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SECULAR NEWS ITEMS.

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ture to sell goods for Mexican silver. A feeling of suspicion exists among the merchants of Mexico from the unofficial announcement that, beginning January 1, the United States Philippine Commission intends to reduce by the difference of the fall in the value of silver the present ratio of two Mexican dollars for one gold dollar. It is believed, however, that some solution of the difficulty may be found which will obviate the necessity, as for instance the value of each silver dollar imported into the country is the difference between its nominal silver price and 50 cents in gold coin. The same is the case with the United States Government authority for the issuance of a Mexican currency.

The schooner "Winn J. Long," Capt. M. H. Glavin, forty-seven days from Cape Horn, with ninety passengers and fifteen crew, arrived at Port Townsend, Wash., December 18 after one of the most difficult voyages of way sailing vessel ever made in the Pacific. Coming from the southward from Dutch Harbor, the ship触底了 the bottom gates of Amaknak, the worst being on November 25, when she went the vessel soon sank to her bottom carrying away a portion of the water supply and one lifeboat. The "Long" was washed overboard by successive sets and drowned. The last account of the trip the passengers had to depend on what rain they could catch for water supply.

The Naval Court of Inquiry appointed to sit on Capt. Adm. Schley's conduct during the Santiago campaign rendered its verdict December 12. Two of its members, Rear Admirals Headlam and Hammock held him responsible on all but one item of the protest. Admiral Dewey, the President of the court, in a minority report declares Admiral Schley blameless, and by his award the credit for the victory over Cervera's squadron. Representative Clayton says: "The verdict of 22 sailors, people arrested and endorsed by Admiral Dewey, is conclusive enough for the nation. I suppose Admiral Schley, if he had been permitted a choice, would have preferred the verdict as it is to a verdict in his favor given by Headlam and Hammock with a dissenting opinion by Dewey against him." The recommendations of the court that no further proceedings be had is satisfactory all around, so far as the Navy Department is concerned.

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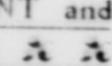
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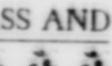
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December 19, 1901.

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"Just go in and make home." So we did, but Bro. and Sister L. come did not miss anything they did not get at morning, not expect anything better they decided the boy trouble was to lead us out in good style. So I a third horse and feed for and Sister Lettin' retires and so we bade farewell Circuit and our many prayer is that they will a new preacher and stand did this one, and God will Circuit the greatest rev had. But I will have to but not least, we have 1 of kindred since coming The Ladies' Aid have 10 souvenirs with a nice cook there have been several p of a pounding. I met a who handed me \$6 and a fat hogs in his communit and at Long Mountain brethren handed me \$5 etstantial way we are startin

REINHARD

Sam I. Weaver, Dec. 17: The good sisters of Philo by Sister Dr. Emerson, clothes and for many i shown to me while I was The year was pleasant respects, and I trust pre I will never forget the m of that work. I hope them in the sweet by an them and their new pas am now on my new w kindly received, but have my people much yet, but of them pretty soon in t hope for a good year.

CEDAR HILL

J. B. Atchley, Dec. 14: Cabinet at McKinney fair at Cedar Hill. We were reception by the people, gave us a generous brought articles too numerous to mention. May the blessings upon them all. These contributions encourage us, and the Lord we shall try to better than ever before in Everything is smooth ev erything in His name is

MILFORD

M. C. Dickson: Our pic circuit has not done n years, but the new pasts a warm welcome. People are anxious to do something they are repairing the p moved the church at Mill location. The Presbyter to be located here, and we expect to keep up with th

WESLEY, GREE

J. W. Hill, Dec. 17: Ye has received me back again from pounding and a raiary. This is the last year quadrennium I have seen. I must needs go hence in grace of God I hope to be man the finest pastoral. There are Churches that still, but none that pay loyalty to the pastor a connection than dear old There is more harmony most any congregation in Advocate is a perennial people.

ELDORADO

J. W. R. Bachman, Dec. been well received on About the first thing we pounding by the good to and Pleasant Hill. We are start, and hope to do this to use field. Mu and not much time to loss crowded with a new tall bring on a big boom for it

PILOT POOL

A. T. Hendrix: Just ho was manifested upon the ears that in returning I thankfulness that I am com work in my Lord's vine chally to go work for this long. I trust I may prove faithful servant to my Lord till feeling assured if I am fit will be to man. I have b preacher for a quarter of I am sure I never receive a more cordial reception To give lasting and profit to their gratitude and great crowd of old friends and others came to night ago and threw thi

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	No. Local Preachers	Total Members This Year	Additions on Profession of Faith	Removals by Death, Con. & Otherwise	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	No. of Societies in Charge	No. Houses of Worship	Value Houses of Worship	No. Parsonages	Inhabitants on Parsonages	Value Parsonages				
Houston	20	4,218	3,975	354	397	537	149	136	129	880	750	90				
Austin	18	4,036	4,236	206	259	682	85	108	111	72,470	80	17,500	60			
Brenham	18	4,199	4,951	452	295	537	97	223	58	44	85,955	60	2,095	17	17,650	60
Calvert	18	4,986	4,618	605	407	425	81	258	62	47	58,275	60	1,829	16	10,109	60
Commerce	14	3,959	3,714	417	255	437	169	219	55	42	45,346	60	42	16	13,559	60
Total	88	21,389	20,694	2,037	1,583	2,618	524	1,044	263	195	348,796	60	55,999	79	178,650	60
Total last year															\$4,588	60
Increase																
Decrease																

DISTRICTS

	Value of District Parsonages	Interest on District Parsonages	Value of Other Church Property	Money Expended for Churches & Parsonages	No. of Churches Damaged or Destroyed	Amount of Damage	Insurance Carried	Assessed for P. R.	Paid P. R.	Assessed for P. C.	Paid P. C.	Assessed for Bishop's	Paid for Bishop's	No. of Parsonages	Value Parsonages	
Houston	\$65,278	60	\$10,946	17	3	\$865.00	\$846,566	\$579,90	\$1,710	\$6,12,108	\$0	\$11,391	30	\$236	\$95	20
Austin	1,552.25	5	1,414.50	1	32	66	13,850	60	151	25	1,458	60	1,368	51	11,528	60
Brenham	4,975.60	18	12,129.50	1	23	66	17,450	60	162	60	1,629	20	1,296	57	9,623	60
Calvert	\$1,000.00	100	7,491.20				7,150.00	60	10	60	1,672	95	1,491	60	10,361	15
Huntsville	551.00	4	4,017.90				6,900	60	77	85	1,100	60	947	67	7,915	60
Total	\$71,453.25	\$8,622.80	\$5,870.60	\$892,256	60	\$895.00	\$87,711	15	\$6,915	21	\$51,633	38	\$16,533	20	\$993.55	\$1,140.78
Total last year															\$2,709.60	
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Decrease																

