antwerp. On one of the early expeditions after rubber, the force under Major Lothaire killed 900 natives in six weeks, and in two weeks 300 natives were killed by a smaller force. These stories have not been denied by the responsible authorities, and so can not be regarded as merely travelers' tales.

Don Luis Rubio y Sibello, a former Judge of the Spanish Courts of Justice and a man of great learning, in the course of a public address delivered at Cadiz November 15, said that Spain must seek regeneration by adopting the ideas and educational methods of the United States, "England and America," said the Judge, "are undoubtedly the nations of the future. The English-speaking peoples are advancing throughout ever-widening areas of influence. Young Spain should

join the procession. By imitating American progressiveness the whole aspect of the country could be changed within a few years."

Capt. Bernier, of Quebec, is planning an expedition to the North Pole. He will take with him large kites fitted with cameras. These will enable him, even if he fails to get to the Pole, to take photographs of many points which he can not reach.

Eliza Orzeszko, the authoress of "The Argonauts," is said to be the greatest female writer and thinker in the Slav world at present, and the first literary artist among the women of Europe. Her works, contained in forty-odd volumes, touch on the most vital subjects in the world about her. Mme. Orzeszko is about 50 years old.

From Manila recent news is neither startling nor surprising. The insurrection in the Philippines is slowly burning itself out. On the island of Samar insurgents are displaying spasmodic but ineffective activity. The trick they played there can not be repeated. Precautions against surprise have been taken. A party of insurgents, some of them armed with bolos and others with rifles, attempted to rush a body of American soldiers, but their scheme was a complete failure. A Corporal and scout belonging to the Ninth Regiment were killed. The insurgents broke up into small, scattering groups and made their escape. Preparations have been made to dislodge the insurgents who have made the mountains their headquarters. A force of about 60 insurgents was entrenched in rifle pits at Buan, in Southern Luzon. An attack was made by a party of the First Cavalry, under Capt. Hartman, which ended in the complete defeat of the Filipinos. While there is activity in military operations, the Commissioners entrusted with the management of affairs in the island are occupied with the work of pacification, and are devising means for the civil government of the Philippines and for the development of the valuable resources those islands are known to possess.

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Notes From the Field.

DALBY SPRINGS

W. T. Ayers, Nov. 21: Protracted meetings just over; 133 additions to the Church; 113 by vows, 20 by certificate. Conference collections nearly all in hand. One new church. One new church organ. Four Sunday-schools. Five weekly prayer-meetings. One Epworth League.

VALLEY MILLS

A. P. Smith, Nov. 25: Our first services since conference were held yesterday in Valley Mills. We had good congregations, and received nine persons into the Church. Are expecting to make this one of the best years of our ministry. Success to the Advocate.

CHOTEAU, I. T.

J. M. Porter, Nov. 29: By an oversight somewhere, the name of W. A. Shelton was omitted in the appointments as published in the Advocate. He goes back to Ada again this year. We have just gotten moved to our new work. Am well pleased. The outlook is hopeful. The appointments this year seemed to give pretty general satisfaction all around. Bishop Key is much loved and respected by us all. Bro. Butler, our Secretary, holds down the best appointment in the conference.

BRADY, I. T.

J. M. Holt, Nov. 21: We have now been on our new charge, the Elmore Circuit, ten days. We have visited all the appointments but one, and have preached at Foster, Robertson and Brady, and am now in the midst of a good meeting at Brady, with prospects of success. We are well pleased with the country and people. There are but few Methodists out here. We have a beautiful country to travel over going west; we have the Table Mountains to the north and the Arbuckle Mountains to the south. But, like Bunyan's lions, they don't quite reach our path. We are here to stay with the people and preach to them as best we can. We have five appointments, all in a good country, and we are hoping and praying for success.

FLORESVILLE

I. K. Waller, Nov. 25: Our presiding elder, J. F. Webb, has been watching beside the bed of his son Leary, who has been very sick since conference. Am glad to say that he is now better, and we trust out of danger. The young presiding elder held our first Quarterly Conference Saturday, which was his thirty-first birthday. We of Floresville predict for him a very successful term. He begins well. Our foreign and domestic mission assessments were paid in full and \$20 left in treasury. The largest assessment ever made for preacher in charge in the history of the station was announced by the chairman of the board, and the Treasurer made the best payment on same I have ever known so soon after conference. Our predecessors, J. M. Alexander and J. F. Webb, wrought well, and we are entering into the result of their labors.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT

O. S. Thomas, P. E.: We are winding up the year's work and getting ready for conference. We have had a good year, and the reports will make a fine showing for the district. There have been about one thousand conversions and accessions, with a large net increase in membership. Quite a number of the charges will report everything in full, and some a good surplus. We will report more money collected on missions than was assessed against the district. The people have treated the presiding elder graciously. In the first part of the year Wesley and Kavanaugh Churches each gave his family handsome poundings, and now comes from Kavanaugh a thirty-dollar suit of clothes and from Wesley an elegant overcoat. Such favors can never be forgotten. At conference we hope to be among the first districts in every respect.

ROSEBUD STATION

J. W. Bergin: To-morrow (29th inst.) our fourth Quarterly Conference will be held. We will report the salaries paid in full, so also the conference moneys. The amount of money raised this year for all purposes is about 100 per cent greater than any previous year. So much for material things. We had a good revival, which continued for three weeks. With the exception of three days, the pastor did his own preaching. We have had conversions all along through the year. The increase has been about 60 per cent. Our Woman's Home Mission Society has wrought valiantly and is growing in membership and in general favor. Our people are good, generous and loyal. They put their shoulders to the wheel and make things move. No Church has better stewards. They treat their pastor as well as their employes, and pay him his salary monthly. We hope to be our own successor.

GREENVILLE

Greenville Herald: Rev. J. J. Clark has just completed his first year's pastorate of Kavanaugh charge, during which time he has won a secure place in the affections of his people. Rev. Clark, though one of the youngest ministers in the conference, has successfully maintained a high standard of pulpit work in Greenville, and under his pastorate Kavanaugh charge has made steady advancement all along the line. He goes up to conference with a splendid record. Rev. J. W. Hill completes his third consecutive year as pastor of Wesley, making seven years he has served this charge. His membership regard his work of the past year as his best in any that he has done. His sermons show that he has done much deep and original thinking, his discourses having been rich in profound thought and spiritual power. Under his ministry Wesley charge maintains a steady advancement. He holds a secure place in the esteem of all our people, and no pastor of any charge ever won more completely and unreservedly the loyalty and affections of his membership than Bro. Hill.

HOLCOMB CIRCUIT

H. R. Smith: We have nearly finished our second year on this work. Many things have changed since we first came. Our people, with very few exceptions, have been kind. Our collections will be in full. It is but justly due the people to state a few facts in this connection. The year before we came the total conference collections were only \$111. Then, taking off a congregation, which paid last year \$29 on the collections, the charge was assessed and paid last year \$152, and the same this year. This is really \$65 more for each year of our pastorate than was assessed and paid in 1899. So we are growing on this line. We have had more additions on profession of faith this year than last. Have organized some new Methodist Sunday-schools and introduced the Weekly Children's Visitor. Our presiding elder, Bro. W. P. Davis, is very popular among our people, and they want him back. We take about fifty copies of the Texas Christian Advocate. P. E.'s and P. C.'s salaries in arrears now but will move up a notch or two yet. God has been good to us, and we give him all praise.

TENTH STREET AUSTIN

W. D. Bradford, Nov. 25: The year at Tenth Street is closing well—399 accessions to date, a class of nine bright boys and girls soon to be received. Our congregations have been large throughout the entire year. Fifteen hundred dollars have been spent in the repair and furnishing of our church edifice. A beautiful velvet carpet, a general renovation in the auditorium, the painting of the towers, doors and windows, the cleaning of the stone trimmings, make Tenth Street a beautiful and attractive building. The salaries will be paid in full. Nearly \$200 have been paid in on the conference collections. The balance is subscribed and will be paid. The reports will all be in full. A more delightful year I have not spent in my ministry. I have found here a warm-hearted, kind, generous people, and for the thirty-five who have seen proper to take their letters out of our charge and go into an independent church, I can say that each has treated me with the utmost kindness and courtesy. We all miss them. Tenth Street through all these years has been like a large, harmonious family, and I have yet to learn of any differences between member and member. The Board of Stewards is progressive. The Sunday-school, with an enrollment of 290, is most efficient, woman's work is well to the front, the young people are a strong arm of the Church. In our Governor and his wife our Church has fast friends. I leave for conference soon, grateful for the good providence that has permitted me to serve this noble people.

BRUSHY CREEK CIRCUIT

A. A. Kidd: Soon we go to conference. We are ready. This has been our best year. We have received forty-four into the Church, and will, of this number, report a net gain of twenty-three. We have had no necessity for rigid discipline in any one's case. "Spiritual wickedness in high places" is hardly known among us. Our entire pastoral charge has had prohibition elections this year, which gave us overwhelming majorities against saloons. At Brushy Creek Church our women will soon paint our windows in colors "beautiful and rare," and put new seats and repair our pulpit and chancel. Then our church will be a thing of beauty. Neches, on the I. & G. N. R. R., is arranging to repaint the church, which is comfortable and convenient. It will be all O. K. when done. Pace's Chapel has done well every way, and soon after conference the preacher will step out of our old church into a brand new church building, finished and furnished, and ere this one is done we already hear hammer and saw, building a nice church at Mt. Vernon. Then our people will have a "base of operations" in good shape. Each fourth Sabbath afternoon we go from Pace to Miller's School-house. Here we have a small congregation, but true Methodist blood. Miller played well his part. Next year we will do better for them. Bro. L. B. Elrod, our L. P., who is always sought after, will give them a Sunday, and they will build a church soon. I am sure. These are a good people, and this is a goodly heritage. Our finances are up nicely, and the Advocate runs well. May God govern and guide all for good.

MERKEL

Robert S. Heizer: We have just returned to this work for the third year, and although we have been in town but a day and a night, we have had many warm grasps of the hand, followed by the welcome refrain "I am so glad to have you back." And last night, while wife and I were sitting by the fire having a pleasant chat with a neighbor that had dropped in, there was the sound of many voices in the front yard, shouting "All hail the power of Jesus' name." We went to the door and invited them in as pleasantly as we could, and a short time was spent in pleasant conversation, then a few songs were sung and prayer was offered by Prof. J. K. Pittard and the writer, then all present gave their hand to the pastor, pledging themselves for a faithful year's work after which we were led in prayer by Squire Miller. The crowd made us good-night, leaving in the pantry many

things to gladden the hearts and satisfy the appetites of the preacher and his family. We have spent two very pleasant years with these people, and it is our earnest prayer that the present year may be the most successful of them all. Our Woman's Home Mission Society built a nice room to the parsonage last year, and put a nice fence around the yard, and the Browning family put a nice carpet on the floor, so that we are comfortably housed. May the good Lord aid the pastor in giving this people the spiritual food needful to them, and may he abundantly bless all the people.