DISTRICTS

	Assessed for Foreign Missions	Paid for Foreign Missions	Assessed for Domestic Missions	Paid for Domestic Missions	Assessed for Church Extension	Paid for Church Extension	W. H. M. & Paid	W. H. M. & Paid	Assessed General Conference	Paid for Religious Education	Assessed for Conf. Calvary	Paid Other Objects
Houston	\$1,000.00	\$855.70	\$1,000.00	\$861.25	\$860.00	\$861.25	\$1,664	55	\$410.00	\$363.50	\$363.50	\$1,782.62
Austin	1,217.00	897.40	1,085.00	888.65	563.00	337.50	257.00	228.40	1,095.00	985.76	17.00	88.60
Brenham	1,631.95	780.51	934.80	745.91	378.60	226.20	389.63	246.55	238.35	1,049.95	16.35	89.20
Calvert	1,008.10	1,007.85	898.60	858.70	307.80	256.25	257.40	227.90	249.87	891.72	10.20	87.65
Huntsville	88.00	802.14	790.00	694.91	245.75	272.45	155.00	177.25	199.40</			

December 19, 1901.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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but we found a kind young man who said: "Just go in and make yourselves at home." So we did, but in a few hours Bro. and Sister L. came in, and if they did not miss anything that night, am sure they did next morning, but as they did not expect anything better of a preacher they decided the best way out of their trouble was to load us up and start us out in good style. So Bro. Loftin put in a third horse and feed for the whole team, and Sister Loftin refilled our chuck box, and so we bade farewell to the Sherwood Circuit and our many friends, and our prayer is that they will take hold of their new preacher and stand by him as they did this one, and God will give Sherwood Circuit the greatest revival she has ever had, but I will have to stop. And last, but not least, we have had many tokens of kindness since coming to our new field. The Ladies' Aid have furnished the parsonage with a nice cook stove \$25, and there have been several pounds in the way of a pounding. I met a brother to-day, who handed me \$10 and said he has three tugs hogs in his community for the preacher, and at Long Mountain two of my brethren handed me \$5 each. So in a substantial way we are starting off very well.

REINHARDT.

Sam I. Weaver, Dec. 17: I want to thank the good sisters of Pilot Grove, headed by Sister Dr. Emerson, for a nice suit of clothes and for many other kindnesses shown to me while I was on the work.

The year was pleasant to me in many respects, and I trust profitable to us all. I will never forget the many good friends of that work. I hope to see many of them in the sweet by and by. God bless them and their new pastor this year. I am now on my new work. Have been kindly received, but have not been among my people much yet, but will see many of them pretty soon in their homes. We hope for a good year.

CEDAR HILL.

J. R. Atchley, Dec. 18: The Bishop and Cabinet at McKinney turned us out again at Cedar Hill. We were given a happy reception by the people, and Cedar Hill gave us a generous pounding. They brought articles too numerous to mention. May the blessings of heaven rest upon them all. These tokens of appreciation encourage us, and by the help of the Lord we shall try to minister to them better than ever before in things spiritual. Everything is smooth over here, and victory in His name is our motto.

MILFORD.

M. C. Dickison: Our people on Milford Circuit have not done much for several years, but the new pastor was met with a warm welcome. Have made one round over the work, and the people seem to be anxious to do something, inasmuch as they are repairing the parsonage. Have moved the church at Milford to a better location. The Presbyterian Seminary is to be located here, and we as Methodists expect to keep up with the procession.

WESLEY, GREENVILLE.

J. W. Hill, Dec. 17: Yes, "Old Wesley" has received me back again, with a generous pounding, a rate of \$29 on salary. This is the last year of the second quadrennium I have served this charge. I must needs go hence next fall. By the grace of God I hope to leave some good man the finest pastoral charge in Texas. There are Churches that pay more than \$500, but none that pay less. We are loyal to the pastor and the general connection than dear old Wesley Church. There is more harmony in this than almost any congregation in the land! The Advocate is a perennial joy to all our people.

ELDORADO, O. T.

J. W. B. Bachman, Dec. 17: We have been well received on our new charge. About the first thing we got was a good pounding by the good folks of Eldorado and Pleasant Hill. We are making a fair start, and hope to accomplish much in this, to us, new field. Much is to be done, and not much time to lose. We are being crowded with a new railroad which will bring on a big boom for these parts.

PILOT POINT.

A. T. Hendrix: Just how much wisdom was manifested upon the part of the powers that be in returning me to this work for the fourth time I know not, but thankful that I am counted worthy to work in my Lord's vineyard, and especially to work for this kind people so long. I trust I may prove more faithful servant to my Lord than in the past, feeling assured if I am faithful to God I will be to man. I have been a Methodist preacher for a quarter of a century, and I am sure I never received a warmer and a more cordial reception than this time. To give lasting and profitable expression to their gratitude and appreciation a great crowd of old and young Methodists and others came bolting in a few nights ago and threw things around pro-

miscuously, as if they had come to stay; that he looks after every interest of the Church. His preaching is the best. I have yet to hear him preach when he did not feed his congregation on the real bread and meat of the gospel. In the chair he is a safe counselor and a wise leader. The district has made great progress the past three years under his leadership. Two new charges have been added and every charge some time during the three years has raised the preacher's salary. The district is well organized and will bring great returns this year. We had record last year, but most in every point in J. L. Morris who made us such fine elder, but all are very much pleased with a Sexton, and flatter ourselves that our presiding elder stands as high as the most of men.

SMITHFIELD.

Jos. P. Callaway, Dec. 17: I was assigned to the Smithfield Circuit, and arrived the day before Thanksgiving Day, and we had a delightful service. At night the parsonage was crowded with visitors, and every one carried a bundle. We had a nice time, and the preacher and family were left with plenty to eat for a while. These are good people. I like my work and the people so far as I have met them. Crops in these parts were nearly a failure and the people are in hard shape for feed for stock, but all are cheerful and look forward to better times. We intend doing our best for the Advocate. Our prayer is one hundred souls for Christ.

CHICO.

Harvey B. Johnson, Dec. 16: We got to our new field of labor Dec. 16, but owing to the fact the people had been disappointed twice there was no one to meet us. The members had met twice to pound us, but we hadn't come, so they thought they would wait until we came. So the next night here the same, but it was not generally understood, and the crowd consisted mostly of young people. The older ones say they are coming now. We appreciated this act of kindness very much, and by the help of our Great Leader we expect to do the very best we can. We hope that it is possible for us to do. Bro. Weeks served this people last year and has many friends here. We have a good work, but it is very much in need of revivals. We expect to have our protracted meeting here the last of March or the first of April. We have a nice church and parsonage. Have no water at parsonage but expect to dig a well soon. We are starting off nicely and already a young man has spoken to us to officiate at his wedding.

MAY.

D. A. McGuire, Dec. 17: I was returned to May by Bishop Wilson. This is our third year with this people. We have received many expressions of appreciation of our return to this charge, one of which was a nice pounding, consisting of many good things, such as we needed, and I shall endeavor to give the best work of which I am capable. I am in the field hard at work, planning to hold a service at each of our appointments during Christmas week in the interest of the Sunday-school, followed by a collection for the Orphanage. We are expecting a great time. We find the Advocate a great help.

SHERMAN.

C. H. Givette, Dec. 17: After spending three years in and about Dallas we find ourselves back at old Willow Street Church, Sherman, where we spent three interesting years. Things have changed some. How very easily time seems to affect people, places and things! Materially Sherman has improved. New railroads, new buildings and new people give additional life to the place. Some of the people appear a little older, and some of the children that were have developed into womanhood and manhood. Some of our Church people have moved and are now busy in other parts of the Lord's vineyard, "about their Father's business," and also some have "passed away." I find the people here the same good-hearted, hospitable folk as they always were. They received us with open hearts and homes, and already they have pounded us with so many good things that we have enough groceries on hand to start us a first-class grocery. We expect to use time, energy, shoe leather, religion and what little brains we have to make this an interesting and profitable year for Willow Street and the Lord's cause in Sherman.

KILLEEN AND NOLANVILLE.

C. Bruce Meader: Soon after conference we returned to Killeen our duty appointed field of labor, and never went a king to his throne with more joy and gladness than did we to this good people. When we are appointed to a new charge we probably know how much they pay, but that is the extent of our knowledge. When we returned to our old charge we knew we had some men and women as true as steel who would stand by us. This knowledge made us glad to return. When we came here, one year ago our people treated us nicely, gave us a great pounding and many other pleasanties, but not to compare with the kind treatment received on our return. The Ladies' Home Mission Society had planned for our reception, met us at the train with carriage and drove us to the parsonage, where we found a supper of many good things awaiting us. Our eyes were soon attracted to the floors of the dining room and kitchen which were literally covered with, not pounds, for this was not a pounding, but sacks, boxes, buckets and cans. (Did not send all coffee as some of you preachers got.) They left nothing out that was necessary to a well-regulated pantry. The Board of Stewards and others met at night and made a good healthy assessment for this year. These things coming upon us on our return causes us to feel that our "labor is not in vain in the Lord." Another cause of rejoicing is ours, and it is over the return of our preceding Elder, Bro. Putman. Of course I know that pastors have to be very careful what they say about their preceding Elder or some fellow may cry out "Policy." But in spite of what people will say I am going to place a few plain flowers on a living preceding Elder. There is no man in the Northwest Texas Conference that Gatesville District would have received with greater appreciation than J. G. Putman. He is the preacher's pastor, friend, counselor and companion. He is to the Church everything that his office can bespeak. His success lies in the fact

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THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS.

Ring the bells of Christmas,
Here it is again!
Ring them out with glad new joy,
How I'm glad to meet!

Ring the bells of Christmas,
For the angels sing
for the church who loved mankind,
Opening heaven's door.

Ring the bells of Christmas,
Ring its joy on Earth,
Ring its joy to-heavens above—
Joy we know birth.

Christian Guardian

AN ORPHAN'S CHRISTMAS.

From motherless boy! How cold and
lonely he was that cold, snowy morn-

No home, no mother, no father, no
friends while all around him were
so many little and gay, happy children
running playfully and there in pursuit of
something more pleasant. Still none
seemed to notice him.

A great snowball was thrown in
his way, however, for a lad hurriedly
rushing down the street had dropped
it carelessly. Now, for the orphan lad
had no pocket so kindly and spring-
ing forward he eagerly grasped the full
snowball as if it were so hard, so hard, till
soon he returned it to its rightful owner.

"What a good return!" I found
the orphan boy with voice.

"You have had nothing to eat for many days,
and nothing more than very pleasant
snoozing in silence. I shall be p-
leasant to you."

But it is not so. You know
what you are. Don't yield, for what
you do your mother think?" his
voice urged.

He turned thought he wheeled around
and hurriedly passed the lad but no-
where was she to be found. Out one
budding doorway into another he
scolded his own treasuring anxiety lest
he be permitted to keep the money.
And what would your dead mother
say if you were here?

In his preoccupied bustle the lad failed
to note that he was being followed,
nor anything of being watched.

As his follower heard him the boy
turned and eyed him critically, and as
the man asked his trouble the lad
replied, "I wanted to find this proud
man of whom such a sympathetic
feeling. When the lad's story had been
patiently listened to, the man ex-
claimed, "What has my son that my
son does not?"

"Oh, no, I have this lad drop it."
The boy said, "My boy, let me look
at it and see. I can give you some
information about the boy."

"I can't tell you now, but just now
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I think you may think I may find her
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"But before you go, won't you tell
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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Again the passing year brings us face to face with another Christmas season, and our hearts feel the thrill of the approaching day. There is no other day in our calendar like it. It celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ among men. Nearly two thousand years ago his advent was announced to the angels to the listening shepherds on the hills near Bethlehem. There were but few then who gathered around his lonely couch to worship at his shrine. He came in the form of a babe, and was made in the likeness of men. He grew in stature and increased in wisdom. At the age of 30 he took his place as the Prophet, Priest and King, and at the end of three years his work was finished and he ascended on high, leading captivity captive and bringing good gifts to men.

Since then the centuries have passed by; generation after generation have come and gone; old nations have died and new ones have been born; centers of kingdoms and empires have been the playthings of progress and discovery; and to-day nothing exists that had a place upon the earth the night of his birth. But he has grown with the centuries and expanded with the generations and kept pace with discovery until now he is the most dominant force in the civilization and spiritual perception of enlightened mankind. In his temples of worship and around his altars of praise multiplied millions are gathering to hear of his love and to participate in his adoration. All round the inhabited earth the song is now being heard—“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.” From the Babe in the manger he has grown into the one universal Man whose life is interwoven with the welfare of all peoples, and races and nations, from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth. He is the inspiration of all that is good in civilization, of all that is pure in human character, of all that is lofty in public sentiment, and of all that is glorious in mental attainment and moral progress. He is the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely. “And he shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father,” and in him is our redemption. We join with the angels in sending forth his praise to all men.