LAMAR AVENUE, PARIS

J. E. Vinson, Nov. 29: The preachers of the North Texas Conference are now winding to a close for the conference. We are casting up an account of our work. Many of us have much cause for gratitude to God and the good people whom we have served. This writer and his wife are happy over results in our charge. Last Sunday morning we called for \$20 to complete our conference collection. It was soon in hand, and when we called for the doxology one brother arose and said: "Hold! I want to be one of a number in that subscription." I replied: "Brother, it is a luxury to us to pay to the office of the Church." He replied: "So it is with some of us. We have learned that the more we give the more we prosper." Another brother said: "I have to pay to the Church to keep my secular business from falling." I need not say they paid it all. That is known. Our collections will all be reported full—some over. We will report: "We have had a good year. Bishop." We have had quite a number of conversions and accessions to the Church, though we will report a deficit in membership, due to the work of the Church Conference. Our presiding elder has been our friend, and our people have proven themselves the friends of their preacher and his wife. Our Church is well off for the next conference year, minus the pastor. We will come up to conference with glad hearts. We give the praise to the great Head of the Church and our good people.

SOMORA

Nath Thompson, Nov. 18: Yesterday Bro. Lee was with us in our first Quarterly Conference, and the first Q. C. on the district. The presiding elder preached before the preacher. Bro. Sickness delayed us a little in San Antonio, and a horse of flesh does not carry us over ground as fast as a horse of iron. We have a brand new work. The Cabinet took a rib out of Opson's side and a joint out of Sherwood's vertebrae and made the twin babies of the district, called Somora and Eldorado. We propose this twin shall be the finest and fairest of the flock by next conference. I understand one member of the conference called these parts the ragged-end-and-hob-tail of West Texas. He was only giving expression to his own raggedness and hob-tailness. He is ignorant. This is the coming country. The San Angelo District Conference will meet in Somora this next summer. We are going to have the biggest and best thing in that state ever held in West Texas. Right now we extend an invitation to our editor and other connectional men and women to be present. Also, we intend to entertain with a relish every preacher's and layman's wife and child who can come. Bro. Lee says he will bring a Bishop from the General Conference. A parsonage in Somora and a church in Eldorado are also on the program. Our hands and heart are full, and a big box of books on the way to fill up our heads. Here is one preacher who is proud of being one of the Church's book agents. Ask Bro. Everett for our record last year. The Quarterly Conference journal of last night will show our Rescue Home and Orphanage assessments, and more, paid and in the hands of their Treasurers. Unless something powerfully providential prevents, we aim to meet our presiding elder's suggestion in the Advocate of last week. Well, I expect you say I had better quit planning and writing now and go to work. All right. Good-bye.

P. S.—If you want to see which is the ragged end of the West Texas Conference, and who toes the shortest tail, read the minutes and see the tale they tell.

RESOLUTIONS

Little Elm, Denton County, Texas, October 28, A. D. 1901. To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lively Lodge, No. 27, A. F. and A. M.: We, your committee to draft resolutions on the death of Bro. James F. McElhannon, beg leave to submit the following: Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God, who doeth all things well, to take from our midst our beloved brother, James F. McElhannon, and Whereas, It is a just tribute to the memory of our departed brother to say that in his removal we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard: Resolved, That in the death of James F. McElhannon, this lodge laments the loss of a brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to a distressed friend or brother; a citizen whose upright and noble life as a minister of the gospel was a standard of emulation to his fellows and brethren. Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of this lodge be extended to the family in their affliction. G. L. BUTTON, JAS. W. FORTERS, A. A. PRESLEY, Committee.

PREACHERS WANTED

Two preachers wanted in the Llano District. Kingsland Mission has \$100 appropriation, and the former presiding elder says it can pay \$50. They have a parsonage at Kingsland. Cherokee has a parsonage, can pay \$100 or \$150, and has an appropriation of \$100. Address me at Llano, Texas. W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

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ROBERT T. KERLIN.

REFLECTIONS UPON THANKSGIVING.

"Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul."

The whole of the 103d Psalm is an exhortation to bless God. The verse quoted takes, in one sweep of thought, the universe, calling upon every creature, animate and inanimate, throughout the dominions of God, to render praise unto him. With these the psalmist specially includes himself, saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul."

On the approaching Thanksgiving occasion, if we can make these words our own, the chords of our hearts will be in tune for the touch of the divine hand.

The spirit of thanksgiving ought to be perpetual with us, just as we should pray without ceasing. But as there ought to be times for prayer—i. e., when we should do no thing but pray—so it is proper to have a stated season for thanksgiving when in congregational worship we express our praises together.

What is the meaning of Thanksgiving Day? The day is peculiar to our Government, as no other nation now on earth has set apart such a day. Only one other people known to history has had such an appointed season—viz., the Jews—and for them the festival was appointed and arranged as to time by Jehovah.

The spirit of our Thanksgiving week and that of the ancient Jewish festival, known as the Feasts of Tabernacles, are identically the same—viz., thanks to God for his abundant mercy to us as a peculiar people. How came our nation to have this same festival—we may believe—by providential direction? Are we, as some have asserted, the lost Ten Tribes? Be that as it may, let us study the meaning of Thanksgiving Day.

Our Thanksgiving is a souvenir—an anniversary to remind us that we are a link in the chain of God's own events. We lay down the proposition that nothing in history transpires apart from the guiding hand of Omnipotence. If the world be a stage coach, men are horses and God is the driver. God reins as well as reins, and to him no accident occurs. The spider that wove its web before the deluged and distributed Babel; the grow that pierced the eye of Harold the Saxon, just on the eve of victory over William the Norman; the defeat of the Mohammedans by Charles Martel just as they had crossed the Pyrenees; the flood of rain on the field of Waterloo, on Saturday night before the fateful Sunday, in the face of Napoleon's acclamation that God was always on the side of the heaviest artillery—are all the moving of God's finger over the dial-plate that marks the time of men or nations.

On this Thanksgiving occasion we are carried back to the year of our Lord 1621, when Gov. Bradford of Massachusetts, instituted our Thanksgiving Day—a memorial to him and the early colonists of the Father's provision as they gathered their first harvest on the new soil.

From that time the day has been observed in New England and other places annually. In 1863, midst the tramp of infantry, the rush of cavalry and the roar of cannon, Abraham Lincoln's voice was heard proclaiming the same a "national holiday," to be observed as such forever afterwards, till

now by President, Governors and Mayors of larger cities the proclamation is sent out yearly that upon the last Thursday of November the people of our united Government should assemble to worship the good God.

On the thought of God's ruling we are carried further back than A. D. 1621 on this anniversary occasion. We find in the rise and progress of our country that events most foreign to each other in their origin and nature are yet links of his great chain.

What could be more dissimilar and unlikely of historical connection than the three following events: (1) The capture of Constantinople by the Turks (1453); (2) the invention of the printing press soon afterwards; (3) the discovery of America (1492). These, transpiring within forty years of each other, gave to us our Thanksgiving Day. The Turks broke up the monasteries and drove the monks, with their Bible manuscripts of Hebrew, Latin and Greek into Western Europe. The long-slumbering mind of the West seized upon these. The revival of learning began. The mist of the "Dark Ages" disappeared as the firebrands of God's Word were scattered abroad. The printing press increased enormously the blazing light from heaven. The intellect of Europe was fired in such a way as never known before. Wycliffe, Huss, Tyndall, Savonarola, Luther, are the first luminaries of the intellectual glow. We are shown the mark on the wall where Luther hurled his ink at the devil. Ink, through the press, has been hurled at his Satanic majesty ever since, and he has received many times a black eye. But Europe and the British Isles were too sodden with the superstitious bigotry of Rome for the plant of Protestantism to thrive at that age in their soil. Hence the sailing of the Mayflower, which landed at Plymouth Rock Sunday, December 20, 1620. During that cold day our Puritan fathers, drenched with brine, kindled no fire because they revered the Lord's day. Whatever else, we commend their principles of conscience. It is this conscience that has made our country what it is.

We thank God that we as a nation have been ordained of him for a purpose. Has God had more than one chosen people? Yes. Besides the Hebrews, Babylon, under Nebuchadnezzar; Medo-Persia, under Cyrus; Macedonia, under Alexander the Great, and Rome, under the Caesars, were chosen instruments of the Almighty. Many others along the track of ages are so many mile-posts marking the course of God's chariot. A hero is one who mounts the chariot and rides with the Divine. Yes, we have England as God's agent of Christian colonization. Victoria was his human right hand of power. May it be so of Edward VII. Laying aside the commercial greed of many of the sons of Great Britain, which is to be deplored, God has used Christian England as a great lever by which he has lifted the world into a higher a mospere of purity.

What is our country to be for God? We answer:

First—A home of freedom, with the caution that liberty is not libertinism. The planted and nourished vine must produce grapes, and not wild grapes.

Second—A home of an open Bible. When a priest said to Tyndal that the Pope forbade him to translate the Bible into the people's vernacular, he replied: "The Bishop of Rome knows too well that so soon as the pure light of God's Word shines upon the land it will drive away the foul mist of his devilish doctrines." He said to a Gloucestershire priest: "I will make the common plowboy know more of the Bible than ye do."

Third—An open Church and a protected Sabbath. The holy day is not a holl-day.

Fourth—A Christian citizenship. The congested population of every people coming to our shores must be greeted with a Christian salvation. If one will not accept that, he should be sent back to his nativity. We have no room on our soil for the cultivation of anarchy or infidelity. The motto of our coin is, "In God We Trust." People opposed to government, either human or divine, have no part with us. On this Thanksgiving week, be it our prayer that the human and divine be blended into one law, of which our Government shall be the exponent. Then shall be performed the mission for which God made us. "God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."

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PRAISE THE LORD!

Let every creature praise the Lord: Beasts of the field, and fowls of the air; For sure and steadfast is his word: He made them all, and called them fair.

Yea, praise him by day and by night: For he, by his supreme command, Did call into being the light, And all that is, on this good land.

The sun, the moon, and stars, he made: And seas, with all their fluyy tribes, In wisdom their foundation laid— His hand controls each swelling tide.

Rebellious man was last of all— In his own image him he made: And perfect he, before his fall: And fell because he disobeyed.

And then, to mitigate his woe, His own dear Son did even give, To die: for he did love man so, That by his death man yet might live.

Live with angels and God above, And see him ever face to face, Where! oh, where! can we find such love? "O praise the Lord for saving grace!"

Yea, praise the Lord! and let his name Above all names exalted be, As in heaven, on earth the same, All praise, O God! we give to thee!

Though ages upon ages roll, Happy through all eternity, Praises still shall employ my soul, Thou loving Lamb! who died for me!

T. H. YARBROUGH.

Safe at home! that beautiful home! the soul shall never tire in its praises to Him who sitteth on his throne forever and forever.

T. H. Y.

"A THANKSGIVING SWAP."

By Fay A. Woolsey.

On a cold, rainy night—the night before Thanksgiving—there sat in a little old tumbled-down house in the suburbs of a great, bustling city an old man.

He had just finished reading, by the light of a small tallow candle, a letter from a thoughtful young niece in the country, who, as she could not persuade Uncle Jake to leave his fireside to spend Thanksgiving Day with her, was sending "heaps of love" and a great, fat turkey gobbler to the dear, kind old man for his Thanksgiving dinner.

The old man is dozing. Let's take a peep at the envelope which has fallen to the floor.

It has a delivery stamp on it, for, of course, Uncle Jake Darwin never goes to the postoffice, as he never expects any mail, and when at intervals he receives letters from some of his fond young nieces or nephews, begging him to visit them, they are invariably sent with a delivery stamp.

Uncle Jake awoke with a start as he heard the rumble of wheels and some one come whistling into the yard.

Then there was a heavy knock at the door, and as he scrambled up from his low chair and opened the door, the expressman handed in the biggest, fattest turkey gobbler that Uncle Jake had seen since he was a little boy helping to raise turkeys on the old farm at home.

"Won't you come in and get warm, sir? It's mighty cold to-night," said Uncle Jake, as he lifted the turkey in and untied its big feet.

"No, sir; no, sir, not to-night, thank you," replied the shivering expressman. "I have a good many more deliveries to make, and I'll have to hurry a bit. But, by the way, doesn't Mrs. Ed Smith live somewhere in this neighborhood? I have a little duck for her."

"Yes; that's her house right there," Uncle Jake said, pointing to a small cottage next door.

At this juncture a boy about 14 years old, who had been standing at the Smith gate listening, "to see what was up at Uncle Jake's," as he expressed it, ran into the house at full speed to tell of the arrival of the unexpected Thanksgiving duck, entirely forgetting Uncle Jake's turkey in his surprise at their own good fortune.

The duck was duly deposited at the Smith cottage, and after the many exclamations of delight by all of the little troop of Smith children at its funny webbed feet and wobbly little legs, Mamma Smith and the little boy who had listened at the gate, and who Mrs. Smith called Dick, lit the lantern, and taking the duck into the back yard put it under an old zinc tub for safe-keeping, and then retired in high spirits, to think over the nice surprise and wonder who sent it.

The little duck had been sent by an old lady who knew and pitied her wid-

owed friend in her struggle to "make ends meet," and though they had not been so bountifully supplied as Uncle Jake, with his big turkey, they were equally as thankful and happy.

Uncle Jake was sitting near the window, and as the light from the lantern in the adjoining yard shone through the darkness, disclosing the errand of his neighbors, and also the form of the little white duck, Uncle Jake got to thinking, and then began to think aloud, saying to himself: "Seems like things are mighty unevenly divided in this old world, any way. There's that big, fat turkey there for one old man that can't possibly eat it all before it would spoil, while that great houseful of little Smiths over there have only a little duck will hardly be a small around for them. Yes, mighty unevenly divided, seems to me."

As Uncle Jake watched his neighbors he leaned back in the old chair, and when he again began to think aloud, a funny little smile stole over his wrinkled old face as he said: "I'll do it, sure. I'd much rather have a duck, any way, and I know it will be easier to cook than that big turkey."

Then Uncle Jake arose, and going over to the other side of the room, where the turkey was huddled up in the corner, picked up the string, which he had thrown down on its entrance, and tied the turkey's feet.

"I guess we'll just call it a Thanksgiving swap. I reckon they'll not mind the trade, for this will give them a plenty for dinner and maybe some for supper," and Uncle Jake's eyes twinkled as he went over to the mantel-piece, and taking down a little Bible tore out a fly-leaf, and tearing it in two, on the largest piece printed in capital letters, "A Thanksgiving Swap" and on the other wrote in the same way, "Look Under the Washpot."

After all of the lights had disappeared at the Smith cottage and Uncle Jake had put on his hat and overcoat, he set the candle near the window, and taking the turkey under his arm went out the back way, through the drizzling rain, into his neighbors' yard.

By the aid of the light in the window he soon came upon the big black washpot, turned bottom upwards. Raising it, he put the turkey under, not forgetting to again untie its feet and raise the pot a little by means of a brick placed under one side for ventilation. He then placed the largest piece of paper under, using a stone for "paper weight." Looking round, he soon found the tub standing near, and then cautiously took his part of the "swap"—the little white duck—leaving under the tub the little white paper with the command to "Look under the washpot."

As Uncle Jake hurried home through the rain with his very much lighter burden, he looked like some guilty school boy who has been playing pranks.

The next morning, when the children ran out into the yard to get another peep at the "funny little duckie," and raising the tub found not the little duck, but the little white paper which said "Look under the washpot," their horror and surprise know no bounds.

Just then the turkey gave a loud "gobble, gobble, gobble," and when their wild exclamations had brought the whole family into the yard, and Mamma Smith raised the wash-pot and found that big, fat turkey—"the Thanksgiving swap"—there never was such a surprised, happy and puzzled family before.

But Dick was not puzzled long, for, knowing of the arrival of a turkey at Uncle Jake's, and also knowing the old man's funny ways and generous nature, he guessed the truth at once, but did not display his knowledge until the next day, "for fear mamma would not 'swap,'" he said.

FAY A. WOOLSEY.

THE PARSON'S PURSE.

This scant pasture is unfenced, and so becomes the browsing-ground of all sorts of financial hunger. Salvation Army philanthropists turn to it in case of emergency which they stumble upon. Only last week every minister in a certain community was visited by a brace of feminine philanthropists who were surprised when asked why their collections were confined to the ministerial money. "Why not go to them?"

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was the innocent question of this pair. In the enthusiasm for personal work they had only severe criticism for the salutary organized agencies in which experience, caution, wisdom and resources combine. One of our city pastors has kept a record of these appeals made to him during one year. He tells the writer: "I have given away one-third of my salary this year, and it keeps my nose to the grindstone all the time. Last year I had appeals to my own purse which counted up more than \$3,500, and in addition appeals came to me to be presented to our church which footed up more than \$12,500. So far as I know each one was worthy, and no doubt the many to which I could not respond felt that I might have given them the little they asked, entirely forgetful of the fact that there were hundreds of other appeals just as worthy." And this statement could no doubt be matched by scores of other pastors, except that few are able to give away one-third of their incomes. This particular pastor has no other source of revenue than his salary, but has a heart which serves as a kind of an envelope for his entire body. He has been righteously unrighteous.

Every one knows the minister. He is personally expected to practice what he preaches. He is supposed to have command over the pocketbooks of some well-to-do parishioners. He is supposed to have the determining say as to what objects shall be presented to the church for appeals. He is thought to be able to open doors which other hands can not reach, and to have the combination to unlock hearts unknown to others. Another pastor kept account of the appeals made to him for an opportunity to "say a word" at a church service, and found out that in the entire calendar year there would not be sufficient opportunities, Sunday and week-day services included, for these appeals.

There are two classes to whom appeal is constantly made, and these two are as far apart in ability as possible. One is the minister, and the other is the man or woman supposed to be rich. Both these are deluded. It is said that a certain generous man of wealth had three hundred and fifty letters in one mail asking for aid. And Miss Gould not long since printed a list of applications for a single week which was positively startling in number, amount asked, and purposes for which help was desired. Only to the generous wealthy does the minister yield the precedence as target for the shafts of the needy.—The Standard.

CHRISTIAN COURAGE.

Boys, put your heads close down to me. I wish to tell you what I saw at the Yale-Princeton football game.

For some time I had noticed an usher, whose business it was to get those unwieldy coaches into their slips. After they were placed, he devoted himself to leading much of the cheering. He interested me keenly; his vivid magnetism was most attractive. When the game had got well under way, some men near me began to swear. My wide awake, be-oranged usher heard it. He waited a while, but as they did not stop, he stood up and spoke out clearly: "Fellows, we are going to wipe up the earth with these men, but don't swear about it." As he sat down there was a rattle of clapping, and I entirely agreed with the tall man who said: "I thank you very much for the speech." I watched my college hero, and wondered how, with his exceedingly light physique, he could endure all the cheering and singing. A man on a coach seemed struck with the same idea, because I heard him call out: "You fellow who are leading the cheers, take some of this whiskey." "No, thank you, I won't have any," was the prompt response. But the bottle had started on its way to him. I won-

dered whether he would be tempted when it really reached him. But he did not even touch the bottle, boys! After inquiring I was not surprised to learn that Christian principle was shack of so much pluck.

To call religion a weak thing is one of Satan's most impudent lies. However strong you are, it will take all your manhood to fight the good fight against the evil within; it will take more—even the Divine strength of the man Christ Jesus added to your own.—Patser Preston, in Forward.

BUMP THE CROSS WORDS.

"Mamma, I really don't mean to say naughty things," said Eddie.

"Then why do you say them?" answered mamma.

"Why, when I feel cross, the cross words just rise up in my throat, and out they will come, or else I would choke."

"No," said mother, "don't let them out."

"How can I help it?" said Eddie.

"You must learn to shut your mouth, and make a fence of your lips, so that the cross words cannot get out."

"They'll come again, more and more of them," said Eddie.

"No, if you will keep them back, and not let them out, by and by they will stop coming."

Then Eddie stopped to think. After thinking he said: "I know, it is just like kitty. When kitty came here, she thought she could jump right the window glass. But she only bumped her head against the glass, and could not get through. And then she stopped trying. And perhaps the cross words will be just like kitty. When they can't get through the fence, they will stop coming. I will just let them bump their heads against my lips."

And so he did, and he conquered the bad words.

It takes only a little thing in a translation to make it go wrong. The missionary who asked the pundit to put into the Indian vernacular the good old hymn "Rock of Ages, chief of me, let me hide myself in thee" was taken off his feet when he heard his converts singing with pious fervor, "Very old stone, split for my benefit, let me get under one of your fragments."—Epworth Herald.

TWICE TOLD TALES.

No Meat Extracted from them by Some who most Need the Facts.