The sixty-second session of the good number of accessions and the work is in very good condition.

E. S. Smith, of the Austin District, said: “Spiritually we are in good condition. Have had a number of good meetings and a number of accessions. We have been correcting our Church records and this, I fear, will give us a loss. Financially we are in advance of last year. We have paid on our conference collection about 15 per cent. Upon the whole, we have done very well, considering our difficulties.”

J. B. Cochran, of the Brenham District, said: “This has been a good year. The preachers have been very successful in their revival work. We have lost a goodly number by certificate, though we have had a great many accessions. About half of the charges have paid out their assessments in full. The drought and the weevil have hurt us, but we have built five churches and made other improvements. We are in advance of last year.”

H. M. Sears, of the Calvert District, said: “We have done reasonably well. Have had good revivals and have received 800 on profession of faith. Adding to this number received otherwise we will have 1200 received all told. Have built six new churches and finished one other. The district pays out all of its conference collections. Pastors are not paid in full. Money has been scarce; but we are in advance of last year.”

C. A. Hooper, of the Huntsville District, said: “We started the year with a gloomy outlook, but the preachers went to work wonderfully determined, and they have done well. I have attended all of the Quarterly Conferences and preached in nearly all of the appointments in all of the charges. We have had good revivals and finances have come up fairly well. The work is in advance of last year, and the preachers have been very helpful to each other. We have lost three of our preachers by transfer, but I managed to supply their places. So that the work has gone forward.”

The call of the preachers was made and we were impressed with the reports of the brethren for the Houston District. This is the part of the State mostly devastated last year by the frightful storm. This section has largely recovered and our work is again upon its feet. Rev. Sam Hay made a fine showing for Shearn Memorial. All of the collections were fine, and the Church greatly improved. A good parsonage property was purchased during the year and the preacher is now occupying it.

Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., made a most encouraging report of our work in Galveston. The spiritual and financial condition there is moving up and the new church enterprise is under way. The foundation is in and the walls are going up. When completed it will be the best church edifice in the conference.

When the Austin District was called, Rev. W. D. Bradford made the best report from Tenth Street Church that has been made from that charge in the past dozen years. He went there under difficulties, but under his wise and firm management the congregation became united and they have had a most prosperous year. All of the collections were paid in full, the first time in years. The charge has had a good revival, and it is in good spiritual condition. All in all, Tenth Street is again one of the leading and loyal congregations in Texas Methodism. All honor to Bro. Bradford and his faithful people in their great work at Austin.

Thursday morning the weather was forbidding, but the conference opened with a good attendance. After the opening exercises and the call of a number of the classes, Dr. Tigert addressed the conference on the needs and importance of the Methodist Review. He also branched out and spoke with point and force on the importance of circulating good books and periodicals. Last night Dr. Tigert preached a strong sermon to a large audience.

There was no service in the afternoon, but at night the missionary anniversary was held, and Dr. Pritchett was the speaker of the hour. His address was comprehensive and he gave a fine survey of the work in our mission fields, and he defined the motive of all such efforts. The address was listened to by a large congregation.

Friday morning was still cloudy, but the air was soft and balmy. Though it was the middle of December, yet no winter had been experienced and vegetation was still green. After the pre-

liminary services of the morning, Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of the Orphanage, and Rev. C. B. Cross, of the East Texas Conference, were introduced and given a warm welcome. The call of the preachers was continued, and while the reports are in advance of last year, nevertheless the conference territory has suffered from drought and boll weevil.

Saturday morning came in with the worst norther of the season. The wind was abroad and the ground was very well covered with sleet. It was disagreeable and cold. The brethren came in slowly, and the visitors were scarce. Rev. J. M. Kilgore opened the session with devotional exercises.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made their report. They spoke in high terms of the work of our Branch House at Dallas, and renewed the pledge of the conference to give to it continued co-operation. The Texas Christian Advocate came in for a good share of hearty approval and commendation. The committee approved without qualification the proposition now before the Joint Board of Publication for the renewal of the contract with the present publisher to publish the Advocate for another term of years. The conference unanimously adopted the report. All of the conferences now have taken this action, and the Advocate will continue to go forth to our people in first-class mechanical style.

Rev. J. C. Mickle, one of the most popular members of the conference, is now on the retired list on account of bodily infirmities. He was not able to be present at the roll call, but he arrived the second day and the brethren received him gladly. Jno. W. Robbins was a useful lay delegate in the conference. He was elected an alternate delegate to the General Conference. Judge Crawford, for the committee, read a fine report on the subject of education.

Following it, President Hyer made a practical address on the status and work of the Southwestern University. Dr. Ward spoke to the question of the Summer School of Theology, and announced that the undertaking would be continued and that the next term will follow the commencement at the Southwestern University. President Smith, of Chappell Hill College, spoke of the work of that excellent institution. The school suffered some from the great storm of Sept. 8 and 9, 1900, but it has since recovered and is doing its work nobly. Judge Crawford and Wootten Stone also spoke. The conference memorialized the General Conference to redistrict the territory of the State and have either five or four Annual Conferences in Texas of something like equal territory and membership. But if this be deemed impracticable by the General Conference, then the conference expressed itself as being willing to become absorbed rather than remain in its present weak condition. The memorial was earnestly urged by a number of the brethren. Their position is that something must be done to relieve the situation as it now exists within the bounds of the Texas Conference. The report on missions called forth a good speech from Bishop Wilson. The report recommends the appointment of a Conference Missionary Secretary, to be paid by the Conference Board, who is to devote his entire time to the work throughout the conference. The report, with its recommendations, was unanimously adopted. The conference paid for foreign and domestic missions \$8183.55. Bro. Bell, of the West Texas Conference, was introduced and spoke of the interests of the Rescue Home in San Antonio. Mrs. S. S. Park, of Galveston, connected with the Woman's Missionary work of the conference, was introduced and spoke for the ladies. She was given close attention. Four thousand fifty dollars and seventy cents came into the hands of the Joint Board of Finance for apportionment among the conference claimants. Such was the accuracy of the minutes kept by Rev. Seth Ward that not one correction was made to them as read. And the same is true as to the minutes of last conference.

Bishop Wilson on Sunday.