We have more than twice told the reader of the fact that he or she may perhaps easily discover the cause of the daily ill feeling and the experiment is not difficult to make.

But there are readers who think truths are for some one else and not for themselves.

Some day the oft told fact will flash upon us as applicable when the knowledge comes home, that day after day of inconvenience and perhaps of suffering has been endured, the cause not being recognized or believed, although we may have been told of the cause many times over, but never believed it applied to us.

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OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE NUMBER.

It is our custom at this season of the year to get out a special number devoted largely to the holiday announcements of our Publishing House. This week we present our readers with the usual holiday bill of fare. We hope every one will peruse these interesting pages and order freely. To be "bookish" is getting to be a fad in Texas, and we hope all our readers will keep up-to-date by indulging freely in this commendable fad.

PREACHERS.

Every preacher should present to his congregation the subject of books for presents. A public statement of the facilities of our House to supply our people with choice books would bring good returns to our Publishing House and put good books in many homes where otherwise they might not do so. The preacher's direction in these things will be readily followed by many. We hope every preacher who reads this will prepare a nice talk in the interest of good books and our Publishing House and fire it at his congregation at the first opportunity.

BOOKS FOR PRESENTS.

We are gratified at the growing popularity of books for presents. It bespeaks increasing intelligence and a higher order of manhood and womanhood. The tendency to spend spare moments in perusing the pages of a good book shows an upward and higher tendency in the character of any one. To give a thoughtfully-selected book for a present is a compliment to the person to whom it is given. It carries with it the suggestion that the giver regards him or her as a pure, cultivated, high-minded person. The recipient of good books for presents feel complimented to have their friends think of them as being of a literary and bookish turn. You can not miss

it if you select a good book and send it to your friend as a pleasant token of remembrance during the glad, happy Christmas-time. In this issue will be found several pages of books especially selected for this holiday season. Look carefully through the lists and make your selection early. Barbee & Smith, Dallas, are anticipating a heavy holiday trade, so it will be best to get in as early as possible.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

The children are going to read something. Our splendid system of public and private schools has taught them all to read, and they will read almost anything they get their hands on. This tendency and taste should be encouraged, but carefully directed. That children love to read is hopeful, but it is a dangerous habit unless the books are selected with care by older heads. Many a misspent life dates the first wrong step back to the time when the first bad book was read. Many a great man and woman dates the beginning of a new and higher life back to the time when some thoughtful friend placed in his or her hands a good book. Look well into what your children read. See that they have a bountiful supply of good books. A little thought and care on this point may change the whole future of your children. A carefully-selected book may awaken new emotions and ambitions and result in a career of great prominence and usefulness of the children now around the hearthstones at home. Look after the children's reading.

PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN.

It is the custom in many homes to make the Christmas holidays a season of feasting and gluttony. A bountiful display of good things to eat is considered by many as offering the greatest avenues for enjoyment during this glad, happy time. Children feast on sweetmeats of various kinds that rot their teeth and ruin their stomachs. After days of feasting, they spend feverish, restless nights and dream of hobgoblins and ghosts of every description, and frequently wind up with a sick spell, in which the doctor and his bill of charges play a part. Instead of this course, why not put something into the minds and hearts of the children? Why not take this opportunity to plant seeds that will take root and develop into great good in the future lives and characters of the children? Elsewhere in this paper, Barbee & Smith have several pages of well-selected books especially suited to young readers. Make up a good list from these pages and send it in early, and we are sure it will produce results that will please all concerned and produce profitable results.

SEND A BOOK.

Nearly every one who reads these lines has friends in distant places, perhaps back in the old States, to whom he or she would like to send some pleasant token of remembrance during the happy holidays. Possibly it is father or mother, now bent with years and confined closely to the hearthstone of the old homestead. Possibly time may hang heavily with them. A good book to cheer their lonely hours and brighten their hopes for the future will prove a blessing to them. Maybe it is a sister, or somebody else's sister, in some far-off city or State that you would like to remember with a present. Send a book. It is always appreciated. Perhaps it is your brother, or somebody else's brother. Send him a book. Maybe he is away from home, and is getting careless or indifferent about the greatest of all great subjects. A timely book, thoughtfully selected, may wake him up and inspire in him new hopes and ambitions that may tell for much

good in the world. Or it may be rollicking, mischievous childhood that comes into your thoughts. A sweet, innocent little girl, with golden locks and dimpled cheeks, or a romping, brave boy, whose mind needs stimulus and direction. Send them books. Their eyes will dance with joy at sight of them. No matter who it is in your thoughts, or what their condition, send them books. They will help while away the long winter evenings, and may inspire good thoughts or noble deeds.

CHRISTMAS BAZAARS.

Doubtless many who read this are already beginning to form plans for Christmas entertainments in the League and Sunday-school. New schemes that are cheap and will please every one are scarce. Let us suggest a Book Bazaar. Get from Barbee & Smith, Dallas, a liberal supply of good books in cheap editions and distribute them among the pupils and members. These cost less than many other things frequently used, and we feel sure will be fully as popular. Try it.

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NO MORE DISCUSSION ON THE BEAST QUESTION.

If we accept the Bible as the truth, no human being is "a beast," unless he becomes such because of his persistent sins; and even then he can recover his manhood and cease to be "a beast" by repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. These statements hold good in the case of all men, of whatever race, color, nationality or previous condition of servitude. There is but one side to the subject, and therefore it is not open to any further discussion in the Advocate. All we need to do is to preach the gospel in power and demonstration to every human being upon the face of the earth, and it will prove the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Any man who has sense enough to believe, with all of his mind and heart, in the truths of this gospel, need have no fear as to the result. And this paragraph disposes of the question so far as the Advocate is concerned.

BRIEF NOTES.

The most graphic accounts we have read of the battle of the Alamo was in Advocate editorial of November 14. Probably C. L. Spencer did the right thing in giving to the public the facts connected with the removal of Ruter's remains and erection of a monument. Some features of the account were gruesome and some facts to be deplored. As Ruter was here less than a year, many thought other names were deserving of a monument. Some of the appointments made at the late session of West Texas Conference were hard on the preachers. Yet this writer has gone to the largest works in West Texas and to some as poor as the worst read out at the late session. Excellent domestic missionary appropriations come in as saving clause in some of these hard and pitiless appointments. The general shaking up of Annual Conference boundary lines proposed in memorial of West Texas Conference to General Conference will not meet approval of other Texas Conferences. The measure is too radical, even admitting boundary lines were formed thirty-five years ago. Some good might come out of it, but the memorial will fail. Texas Conference will never give way to the Colorado and Northwest

Texas will never part with territory as high up as Waco.

The formation of another small conference in Texas would be unfortunate. Too many small conferences in the Church, South, already.

The drafts of all the domestic missionaries at West Texas Conference were paid in full cash down and the Treasurer went home with a pocketful of money to commence the present year on.

Dr. Hoss, of Nashville, stood on the spot where the blood of that grand old Tennessean, Davy Crockett, was shed for Texas independence. A Mexican woman, who was in the Alamo during the battle, says Davy Crockett was the last man killed.

It makes one feel like the Church has lots of solid stuff in her to meet at Conference V. M. West, Alonzo Reese, G. W. L. Fly and John Williams. We shall look for M. N. Shive at next Conference.

The young men of our Conference are the pioneers and church builders. We old fellows take off our hats to them. Some of them start out with slick locks and nice clothes. At the end of the year they come in to report looking bronzed, strong of limb, smiling, and their bold front says: "Bishop, here am I; send me." Then things look appalling when their names are read out. It is easy enough for Monk, and Gillets, and Nolan, and Lenton to get out of heavy harness when the wheels of Zion move right on by the power of these young men of God.

"I CANNOT LEAVE HIM OUT."

A mother had taught her little girl to pray for her father, when she offered up her petitions to the Lord. Suddenly that father was removed by death.

Kneeling in her sorrow at her mother's side for an evening prayer, the child hesitated, her voice faltered, and glancing into her mother's eyes, she sobbed:

"Oh, mother, I can not leave him out! Let me say, 'Thank God, I had a dear father once,' so I can keep him in my prayers."

How sweetly this dear child honored her father by her tender love!

Zion's Herald: Nothing is easier than to keep commandments which we have no temptation to break. And yet we often plume ourselves upon keeping these, and criticize others who, being tempted in that particular direction, fall. At the same time we are very quiet about the commands which we break. The chain does not take its strength from its strongest link, but from its weakest one. We cannot judge ourselves by the sins we do not commit, simply, perhaps, because we have no leaning toward them. Our besetting sins are the ones we are to watch. The sentinels should be posted most thickly on the side which is most exposed to the enemy.

Honesty always thinks itself in debt.—Ram's Horn.

HORSE BUCKED.

Rider Severely Hurt.

A Cincinnati man visiting in Texas, on a ranch, was thrown from a horse and so severely injured that his life was despaired of. He takes pride in telling how food saved his life. The heavy drugs given seriously injured his stomach and as he says "It seemed I would soon have to starve in the midst of plenty. My stomach refused to digest food and I ran down from 165 to 123 pounds. When my appetite failed I was ready to give up, and it looked as though I would soon 'wink out.'"

One morning the foreman's daughter brought in what she called a splendid food and it turned out to be Grape-Nuts. A little skeptical I ate it and found it was good, and just the kind of food I could keep on my stomach which had been almost burned out by the vile drugs.

I felt that I had obtained a new lease of life for improvement set in at once. A week later I was weighed and had gained two pounds. My weight has since steadily increased by the constant use of Grape-Nuts, and I am now better than I have been in years, as my friends will all testify.

In all kinds of athletic sports I notice I have a greater reserve force than formerly, for which I am indebted to Grape-Nuts. Taken in moderation it is the greatest food of its kind in the world, being equally well adapted to athletes and invalids." Paul Alwin Platz, 1906 Biglow Ave., Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.