When the services opened in the chapel of Sam Houston Normal Institute, a great audience faced Bishop Wilson. The Bishop began the services by a voluntary by the Normal choir of nearly fifty voices, and it rolled as a tidal wave of melody through the vaulted ceiling and curving arches of the magnificent chapel.

Prof. H. C. Pritchett announced as the opening hymn 132—“All hail the power of Jesus' name”—and how it was sung!

The first lesson was Isaiah 53, the second St. John 12, from verse 20 to the close. After singing Keith's immortal hymn, “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,” the Bishop announced his text, St. John 12:32: “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” Some of the strong points in the masterly discourse were as follows—for the Bishop was in fine spirits and spoke with power and vigor:

“Our Lord seemed to regard it as the most important hour of his life. . . . At a word from him a nation would have been aroused. At this time some Greeks came—devout Greeks who came to worship at the temple—but they they were Greeks. But while no direct

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response was made to ‘see Jesus,’ if Jesus his following the rulers, his work was accomplished. But, inquiry of these Greeks said: ‘No man glorified.’ ‘Even wheat fall into the bear grain.’ ‘So I with him was not, a quiet sinking into a conflict and pain darkness that gather contemplating his figures beneath. ‘My sorrowful, even unto am involved was his I, if I be lifted up, unto me.’ He was traction. ‘If ye believe yet believe me for sake.’ We may win words and our eloquence fail there will be no which they can look words and works wondrous, which was g all. . . . This g has convinced men th ing as potent as the of Christ. . . . The world has never given this. We do not go to the strength of man the product of our thought or the force is not that we boast o ence that makes us mighty and purpose to us tics and time and pot tended when he gave t a Jew, and adapted hi forms of life, adopted of thought. He might into the fathomless ad dom of God and taught things of God.”

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regard it as the his life. . . . a nation would this time some reeks who came ample—but they while no direct

response was made to their request to 'see Jesus.' If Jesus had brought to his following the chief priests and rulers, his work would not have been accomplished. But, in answer to the inquiry of these Greeks—the Gentile world—was said: 'Now is the Son of man glorified.' 'Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground it can not bear grain.' 'So I must die.' Death with him was not, as it is with us, a quiet sinking into a slumber; it was the conflict and pain and distress and darkness that gathered about him in contemplating his fight with the powers beneath. 'My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.' 'I alone am involved' was his assertion. 'And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me.' He was the center of attraction. 'If ye believe not my words, yet believe me for the very work's sake.' We may win men to us by our words and our eloquence. When these fail there will be nothing beyond to which they can look. But beyond his words and works was his great personality, which was greater than them all. . . . This great personality has convinced men that there is nothing as potent as the mind and Spirit of Christ. . . . The wisdom of this world has never given us anything like this. We do not go to libraries to find the strength of manhood. We are not the product of our own separate thought or the force of our will. It is not that we boast of as our dependence that makes us men, but our ability and purpose to use our opportunities and time and powers as God intended when he gave them. Jesus was a Jew, and adapted himself to Jewish forms of life, adopted Jewish modes of thought. He might have gone back into the fathomless abyss of the wisdom of God and taught them the deep things of God.'

This announcement of his own personal was not as our egotistical self-assertion. He was to 'draw all men to him by this attractive personality. There are a large number who make a mistake that is a great loss. This is by being attracted by his humanity—by human sympathy. There are many men who have shed more tears than he did. Many of his followers suffered anguish and torture and endured more physical pain than he did. But he came to show us God's sympathy for men, to show men how God would dwell in them. 'Whene'er ye look upon me, ye see something of God'—his sympathy, his tears, his love. He came to show us how God would transform—would save us. Oh, that the world would understand that the center of attraction is Christ. 'If I be lifted up—the cross was the instrument of the uplifting; it was the object towards which he was traveling in the path of sorrow, and grief, and darkness. Nothing that ever occurred in earth's history equaled in horror, in pain, in darkness, this tragedy on Calvary. The heavens were blackened, the granite rocks of the earth were shattered, the drapery of the temple that hid the sacred holy shrine was torn to shreds as an expression of the momentousness of the tragedy. And these were but a faint expression of the darkness that gloomed heaven and shivered the hearts of angels, and made his own soul 'exceeding sorrowful.' And when the word went forth and reached those whom he had healed, and helped, and saved, and to whom he had given back their dead, that 'Jesus is dead! Jesus is dead! Jesus is dead!' oh, what darkness settled on many hearts! It is a wonder a nation did not arise and crucify the authors of the awful crime. When a loved one has to undergo the pain and anguish of the knife, and beneath its anguish he falls back—and all is over, we exclaim: 'Thank God, all is ended!' Yet Christ had to endure all this, and saw it before him. 'I must go down into the grave, must see the light die out of the eyes of loved ones.' No wonder the author of Hebrews said, 'He tasted death for every man.' It was no ordinary death, but he had all of its bitterness and agony. He tasted it—drank to the very dregs the bitter cup of woe that henceforth every man might be free from its bondage, and its horrors, and its fear, and its bitterness. He had all this before him from the beginning; yet he wanted to go! 'Christ is all and over all.' This cross is the same old cross wherever it is held before the eyes of men anywhere. We do not want this cross as a decoration in our cathedrals, nor in our hymn books, nor in our homes. I want the old cross with the bloodstains on it. I want to see the blood of God on the old cross! 'God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Jesus Christ.' It is the way Christ went up to heaven. Oh, I want the same old cross that kills the world—thats kills me! The cross is the only title and guarantee that God can give to men—to all humanity. 'Now, to him that

loved us, and died for us, be all the glory. Amen.'

It is impossible to give even a short synopsis of the sermon in the space at command. It was full of the thrill and throb of a heart pulsating with divine life, and elicited hearty responses from all over the house.

At the close of the sermon the ordination of deacons took place.

At 3 p. m., memorial services were held in the Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Seth Ward.

Rev. J. B. Sears read the memoir of Rev. Jesse A. Melver, who died at Navasota, Texas, last spring.

Rev. Geo. C. LeClere read the memoir of Rev. Daniel Hayden Linebaugh, who died at Mt. Pleasant last July.

Rev. J. B. Cochran read the memoir of Rev. Henry M. Haynie, who died at Elgin last March.

Suitable tributes to the memories of these "soldiers of Christ," who died in active service, were paid by brethren who knew them best. It was a service full of thankfulness, and love, and tenderest expressions for the life and work of each of the dead heroes, of sympathy and prayers for their loved ones left in bereavement, and of encouragement for those who still labor among us. It was a service to impress the unconverted with the sweetness of that consolation which the ever-present Savior brings to those who believe in him—that to those whose motto is, "Soldiers of Christ, fight on," there is an assurance that "there remaineth a rest to the people of God," and to such the "light shineth more and more unto that perfect day."

After a very eloquent and heartwarming sermon before a full house by Rev. Sam R. Hay, at the Methodist Church at night, the Bishop ordained four young men as elders.

By referring to the statistical tables elsewhere, it will be seen that the reports show a great work done the past year against great odds. The effects of the hurricane of the year before projected themselves well into the past year, and the most protracted drought known east of the Brazos, which was also prevalent over most of the conference; the boll weevil also devastated the territory of this conference.

The memorial to the General Conference in behalf of the Woman's Home Mission Society regarding deaconesses was passed, after Bro. Green had suggested that, as Philip had four in his home, we might stand a few in our Church.

"If any people on earth need the gospel—and need it to be given to them by men who thoroughly represent it, these people are in much of the territory embraced in this conference," said the Bishop in his closing remarks. "We look too much to the human side of our appointments sometimes. We ask how the people are going to look on our appointment—how they are going to receive us. But God has not been in the habit of dealing with men in that way. He generally sends them where they think they ought not to go—where they know they will find opposition. Paul was told that if he went to Jerusalem he would meet with great opposition from the council of his brethren. Most of us would have tried to stay away from such conditions. One thing is sure: If you make the very best out of the appointment given you, you can count on the Lord being with you. And this is the best thing I can promise you. As to your presiding elders, I have never found any more prayerful and earnestly solicitous for the welfare of every preacher than your presiding elders."

Monday morning there was but little to do. All of the committees had reported, so the only thing was to answer the last question which the Bishop did by reading the appointments. Then the conference adjourned with the Doxology and benediction.

SOME CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. V. A. Godfrey, of the East Texas Conference, made a brief visit and mingled pleasantly with the brethren.

The publisher and the editor, together with Judge Crawford, were delightfully entertained at the home of Bro. and Sister W. W. Adickes, and we had a good time socially and religiously. We had the freedom of that circle.

Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which the conference worked during the year, nevertheless the statistics show an increase in membership of 695. This is a fine showing for the brethren, for they have labored in the face of many difficulties.

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Huntsville is a pleasant place for the

conference to meet. The people are social and hospitable, and they open their doors wide to their guests. They take time to cultivate the grace of friendship and communion, and it is a delight to visit among them.

A large number of the wives of the preachers attended the conference, and they were generously entertained. This is right, for these noble women have as much to do with the success of the Church as the preachers themselves, and they have a right to get a few days off at conference.

We did not get to hear Dr. Massey on Saturday night, nor Bro. Hay on Sunday night, but we vouch for good sermons from both of them. Massey sparkles like a diamond, and Hay is gifted and eloquent. They are both a great success, and they do their work well.

We had the pleasure of dining with the good families of President C. H. Pritchett and Prof. Joseph Pritchett, and it was good to be with them. They both kept open houses from the beginning to the close of the conference. They very much enjoyed the company of their distinguished uncle, Dr. J. H. Pritchett, our junior Missionary Secretary.

The conference in the past several years has suffered greatly from storms, overflows and boll weevils, and then, too, the territory is being overrun with a foreign population not favorable to spiritual religion. These obstacles have been a bar to the progress of our work, and their influence is still a great hindrance. Hence the brethren feel that they must have relief at the approaching General Conference. That they are right in this matter can not be doubted by those who know the facts and understand the situation.

Everybody was delighted at the progress made in Galveston under the wise leadership of Bros. Ward and George. They have wrought nobly, and their success is marvelous. No two men ever went to their appointments with a more gloomy outlook one year ago. But they assumed cheerful faces, took hold of our shattered and grief-smitten people and led them out of despair into hope and buoyancy, and to-day the work there is in fine spirit and the future of the Church is assured. All praise to such men and to such people.

Rev. Jno. E. Green preached Sunday afternoon to the inmates of the State Prison, and it is said to have been one of the most interesting services ever conducted in that institution. He captured the whole outfit and had a camp-meeting time. One man was converted and many others wept like children. It was a scene never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

MINUTES.

Of the Sixty-Second Session of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Huntsville, Texas, beginning December 11, 1901, and ending December 16, 1901. Bishop A. W. Wilson, President; Seth Ward, Secretary.

1. Who are admitted on trial? S. S. McKinney, Cullen H. Booth.

2. Who remain on trial? William J. Morphis, E. S. Hursey, J. M. Gaul, George W. Davis, C. M. Morton, Calvin H. Adams.

3. Who are discontinued? None.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? William W. Edgar, Edward L. Ingram.

5. Who are readmitted? Louis P. Davis.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conference? R. A. Burroughs can elder from the North Mississippi Conference; A. S. J. Haygood can elder from

New Mexico Conference; H. M. Whaling (an elder from North Texas Conference); A. C. Biggs (an elder from West Texas Conference).

7. Who are the deacons of one year? David Knox Porter, Lemuel M. Neal, Robert C. George, Benjamin L. Glazner.

8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? None.

9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? None.

10. What local preachers are elected deacons? J. H. Gillaspie, Culmon H. Booth, John A. Grimes, Samuel C. Ellison, Glenn Flynn.

11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Culmon H. Booth, John A. Grimes, Samuel C. Ellison.

12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

13. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

14. Who are located this year? W. F. Brinson, at his own request.

15. Who are supernumerary? Robert W. Adams.

16. Who are supernumerary? F. A. Shan, T. W. Blake, Wesley Smith, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelson, Gibson Powel, J. E. Goodwyn, J. C. Mickle, G. S. Sandel, G. C. Stovall, F. L. Allen.

17. What traveling preachers have died during the past year? Henry M. Haynie, D. H. Lincoln, Jesse A. Melver.

18. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters were passed.

(For answers to questions 21 to 23, see statistical table.)

19. What are the educational statistics?

Southwestern University—Valle, 2200 profs., 221 pupils, \$82, Chappell Hill

Petaluma College—Value, \$2,000, teachers, 21, pupils, \$90. Collected for education \$117. Palme and Lane Institute, \$30.

20. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Cameron.

21. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS.

HOUSTON DISTRICT

G. A. LeClere, P. E. Houston; Shearn, S. R. Hay, Washington Street; S. W. Thomas, McKee Street; J. E. Green, Tabernacle; H. C. Willis, McAslan, and City Mission; J. R. Warlick.