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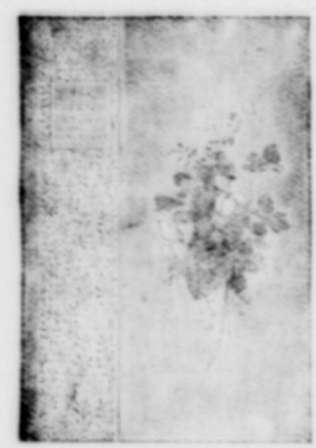
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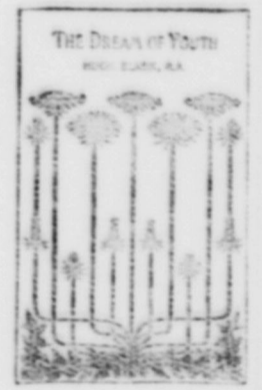
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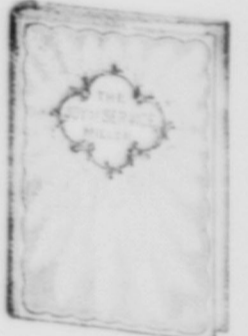


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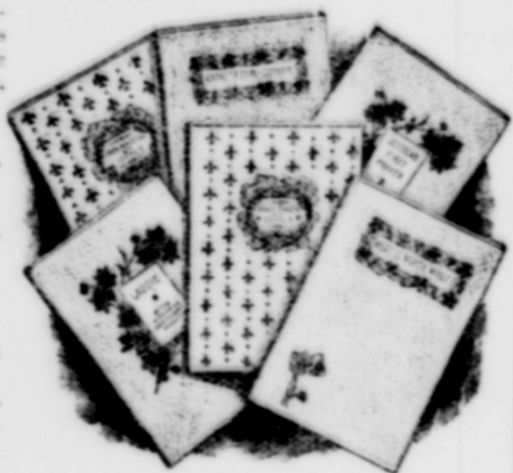
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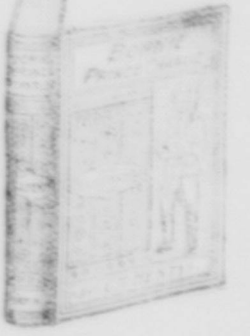
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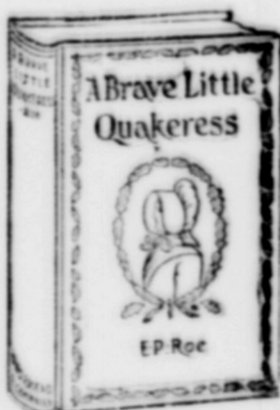


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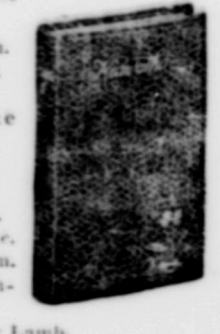
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MRS. J. W. ROWLETT, Secretary, Oak Cliff, Texas.

The above notice, under date of the 19th, did not come to hand in time for publication in last week's issue, and we fear its publication this week is rather late for the purpose in view, which we regret. We hope, however, that as many members as can will respond to the call.

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, Treas. Conf. Society, Aspermont, Texas.

The National Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which was held this month in Fort Worth, was indeed a representative gathering of temperance workers from every section of our land, every State in our great Union being represented, from the distant shores of Maine, the home of the President of the organization, to the Golden Gate, on the Pacific Slope. We reproduce from the Dallas Morning News, from among many interesting reports, the report of the National Superintendent of the Press Department, as the report is in itself interesting and instructive, and contains, also, reference to a badge of distinction won by a Texan, Miss Fannie L. Armstrong, of Dallas, in this department of work of the W. C. T. U. We are gratified at this recognition of the faithful efforts of our sister, who is not only an earnest worker in this organization, but is one who gives of her time and labors to the interests of the Mission (or Rescue) Home in Dallas, and who stands ready to aid in any good cause which needs help.

Mrs. Minnie Barker Horning, National Superintendent of the Press Department, reported that the press star for 1901 had been won by Texas, the Press Department of this State, under the guidance of Miss Fannie L. Armstrong, of Dallas, chairman of the Press Department of the Texas W. C. T. U., having secured the publication of more W. C. T. U. matter in the newspapers of any other State in proportion to the number of W. C. T. U. workers. Mrs. Horning's report said:

"The press work, like many other movements, goes in waves, up and then down, as public interest increases and decreases in our effort. Last year we were somewhat on the receding tide, as it was a campaign year, but this year we are again on the high wave. Nineteen States sent in reports last year, while thirty-four have reported this year; 41,942 columns of W. C. T. U. temperance news have been reported this year, against 29,000 last year. The same increase is notable in all the reports. The State superintendents almost without exception are doing beautifully—24,662 notices, 23,473 items, 22,312 reports and 1,377 regular columns are filled in daily or weekly papers; 104 new recruits have joined our ranks, and still there is room for more. Among the important topics treated of this year are non-alcoholics in medicine, which was pushed early in the year.

"Anarchy Brod in the Saloon" was a pertinent topic, and was given full scope by the editors. This subject largely swelled the number of our columns. The cancer question was written up voluminously by our superintendents, but it caused much burning of hearts as well as burning of copy, as the editors as a rule were not with us in our views of the subject, and our material only saw the light of the flame; but I am glad to say to you to-day, women of the W. C. T. U., that all this is changing; that the editors are getting a change of heart on the cancer question, and even the Chicago Tribune, that vigorous defender of the soldiers' canteen, after quoting from Gen. Paget's grand statements for the anti-cancer law, said in effect editorially: "There is evidently two sides to this question, and it would be well for people to study both sides before they render judgment. Aren't they coming our way? I wish I could give you in these few moments the encouragement that has come to me from the different States, but that I hope you will read in my report in the national report. I have new superintendents in North Carolina, Ohio, Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana and Iowa. They are all

taking hold nicely, and the Iowa superintendent writes me encouraging letters, saying: 'Please report my home editor has published a regular column and all our notices free for fourteen years.'

"Two new press leaflets have been issued by the W. P. T. A. this year, one on the duties of superintendents, another on the W. C. T. U. column. They are practical and I hope will be helpful.

"New York held the press star the past year, but now 'Westward' this star of the empire takes its way." This little woman, the press superintendent of Texas, Miss Fannie L. Armstrong, has secured the insertion of a greater number of columns in the Texas papers. Her report says that of the thousand papers more than half have regular weekly columns. The Lone Star of Texas need no longer shine alone, as it has the press star of the national W. C. T. U. for its heavenly twin."

The announcement that the star had been won by Texas was received with manifestations of enthusiasm. The star is of silver and of the regulation type worn by reporters.

Miss Armstrong, in receiving the star, made a very pretty speech, in which she acknowledged the help of her fellow-workers and the great assistance of newspapers of the State. "Gloria! Gloria! I feel that I have gotten religion over again!" she exclaimed. "I feel just like getting out on a prairie and seeing 'Gloria, hallo-lujah!' I feel like I would have to join the Salvation Army for about a month to say 'Gloria' enough. This is the best thing I ever had in my life. I am glad I live in Texas and am glad I am a member of the W. C. T. U. I am going to keep right on working for the Master, and I know when I am done on earth, I will meet the great white-ribbed army around the throne of grace." (Applause.)

To the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference:

Dear Sister—It has been some time since I have sent you a letter, yet you and the great work of foreign missions have been constantly on my mind and heart. (1 Thess. 1:11-12.)

Our fiscal year is passing rapidly. Now, let us take an inventory of what we have in store and redouble our energies the remainder of the year. We have had a long, warm summer, and could not expect that our auxiliaries would do as much efficient work as now, so I expect to hear better reports from all auxiliaries at the close of this quarter. We very much hope each of you will have your pledge for our going missionaries, or general fund, all collected. By so doing you will have this fund off hands, and can go to work to get up your portion of the one hundred dollars each district is expected to give this year toward erecting a suitable building for the "Eliza Bowman Home and School," Havana, Cuba. As you know, we, as a Conference Society, had this summer collected more far below what they should have been, in fact, did not average one dollar per member. So our schools in the mission fields that occupied rented houses still remain so, and they will be demolished in houses of our own just so soon as the necessary funds are in the treasury, and not before, as our Woman's Board adopts the highly commendable plan of paying as they go. In taking Havana as our special we do not shoulder the whole responsibility of controlling that school, other Conference Societies in this and several other States assisting in this work. Now, why not do our best to make it possible to erect a building of our own for this school the next year? Cuba needs such a school. Catholicism never met its left to run riot in this lovely land, "where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile." Dr. D. W. Carter, Superintendent of Missions in Cuba, says: "Protestantism, with the lowering of the flag, came from behind closed doors and screened windows, where Roman Catholic State religion had forced it to live. Protestantism is no longer merely tolerated, but walks abroad and breathes the free air of heaven, and may build its temples and unfurl its banners anywhere on Cuba's soil, with none to molest or make afraid." With this hearty note of encouragement from one who is on the ground and ought to be a competent source from which to glean facts, let us hasten with God's Word, and Christian teachers of same, as the only paragon for the conversion of the Roman paganism and sins of this benighted people. They know nothing what, ever of true religion, having never had a Bible. "Spain," says Dr. Carter, "having had this country under her heel so long, has left them with a religion without morals, a ceremonial pageant of senseless forms; of tawdry, tawdry images, lying wonders and profane fables, she sealed up the fountain of life—the holy book of God. She has left them with a priesthood ignorant, arrogant, tyrannical, using the sacraments unholy, making marriage nothing else but concubinage, and give to the poor a bone fit for a grave." What we want schools in Cuba for is to enlighten this sin-cursed people and teach them that religion consists, not in ceremonies and forms, and that salvation is not in the hands of a priest-pope. Let us be in earnest and remember the "King's business requires haste," and much of the harvest will be lost by our indifference.

If possible, hold at least one united meeting in the interest of your auxiliaries each quarter; also let us see a report of your auxiliary in the Woman's Department Texas Christian Advocate. They are very kind to allow us this space. I hope you will utilize it. Do not forget to appoint a committee to canvass the membership of your Church for new members to your Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Every Christian woman should be a member. Our Treasurer, Miss G. W. Gray, after a long illness, is convalescing, yet very slowly. Pray for her complete restoration to health.

My sisters, let us be prayerful, setting apart one hour each day the remainder of this year for meditation and prayer, thus forming a circle of workers, asking God's blessing and guidance in this work. (Phil. 4:6, 7.)

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN, President, Plano, Texas.

SENECA IN EXILE.

By J. W. Carhart, M. D. With brow uncovered and unsandaled feet, Thou wert upborne by thy philosophy; And bend the knee, in recognition, meek, Of weighty words of wisdom thou didst speak.

A Stoic—mad—A Deist, can it be, Thou wert upborne by thy philosophy? That thy great soul drank deep at wisdom's spring, Till island mountains heard thee sweetly sing?

O Gorden! thou island in the sea— The exiled Sage has consecrated thee— Thy rocks and hills, thy dark and tangled woods, Resounding with the roar of thundering floods.

Where wild birds listened to the exile's song, And memory still those matchless strains prolong, Art hallowed, as the holy Patmos shrine, Where John beheld those wondrous things divine.

O Seneca! the fire that lit thy thought Was from cerulean realms of glory brought; And he who guided and supported thee Was the God-man—the Christ of Galilee.

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THE HOME CIRCLE

TOO LITTLE AND TOO BIG.

Today I asked my mamma if I could whittle. Yes, I did. "Oh, no, my little girlie," said she, "you're too little."

A BOY'S INFLUENCE.

"I wonder why Samuel Darrow is so much loved," said a visitor at the house of a friend of the Darrows. "I know," piped a little voice, "it's because Sam loves everybody."

WHAT IS YOUR FATHER TEACHING YOU?

It is recorded of a certain great philosopher that a friend who went to visit him met the philosopher's little daughter before he met the philosopher himself.

PARAGRAPHS FOR WOMEN.

We wonder if the modern New England "Fathers" chuckle to themselves over the law that the Puritan Fathers decreed. At any rate, they must approve of it, inasmuch as it has never been repealed.

New Jersey. In that commonwealth they still have women who merit the title of "common scold," and which, when conferred by a conviction in court, carries with it a penalty.

A curious fact about the nervous hurry and activity of American women is that their occupation is so constant that leisure is beginning to be a condition which they do not know how to meet.

BREAD ON THE WATERS.

"When Mary and I were married we were both young and foolish, for we had nothing to be married with; but Mary was delicate, and I thought I could take care of her best."

ball rolled Frank's way; he tossed it back and the play began.

"I think he's a good kind of a boy for me to play with, mamma," Bob said at bedtime. "He plays fair, and he laughs when things happen 'stead of saying words or getting cross."

"I wonder what he's saying to his mother 'bout me?" Bob said slowly. "I didn't mean to be selfish. If it isn't good to-night it shall be to-morrow, mamma."

"DON'T TELL HER."

One day when auntie was out of the room Charlie and Frankie tipped over a bottle of ink which stood on her desk.

"Don't tell her," whispered Charlie; "we will shut the door and run away, and she'll never know who did it."

"But we ought to tell her," urged Frank, "and say that we are sorry."

"No, don't tell; it's ever so much easier not to," said Charlie.

"I'm going to tell her this very minute, before it gets any harder," said brave little Frankie.

When he had found auntie and told her she hastened to her room and wiped up the ink, and she put some salts of lemon on the ugly spots that it had made on the carpet.

"It's just like God forgiving us, isn't it?" asked Frankie. "If we tell him about our sins right away, and tell him we are sorry, and ask him to forgive us, he does; and we are happy again."

THE BEATITUDES IN SCOTCH.

These are the Beatitudes, according to a Scottish version of the New Testament which is soon to be published:

- 1. And, seein' the thrang o' folk, He gaed up intil a mountain; and when He was sitten doon, His disciples gather't about. 2. And He open't His mouth, and instruct' them; and said He: 3. Happy the spirits that are lown and cannie; for the kingdom o' heeven is waitin' for them!

JOEY HAD A LITTLE DOG.

The teacher of a district school in Maine tells a story that reminds me of Mary and her little lamb, only it is of Joe and his little dog.

Joe was a boy about eight years old and was devoted to a small black puppy. Out of school hours, boy and dog were inseparable, and Joe apparently could not reconcile himself to the necessity of leaving the dog at home.

WHAT A HORSE WOULD SAY IF HE COULD SPEAK.

Don't hitch me to an iron post or railing when the mercury is below freezing. I need the skin on my tongue.

Don't leave me hitched in my stall at night with a big cob right where I must lie down. I am tied and can't select a smooth place.

Don't compel me to eat more salt than I want by mixing it with oats. I know better than any other animal how much I need.

Don't think because I go free under the whip I don't get tired. You, too, would move up if under the whip.

Don't think because I am a horse ironwoods and briars won't hurt my hay.

Don't whip me when I get frightened along the road, or I will expect it next time and maybe make trouble.

Don't trot me up hill, for I have to carry you and the buggy and myself.

"I WONDER."

"Wonder who's moving in? Wonder if they've got boys? Wonder what kind of a fellow that new boy is?" Bob stood by the window and watched for two rainy days. Then he went out to play, so did the new boy. Bob's

too. Try it yourself sometime; run up with a big load.

Don't keep my stable very dark, for when I go out into the light my eyes are injured, especially if snow be on the ground.

Don't say "whos" unless you mean it. Teach me to stop at the word. It may check me if the lines break and save running away and smash-up.

Don't make me drink ice-cold water, nor put a frosty bit in my mouth. Warm the bit by holding it a half minute against the body.

Don't forget to file my teeth when they get jagged and I cannot chew my food. When I get lean, it is a sign my teeth want filing.

Don't forget the old Book, that is a friend to all the oppressed, that says: "A merciful man is merciful to his beast."

DROPS OF INK TO MAKE YOU THINK.

Don't talk about what you are going to do—do it.

A Christian's obligations are not cancelled until met.

A Christian's promise ought to be as good as a sinner's mortgage.

God has much respect for the honest confession of sin, but none whatever for excuses for it.

A pack of playing cards and a copy of the New Testament are never carried in the same pocket.

"Some people seem to look upon God only as a subject to be talked about, not as a person to be talked to."

That man who does not use his thinker, is hardly fit to be a thinker, much less a teacher or a preacher.

Dr. Phillips Brooks use to say to his church: "Preach or Perish," "Teach or Tarnish," "Evangelize or Fossilize."

If the work of prayer could be followed by a week of real work, all the Church uniting, what a revival would follow!

It takes barrels and barrels of oyster soup and things to keep up the interest in a Church that has lost its spirituality.

Gods says "Come" to every sinner, and no matter who comes, he is always made welcome. Has the reader ever tried it?

Dyspepsia is awfully hard on one's religion. If you have it, brother, better send for the preacher to come along with the doctor.

God says "Come" to the sinner and "Go" to the Christian. Alas! how many Christians are as slow about going as sinners are about coming!

Yes, conscience may be a "safe guide," provided the devil hasn't had too good a chance at it. Ever read of a "seared" and a "defiled" conscience? That's the devil's work!

God saves a sinner in his sins, before he can save him from them.

A little child on first seeing some chickens drink, said: "Aunt, do look at the dear little chickens, how they do. They just stoop down to get a drink and then look up to heaven and thank God for it."

A poor, cheap, half-starved, half-dead Sunday school is bad enough, but it is better than the Church that is behind it! Why? Because the "cream" (if there be any) of the Church is always in the lead in Sunday-school work.

Just think of the quality of the skimmed milk in such a Church! "Sour," too, probably.—C. D. Meigs, in International Evangel.

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**SHORT SKETCHES OF THE WAR  
BETWEEN THE STATES.**

(With Illustrations of Soldier Life.)

BY REV. W. N. ALLEN.

**The Capture of the Gunboat Diana by  
Waller's Battalion.**

As our object is to write sketches rather than general history, we will now proceed to tell the tale of the capture of the gunboat Diana. This boat was taken on the 4th of March, 1863. Major Hannibal Boon was in command of the battalion. Our six companies were the advanced picket on the lower Teche to watch the movements of the enemy in and about Berwick. There were two outlets from Berwick Bay into Grand Lake. One of these was by way of the Teche and lower Atchafalaya, the other a bayou further east. In this way the enemy made circuits with their gunboats, always returning by way of the lower Atchafalaya and sweeping the country along the Teche. Twice in this way they debarked a company or two and captured our small picket stationed down near the bay. This was too tormenting for Major Boon and the battalion longer to endure. We numbered altogether three hundred men, and seventy of these were sent down on the Teche as a scouting picket, with instructions to fight the boat. The writer will give the truth of this whole affair, for he was one of the seventy.

It was somewhere not far from the noon hour when the black smoke of a gunboat was seen going up the distant bayou toward Grand Lake. We could tell by the smoke that it turned west in the lake and was headed for the Atchafalaya and Teche. Three or four of us about this time were detailed to roll a few bales of cotton into a warehouse, and were just catching up when those ahead were hitching their horses behind a neat frame dwelling with bushy yard, and behind other things on the premises. We hitched our horses by the first we came to and were running up the line, when the Diana fired. The shot of grape went through our line of horses, killing eight, knocked down a wide gap in the paling fence, and I went down in the melee. Why I went down I do not know, for I was not hurt at all. I don't think I was down two seconds, and as I rose to my feet I saw horses on every side of me, half-way turned on their backs, struggling and with holes through them half as big as a man's arm. About this time the boat fired another shot. Where it went I never heard. It missed its mark. It fired no other shot. About the time of the second shot there was the resound of small arms. I knew our boys were at it. They were not more than sixty yards away, and at the very water's edge. I think I was there in less than a minute, and saw that the boys already were having things their own way. The boat soon began to turn about helplessly, for the pilot had deserted his wheel. The companies of soldiers aboard were seized with panic, and as the Diana turned would move and try to hide themselves on the opposite side behind the iron casing erected to protect the machinery. But presently in their panic they started for the scuttle at the bow of the vessel. They crowded like sheep. It was awful, for I am of opinion that every one of them carried a bullet hole with him. Many fell over on deck and did not get in at all.

Our small arms could not penetrate the iron casing of the pilot-house, but it was streaked and marked with lead. The pilot could not stand the rattle, and, as stated, deserted his wheel. The Diana at one time floated so near us that we could almost jump on it—so close that there was a general cry: "Jump on it! Jump on it!" This was the work of the seventy. This was the condition of affairs when other troops came down the Teche to our assistance. This was the condition when two sections of the Val Verde Battery arrived. The Diana continually turned about slowly, just as the sluggish stream would carry it—sometimes near one bank, and then the other. On arrival, one section of the Val Verde Battery planted itself even with the boat, the other a hundred yards or so below, and they would alternate with each other below as the boat drifted. Every shot struck, but without serious effect so far as penetration is concerned. The six-pound solid shot would strike with a crashing sound, but would only scrape or rebound from the iron casing. The Diana would not surrender; or, as I have sometimes thought, could not. Or it may be that it was hoping for the help of the gunboat Calhoun, that had gone up as far as Grand Lake. But the Calhoun never came any

nearer. Had it come it would certainly also have been captured.

Finally, about two miles below where the battle began, the Diana drifted against the opposite bank and lodged, and all firing ceased. In a moment there went up a large white sheet, drawn by a rope, out not a living man was seen. Everything was very still. In another moment the survivors began to show themselves, every one holding up something white, until the side of the boat toward us, in the stillness, appeared to be loaded with sheeted statuary. Thus many of them stood until some skiffs were collected to carry over some of our men, whereupon she was carried up the bayou, with her seventy-five dead and wounded, besides about one hundred or more prisoners of war. The Diana was the bloodiest spot I saw during the war. She was used on our side in the battle of Bisland, below Franklin, some time afterward. I do not remember now how many guns she carried, but it was either four or six, and they were twenty-four pounders. Our loss has already been stated, except the ammunition we used. We saved nearly all the Diana's ammunition, for she was so quickly and closely attacked that she fired only two shots.