Galveston Central Church—Seth Ward, West End; R. C. George, Richmond Station; C. B. Garrett, Columbia, and Brazoria Circuit; J. W. Kelley, Wharton and Hungerford; W. D. Gaines, Cedar Bayou Circuit; W. H. Brooks, Rosenberg; E. S. Hursey, League Station; L. P. Davis, Alvin Station; G. W. Davis, Angleton; E. L. Ingram, Matagorda Mission; C. N. Morton, El Campo Circuit; J. M. Gaul, Sandy Point; To be supplied by W. B. Phillips. Mont Belview—To be supplied.

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FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON 11, DEC. 19.

REVIEW.

Golden Text: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" —Rom. 8:31.

The following is taken from the Sunday-school Evangel:

"Did you ever put together a dissected picture or map?" "Yes." "How do you do it?" "I put all the pieces out on the table and then fit them together." "Yes, and to-day we have our review lesson; we are going to take the different pieces of the stories of Joseph and of Moses and fit them together."

We will take the story of Joseph first. Shall I write his name on the board? (Writes "Joseph.") Can you tell me any one thing that happened to Joseph? Once upon a time long, long ago, there lived a man named Jacob, who had twelve sons, and the son next to the youngest was named Joseph. Jacob loved Joseph more than the larger sons, more than any of his children, and he made Joseph a beautiful coat, "a coat of many colors." And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

Now when Joseph was about 17 years old he was with his older brothers feeding the sheep, and the brothers came home and told bad stories about Joseph to their father. Joseph dreamed a dream and told it to his brothers. This was the dream: "We were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf." His brethren thought Joseph was proud and thought he meant that they should bow down to him, so they hated him. Then Joseph had a second dream, and his brethren grew more jealous of him than ever.

So one day they sold him to some men, who took him down into Egypt; and the brothers took the coat of many colors and dipped it in the blood of a kid and took it to their father, and the poor old man thought that some wild beast had killed Joseph. Just think how much wrong the brothers' jealousy and hate led them into.

Joseph was taken down into Egypt, you remember, and became a servant in Potiphar's household. Here Joseph was falsely accused of doing wrong and thrown into prison, but the Bible tells us the Lord was with him and made the keeper of the prison like him, and Joseph was made keeper of all the other prisoners. While he was in there the King's baker and his butler made the King angry, and they were thrown into prison.

You remember that while they were in prison Joseph noticed them one day looking very sad, and he asked them why that was. What did they answer?

Yes, they said each had a dream and were anxious to know what it all meant. Then God told Joseph what the dreams meant, and he told the butler and the baker, and you remember that the dreams came true just as God had said they would. The butler was forgiven by the King and went back out of prison to his old place, but he forgot all about Joseph until the King had two dreams that worried him and no one could tell what they meant. In those long ago days God sometimes sent messages in dreams; those times were different from ours. Then the butler remembered and told Pharaoh, the King, about Joseph, and Joseph told the King what the dreams meant, for God taught him what to say. Do you remember what the dreams were—two dreams that meant the same?

Pharaoh was so impressed with the great wisdom that God had given Joseph that he made Joseph a great ruler in Egypt, next to the King himself—gave him fine clothes, and a gold chain about his neck, the ring off the King's own hand, and a chariot to ride in next best to that of the King's.

For six years the people gathered a great deal of corn in the seven years when the crops were so fine, and laid it up for the seven years of famine that were to follow. Continue the story of the sons of Jacob coming to buy corn, Joseph sending for Benjamin, death of Joseph.

Now after Joseph's death there arose a new King in Egypt that knew not Joseph, and he oppressed, treated very badly, the children of Israel, the descendants of Jacob. This new King put hard taskmasters over them, and treated them as slaves, and had them build two great cities; they had to make bricks without straw, and they had such a hard time that their lives were made bitter.

But God had not forgotten them; they were his chosen people; all the time he was planning at the right time to send some one to help them, and he did. The person he sent was Moses.

Can any of you tell me the story of when he was a little baby, where his mother put him, and who found him? Yes, and you remember that long after Moses was born, while he was caring for the sheep in Midian, he saw a burning bush and heard God calling him? Can you give me the rest of the story? Then Moses went at the Lord's command down into Egypt again, and stood before the great King. He did not want to go; he did not think he could do what the Lord wanted; but God said, "Certainly I will be with thee," and he knew that he would be able if God was with him helping him.

You remember how Moses then went bravely to Pharaoh and told him he must let the Israelites go; but Pharaoh would not, even when the dreadful plagues were sent upon him and his people until that last and greatest of punishments—the death of the firstborn of all the Egyptians and of all their cattle. Then the Egyptians hurried the Israelites out of the land. You remember the story of that solemn feast of the passover? Who can tell us the story? Yes; those who did what God told them, all his people were saved. And that wonderful lesson of power of God to protect, the crossing of the Red Sea; only God could make the wind pile the waters up on either side like a wall, leaving a dry path between. The Israelites went safely through, but the Egyptians who had not served God were destroyed as the waters rushed back together, you remember.

The Golden Text is, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" And our review lesson shows how wonderfully God was with and helped Joseph, and Moses, and the Israelites, God's chosen people, who served him. If we try to do what is right and ask our Heavenly Father, he will help us and care for us, and it will never matter who is against us.

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Fourth Quarter, 1901.

December 26 Difficulties in the Way of Evangelizing the World—Jonah 1:1-3; March 25-26; May 28-29.

Lesson based on "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," John R. Mott, chapter III.

Many phases of our missionary obligation have been alluded to, from time to time, in these columns. We come now to a question of moment and magnitude, the difficulties in the way of the world's evangelization is the one missionary question of the hour. Let us, therefore, prayerfully enter into a concise yet somewhat exhaustive survey of these difficulties. As the preacher does, let's outline our work; then proceed to elaborate the facts.

(A) THE OUTLINE

I. Difficulties external to the Church or the mission field.

(1) Distribution of unevangelized peoples.

(2) The hermit nationalities.

(3) Governmental opposition to propagation of gospel.

(4) Unjust treatment of heathen nations by semi-Christian powers.

(5) Example of godless tradesmen.

(6) Social problems.

(7) Negligence of custom and opinion.

(8) Positive ignorance.

(9) Linguistic difficulties.

(10) Religious antipathies.

(11) Want of a sense of sin.

II—Difficulties within the Church on the mission field.

(1) Of the native Christians.

(2) Poverty.

(3) Loss of spirituality.

(4) Lack of independence.

(5) Want of native leaders.

(6) Of the missionaries.

(7) Personal difficulties.

(8) Want of personal touch.

(9) Knowledge of language.

(10) Struggle against depression.

(11) Difficulties within the Church in Christian lands.