Waller's Battalion was proud of the day's achievement, and glad for the opportunity to pay back for its loss on the Mississippi and in the swamp.

**BAZAAR.**

The management of the Mission Home of Dallas will hold a bazaar the first week in December, at which articles of wearing apparel for ladies and children made by inmates of the Home will be for sale. The friends of the Home are invited to come and see these articles and Christmas goods, which will also be on sale, and buy, and thus help in a financial way the Mission Home.

**UNANSWERED LETTERS.**

- Nov. 21—S. L. Ball, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. W. E. Andrews, sub. J. D. Burke, sub. W. A. Govette, sub. Atticus Webb, change made.
- Nov. 22—I. T. Stafford, sub. J. S. Tammell, sub. Geo. H. Phair, sub. C. H. Govette, sub. Thos. Gregory, sub.
- Nov. 23—E. L. Spurluck, sub. A. D. Livingston, sub. E. Hightower, sub.
- Nov. 25—J. R. Henson, sub. G. W. Temple, sub. S. J. Drake, change made. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. E. Hightower, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. V. A. Golbey, sub. E. T. Campbell, papers will go to parties named.
- Nov. 26—S. L. Ball, sub. W. H. Wright, sub. W. H. Newbirk, attention. T. P. Graves, sub. S. W. Turner, attention. J. M. Sherman, sub.
- Nov. 27—J. E. Tison, attention. J. R. Henson, sub. and attention. C. A. Clark, sub. N. C. Little, sub. E. W. Solomon, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub.

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SUGGESTIONS TO MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The male managers of missionary societies should be looked after. They continue to send young and enthusiastic women, and old and sentimental ones, out over the barbarous regions of the earth, where their lives are in daily peril, and where they are without that proper protection which should ever be afforded the gentler sex. It is no excuse to say that a woman is filled with a desire to be a martyr, for when the cold and bloody and cruel business of real head-chopping, knife-slashing and hot pincers begins, the martyr, remote from all human sympathy, surrounded by as real demons as exist in hell, sees what an inglorious end awaits rashness. The comfortable and elderly persons who direct the operations of the missionaries have no idea of risking for themselves any form of torture beyond a dental operation, and would no more permit their own wives and daughters to dwell among Bulgarians, Turks, Boxers, Moors, Kongo coons and Dahomeyians than they would turn them over for vivisection. At the present moment women missionaries are said to be returning to China, which is hot with hate (and not unjustly so) against all white people. There ought to be something done by the great governments to put a stop to this folly and madness.—From the Mexican Herald, American organ.

The above clipping fairly indicates the feelings of the average American business man in a foreign land for the religion of his native land. The reason therefor is not hard to discover. "The carnal mind is enmity against God." This explains the whole thing, and is the perennial fountain out of which all such effusions spring. If Americans in non-Christian or non-Protestant countries did not so often forget the rules and principles learned at their mothers' knees and in the Sabbath-schools of their native land, which has made it the greatest land on earth to-day, missionaries would accomplish vastly more than they do; but they (the business men) leave home to make money and have a good time, and in those far-away lands they fling everything to the winds that hinders the accomplishment of this purpose. A missionary in Monterey, Mexico, told me: "If American tourists were not so conscienceless when visiting here, we would not have so hard a time impressing these people, but here American and Protestant are synonymous, and the escapades of visiting Americans disgust these simple children of the South, and in being disgusted with them their religion suffers as well. A case in point, which illustrates the feeling of many Americans in that Republic: In the City of Mexico, one Sabbath morning, we asked our host, a Spanish Catholic, if there would be any objection to our holding a religious service in the parlor of the hotel. He very courteously assured us there would not, and bade us make ourselves perfectly free. We gathered in the parlor and sang some of the sweet old songs. The attaches of the hotel respectfully and reverently stood with bowed heads while we sang and read the Scriptures and prayed, but a party of young American employees of the railroads and express companies who were present seemed to think it a huge joke, and so soon as the piano stool was vacated by the lady who had officiated in our religious service, it was occupied by one of the godless scapgraces, who proceeded to make a donkey of himself at once by singing in a very much affected style, that absurdly silly love song, "Because"—rag time. This is their spirit. They do not want to be made to think of God and eternity, hence the principal cause of their objection to missionaries. Of course, it is entirely unnecessary to consume time and space answering the silly stuff in the appended clipping. Sufficient to say, there is not a word in it which really offers an objection to missionary operations in foreign lands. His observation that the great governments ought to put a stop to this folly and madness is really amusing. Wonder how much more right he has in the City of Mexico than Joyner, our pastor there, or Miss Norville, teacher of our school, or any other of the consecrated spirits of our own and other Churches who labor there for our Lord? The question of their equal rights has long been settled. In the midst of one of our greatest perils in China, our Consul-General there said to the women of our Church there: "Go to your field in confidence. You are as much entitled to be here as any merchant or citizen of our country. The missionaries, male and female, are here under treaty right, and if you are

in peril, I will come to your relief with the flag of your country." And they went, and they are going again. "The heathen may rage and imagine vain things," and godless American residents in foreign lands may continue to bring reproach on their mothers' religion and cringe before the Catholic and heathen influences of those lands, but until our Lord withdraws his commission, "Go ye into all the world," the Church has no option—she must go. They called Paul crazy, and thought Christ himself was beside himself, and they will continue so to do, but long after these critics have been forgotten the names of missionaries they despise will be as ointment poured forth. All honor to the missionaries! God speed them on the way! Shame on the American who, far from home, brings reproach upon his God!

J. B. TURRENTINE.

FROM MRS. REBECCA J. FISHER.

The last day of August I entered my seventieth year, and as I look back over our work in Texas, California and Oregon, the sorrows encountered and Christian joys experienced, my heart has been melted by the sweet assurance of God's love and protection through the many trying vicissitudes which I have been called to pass. Since our return from God's work on the Pacific Coast, I have consigned to the tomb several of my precious family, there to sleep until the resurrection morn.

Dr. Fisher for over sixty years served the Church faithfully as a minister of Christ. The great revivals which swept over the country wherever he ministered, and the thousands brought to Christ through his instrumentality, were sufficient proof that God owned and blessed his labors. How sad the thought that the memory of our faithful ones—those who served the Church so many years; who planted Methodism in Texas, suffering all the privations and hardships of those early times—should be forgotten, and where some of those Christian heroes sleep, not even a slab marks their precious dust! They may be lost to memory, but God's book contains their record, and the reward comes "by and by."

Through the long years, as a minister's wife, we have traveled the rugged paths of sorrow and affliction, with faith increased and strength renewed by the precious blood of Christ. We can tread the narrow paths which lead to glory, leaning upon Him whom we have trusted from childhood and who has never forsaken us. Happy thought that, if faithful to the grace given, in that blessed world to come we shall reap life everlasting, enter into that haven of eternal rest where sorrow and disappointment can never enter!

Many of our noted ministers and Bishops whom I have had the honor of entertaining have passed to their reward, leaving the rich perfume of holy and well-spent lives as the best legacy to their beloved Church. Among the Bishops who have been our guests were the distinguished Bishops Andrew, Paine, Kavanaugh, Pierce, Marvin, McTyeire, Doggett, Parker—all devoted friends of ours. Also, dear Bishop Fitzgerald and his noble wife, who still linger on the shores of time. We first met them in California. Their precious love and friendship we have claimed forty-six years. God grant that their precious lives may be spared many years to come. They had been married only a few weeks when they and ourselves were ordered by the Bishop to the Pacific Coast.

Our beloved Methodism, notwithstanding it has passed through the crucible of bitter experiences, has always come forth purified and refined. Her sails are well-set and carefully-trimmed. She rides majestically over the turbulent waters of fanaticism and discord which at times were threatening; but the dark clouds have always been dispelled by the rich sunshine of God's love and mercy. No man, or multitude of men, can stay her progress. "God is at the helm, and will guide her in triumph over the restless and turbulent waters, wherever encountered." What a power the Southern Methodist Church is! And what a glorious record she has given the world! The beacon-light of her Christian influence illumines our entire land, calling all to Christ.

Here in Austin, among the holy and consecrated ministers who have served Tenth Street Church, Bro. Bradfield's life and influence as a Christian minister is surrounded with a halo of glory. Coming here as he did—the Church mantled in gloom and unrest—by his patient, sweet Christian spirit he tem-

pered the storm into a perfect calm, and the Church has grown in power and influence under his ministry, which under the circumstances is almost unparalleled in the history of any congregation. He has received over a hundred into the Church; the entire building has been renovated and beautified; the floor carpeted with rich velvet, and he preaches to a crowded house, an appreciative and spiritual people, who love him and are ready to help in the great work in which he is engaged. Bro. Bradfield is a spiritual man, an humble, consecrated Christian gentleman, sympathetic and tender in all the relations of life. The great good he has accomplished this year among the students of the University, the citizens and Tenth Street Church stamp him as one of the purest types of Christian manhood. Austin can not give him up. Conference is near at hand, but our good Bishop will not afflict our Church here by taking him away. He is one of the best pastors I have ever known. He looks after his flock and brings the stray ones into the fold. When calling, he sets the old-fashioned Methodist custom of kneeling in prayer, invoking God's blessing upon the family. Don't any of the Churches ask for Bro. Bradfield, for they can not have him. Tenth Street Church in Austin is happy and prosperous now, and should not be disturbed.

And now we come to the President of our State University—a Christian gentleman of the purest, highest type. How wise of the State to select such a man to fill the most responsible and important office of that institution. Had they hunted the country over, no man could have been selected to fill that important position as satisfactorily as Col. Prather. His influence over that large body of students is wonderful and of incalculable value to the people of Texas. President Prather is a fine disciplinarian—positive, yet tender and considerate. His love and interest in every pupil is that of a father—looking after their interests, molding their characters into perfect manhood and womanhood, inspiring them to application, proper mental and Christian development. We who have resided in Austin ever since its foundation can note with pride the wonderful change in the department of its pupils since President Prather has been placed at its head. Many have changed from the rough and belligerent to the studious and courteous gentleman, ambitious to excel in everything appertaining to true and noble worth. President Prather's example and influence are a benediction to that institution, and the State of Texas is honored by having such a scholarly and distinguished gentleman to preside over the destiny of our youth—mold and direct them in all that is noble, pure and good. Mrs. Prather, his noble wife, is an accomplished Christian lady, lending her influence in her husband's responsible work. A more charming family could not be found. Col. and Mrs. Prather throw open their doors, entertain the pupils with all the elegance and cordiality they and their luxurious home can bestow. To be the guests of such a family is an honor to be highly prized. The students are part of their family, and are taken into their love and sympathy. Mrs. Kirby,

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I trust, dear readers, I have not wearied you with this lengthy letter. When I take up my pen to write of the Church, I know not when or where to stop, so much of the past passes in review. I have been a member of the Church fifty-six years, and have always tried to be a conscientious Christian. Rev. Oreeneth Fisher and I were married at Rutersville, Texas, fifty-three years ago, while he was editor of the Church paper in Houston. Many years we were in active Church work, sixteen of which were spent serving the Church in California, including two years in Oregon, where we organized the Church.

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### A CHAT WITH LOCAL PREACHERS.

Since our last paper went to press we have seen the proceedings of the North-west Texas Conference. The printed records show that there were elected six circuit and six lay delegates to the next district conference, but no local preacher is included in that list. It appears, however, that one F. B. Snook, who, we suppose from the initials to be a local preacher, was elected an alternate lay delegate. He seems to have lost, in the shuffle, the honorable designation of Rev. F. B. Snook, who has rendered such great service to the Southwestern University as its Financial Agent. If he is the man, he richly deserves to have been elected a delegate on the first ballot, at the head of the lay delegation.

The General Minutes of 1899 show that there were at that time 222 local preachers in that conference. This year there are 23—an increase of twenty. Many of them we know to be able men. But of all that number, not one of them will be allowed a voice in the deliberations of the quadrennial conference of our Church.

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We have constantly endeavored for more than a year to keep in view the unsatisfactory conditions with which we are, as we think, confronted at this time, and to point out the best and only legitimate method of correcting the evils, if indeed any exists, and to bring about a better adjustment of the relations between the different classes of our preachers. And that is to put ourselves, first of all, in a loyal attitude toward the Church and the present established order of things, and then go before the General Conference and ask for such needed legislation as may seem most conducive to the peace and harmony of all concerned. Meanwhile, keep our imaginary grievances to ourselves and not be inclined constantly to charge the blame upon some one else. Now that we have seen that nearly half of all Annual Conferences have held their sessions, elected their delegates to the General Conference and left us almost severely alone, we have lost all hope of anything from that direction. But we have no one else to blame but ourselves. For no one can feel inclined to vote for a local preacher as a delegate to the Annual Conference, who persistently fails to attend the District Conference, and it is not the custom to elect either a layman or a local preacher to the General Conference, who does not attend the Annual Conference.

If our dear old brother "One Gallon" thinks we have adopted rather a circumlocutory method of expressing our views, we will, for his sake, be a little more explicit. We have an indistinct recollection of a brother who gave us a lengthy account of his long journey to attend a District Conference, but after considering the lack of recognition and want of appreciation of his presence, he was sorry that he did not have sense enough to stay at home. Of course, the laymen, who do the voting in these elections, never think of electing a man to these high and responsible positions who considers himself a fool for going to the District Conference.

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### GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

The German Mission Conference assembled at New Fountain November 7. Bishop Wilson presiding. Our veteran Secretary, Rev. J. A. G. Rabe, was re-elected to that office. This conference generally meets in the village or country Churches, because the German membership is usually

stronger there. Again, it is found that a conference session held at such places secures a much larger attendance of lay visitors. The grace of Christian hospitality abounds in our German Methodists, and the free and easy ways of the country make it possible to entertain a large number easily.

The Church at New Fountain sustained the general reputation for hospitality most amply. Although nearly every charge in the conference was represented by visitors, and some of them numerous, the resources of entertainment seemed far from being exhausted. I think it worthy of mention that last summer our small mission Church in San Antonio entertained without any outside help, one hundred district conference visitors. One family entertained twenty guests, and several others were not far from that mark. I can testify that the entertainment was good, and our entertainers seemed to enjoy their service as privilege. In our German I heard the Annual Conference entertainment "problem" is likely to be a long time coming.

The New Fountain charge is one of the oldest and strongest in our conference, numbering about two hundred members. Under the leadership of their consecrated, enterprising pastor, Rev. C. A. Lehnberg, they have enjoyed unusual prosperity. The church building has been recently enlarged and greatly beautified. A tasteful interior, lighted by acetylene gas, leaves nothing to be desired for its kind.

The conference session was harmonious and hopeful. Bishop Wilson gave satisfaction in the chair, and preached on Sunday morning a masterly sermon. It struck deep root in great principles, and tapered to sublime applications. The faith of many was strengthened.

The enthusiasm of the conference was somewhat repressed by the fact that our net gain in membership was only ten. The number received during the year was quite as large as usual, but the losses were heavier. The death in the western district had scattered the stragglers, and quite a number had joined the American Churches into whose bounds they had moved. These transfers were gratifying, but they told, nevertheless, upon the statistics. At nearly every other point there was a net gain. The Sunday-school and Epworth League has grown, and the financial report marked an increase in nearly every item as compared with last year. This fact demonstrates anew what has been so often proved—that our Church collections have very little connection with the general prosperity of the country. Last year was full of plenty, while this year has been marked by almost unprecedented dearth, and yet the collections this year are ahead. "He that regardeth the clouds shall not reap," and he that consults the crops and the markets in attending to the King's financial business is exceedingly unbusinesslike.

The clerical visitors to our conference were Rev. F. B. Buchanan of the West Texas Conference; Rev. J. B. Sears, Vice-President of the Joint Commission; and Dr. Peabody, Missionary Secretary. Bro. Buchanan came for ordination to elder's orders, having been called away during the session of his own conference. Bro. Sears we hardly consider a visitor, and his presence is always inspiring. He preached to the conference with unusual vigor and power. Dr. Peabody's delivery was specially adapted to an audience of a majority of whom were non-English. Simple language, distinctly and dictionarily spoken, lodged many a weighty and truthifying thought in the hearts of the hearers.

If a word recorded here could have weight a year hence, I would like to repeat a remark I heard by a German pastor some ten years ago. "The visits of conventional men at our Annual Conference are like staid visits." The good brother was innocent of the criticism that these visits were "far between," but included only to voice the general appreciation.

A sad feature of the session was the superannuation of Rev. J. Kern, whose physical condition discourages the hope of future effectiveness. His absence cast a shadow and his criticism leaves a favorable gap. His work abides in many fields, and he lives in the hearts of his brethren.

Our work is hampered by the lack of preachers, but next year we expect to realize help from several candidates who are now at Georgetown. We long to see some of who are concerned for the German work that the movement is forward and hopeful. The assurance of sympathy

and discernment in the heart of our mother Church is our joy and our peculiar strength.

### APPOINTMENTS

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Houston Mission—P. H. Hensch.  
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Grassville—E. A. Rogken.  
Wallock and Indian Creek—F. Mumme.  
Bartlett and Byersville—B. C. Rausch.

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H. W. Weiss, P. E.  
San Antonio—J. Rader.  
Sevier—W. D. Wetmore.  
Chico and Elm Creek—J. C. Winkel.  
Cairo and Collette—J. Market.  
New Braunfels and Maxwell—J. A. G. Rabe.  
New Fountain and Toluca—C. A. Lehnberg.  
Fredericksburg and Blanco—A. E. Reeter.  
Llano—Robt. Moorer and H. Jordan.  
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### The Ticket Scalper Must Move On.

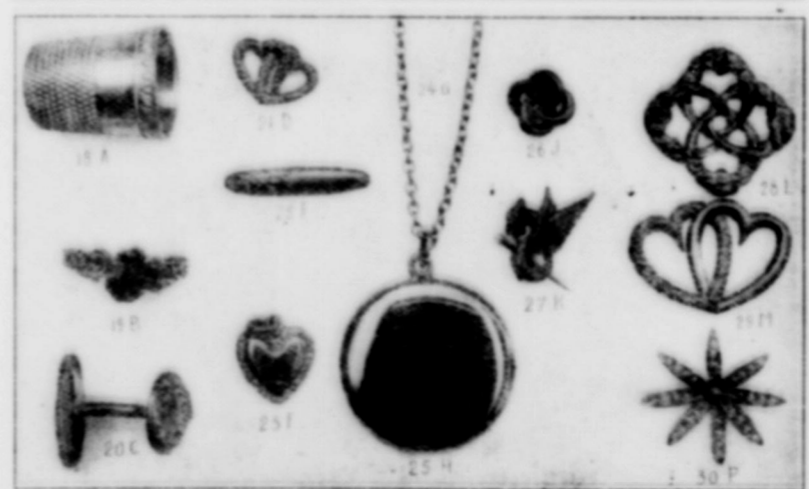
The No-Ten-On carnival is assured. At one time its success was problematical, but not now, since the city has undertaken to protect Houston and incidentally the railroads, upon which the community must undeniably rely for the profitable management of its public entertainments. From the demoralizing practices of the irresponsible ticket broker by the adoption of an anti-scalper ordinance. It is of the utmost importance that this ordinance be enforced to the literal letter, and to the end that penalties will be visited upon violators with severity and expedition.

While the Chronicle subscribes with emphasis to the doctrine that equity between the public and the common carrier demands that the railroads become the exclusive beneficiaries of their concessions to tourists and excursionists, as between themselves and the ubiquitous ticket vendors, we consider that locally our most imperative duty is to the city of Houston. From this standpoint, therefore, we can not urge too earnestly upon municipal officers the vigilant enforcement of this anti-scalper ordinance.

The old saw of "business is business" is especially applicable to the ticket broker nuisance, and while it might be wholly supplemented with reference to this subject by the broader declaration in sound public policy that justice between corporation and patron is the best aim of the statesman, it is still well that Houston proceed from a business standpoint in this important matter. Houston will have other No-Ten-On festivities and still other public entertainments to which its exploiters and business men will invite the victims of either section. Remembering, then, that the railroads have been compelled in self-protection to submit the alternative of the suppression of the ticket scalper or no reduced rates, Houston is not wise if she does not make it so hot for this wandering broker that his cry will not again be heard upon her thoroughfares.—Houston Chronicle, November 12.

### THE ROMANTIC SIDE OF THE EARLY WEST.

Mr. W. L. Taylor, the well-known artist, has just returned from a trip to the far West, whither he went to secure sketches and material for a new series of pictures he is to paint for reproduction in the Ladies' Home Journal. These will present the romantic phases of the pioneer West. There will be five great paintings, showing: The Early Pack Train Crossing the Mountains; The Stockade Days; The Pictographic Trading Post; The Early Mining Camp in the Mountain Gorge; The Prairie Schooner Crossing the Plains.



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Tuesday night the Confer erhood held its annual me Rev. J. W. Hill in the chal A. Wyatt read the report, a W. Alderson, D. D., made t A large audience was presen