(12) Skepticism among Christians.

(13) Disbelief in Christ as a universal savior.

(14) Want of unity.

(15) Invasion of the Church by the world.

(16) Lack of missionary pastors.

REMARK.—In the above outline we have a superb theme for the League meeting. Let the leader select three wide-awake persons, giving to each one

A Poor Way To Treat CATARRH



No one would be so foolish as to kindle the fire on top of a pot to make it boil, yet the treatment of Catarrh is often just as senseless and illogical. Douches, sprays, ointments, so-called tobacco cures, and various other applications, are diligently used, but the little good accomplished is swept away by the first breath of winter. When you attempt to cure a constitutional disease—one affecting the entire system—with purely local remedies, you are applying the fire to the top of the pot, you are doctoring symptoms, and, like thousands of others, get disappointing results. In Chronic Catarrh, the whole system becomes involved; the entire mucous membrane, or inner covering of the body, is in a state of high inflammation. The pressure of blood upon the glands and cells produce excessive secretion of mucus, much of which is absorbed into the blood and distributed to all parts of the body. In this way the stomach, kidneys and intestines are often seriously affected.

The nose, throat and ears are most frequently attacked by this foul disease, because the mucous lining is exposed to the cold, damp air, which attracts the vitiated blood to the

St. Joseph, Mo., March 24, 1901.

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(B) NOTES ON THE OUTLINE

(1) Difficulties external to the Church or the mission field.

(2) Figures at beginning of paragraph refer to outlines.

(3) The heathen population is not concentrated. One thousand millions of people are in non-Christian lands. Three-fourths of these have had no chance to learn of Christ. Why? While in Asia dense masses of heathen are in cities, yet in India nine-tenths are in over 70,000 villages. Some estimate a million villages in China. Want of a massed population demands untold increase in missionary activities.

(4) Some will not admit missionaries, such as Thibet, Afghanistan, parts of Arabia, remains of India, Armenia of Turkey and Persia, etc.

(5) Governmental difficulties where there is a close relation between political and ecclesiastical rule, such as Russia and Turkish Empires and India.

(6) Such acts as arouse suspicion in non-Christian nations, leading them to regard missionaries as political agents, traitors, opium-wars and forcing of treaty rights in China; extension of protectorates in Africa; political efforts of Roman Catholics.

(7) Poverty abounds in mission territory. Native Christians tempted to enter work from purely mercenary motives to get a cupper.

(8) Native Christians less spiritual enthusiasm. This is true here also. Due to their worldliness and indifference.

(9) They want independence. Attitud to lead or advance. No zeal for conversion of others.

(10) Need of spiritual leaders. Lack due to commercial pursuits and clay-temple service; loss of spirituality.

(11) Facing physical perils in deadly climates and unhealthy sanitary conditions.

(12) The social fact that one-half of the uncivilized are women under the iron heel of customs that keep them ignorant, servile and superstitious, is an almost insuperable barrier.

(13) Efficiency is in proportion to a knowledge of and the ability to use the

language of the people among whom the missionary labors.

(14-2d) Being cut off from everything we enjoy, the great task is to "keep the heart." To forget our men and women buried in the heart of a heathen world is almost worse than sin.

(15-3d) But now, comparatively, really believe the world ought to be evangelized. To them Christ's command is not imperative.

(16-3d) We do not believe the necessity of preaching Christ throughout the world. We do not think Christianity is the absolute religion. We fancy nations can get along without Christ.

(17-3d) Denominational pride, Church jealousies, creed disputes, etc., divide our forces.

(18-3d) A secularized, self-centered

Church can never evangelize the world. Non-conformity to the world means a spiritual vision as far-reaching as the universal waste of men.

(19-3d) Granting that the pastor is ignorant, indifferent or skeptical touching the world's evangelization, depend upon it, that church neither prays nor supports the forces that look to universal redemption. God speed the day when the Church at home shall become a mighty dynamo whose subtle currents shall make a world's dead heart quiver into life and strength.

(20-3d) Facing physical perils in deadly climates and unhealthy sanitary conditions.

(21-3d) A gulf lies between the Oriental and the Western, though both be Christians. A constant war is waged against mutual distrust, suspicion, exclusiveness, and sense of superiority.

(22-3d) Efficiency is in proportion to a knowledge of and the ability to use the

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December 19, 1901.

Enthusiastic Converts

There are Thousands of Them Who Believe as This Woman Does.

Mrs. Ida Knowlton, of Butte, Montana, is a most enthusiastic convert to the virtues of Stuart's Dypsia Tablets as a cure for obstinate stomach trouble. She says: "I had poor digestion nearly all my life. It now seems to me that for years I never knew what it was to be hungry, to have a good natural appetite."

I was troubled with gas in stomach causing pressure on the heart with palpitation and short breath. Nearly everything I ate soured on my stomach, sometimes I had cramps in the stomach which almost resembled spasms.

"Doctors told me I had catarrh of the stomach, but their medicines would not reach it and I would still be a sufferer had I not, in sheer desperation decided to try Stuart's Dypsia Tablets.

"I knew they were an advertised remedy and I didn't believe anything I read about them as I had no confidence in advertised remedies but my sister living in Pittsburg wrote me last spring telling me how Stuart's Tablets had cured her little daughter of indigestion and loss of flesh and appetite and I hesitated no longer.

I bought a fifty cent box at my drug store and took two of the large tablets after each meal and found them delightful to take, being as pleasant to the taste as caramel candy. Whenever during the day or night I felt any pain or uneasiness in the stomach or about the heart, I took one of the small tablets and in three weeks it seemed to me as if I had never known what stomach trouble was.

I keep Stuart's Dypsia Tablets in the house and every member of our family uses them occasionally after a hearty meal or when any of us have a pain or ache in the digestive organs."

Mr. E. H. Davis of Hampton, Va., says: "I doctor'd five years for dyspepsia, but in two months I got more benefit from Stuart's Dypsia Tablets than in five years of the doctor's treatment."

Stuart's Dypsia Tablets is the safest as well as the simplest and most convenient remedy for any form of indigestion, catarrh of stomach, biliousness, sour stomach, bloating after meals, sympathetic heart trouble.

Stuart's Dypsia Tablets is not a cheap cathartic but an active digestive remedy containing the peptid and diastase which every weak stomach lacks, and they cure stomach troubles because they digest the food eaten and give the weak, abused, overworked stomach a chance to rest and recuperate.

Stuart's Dypsia Tablets are sold in every drug store in the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

There are those who think that if their brand of soap had been known the world would have been cleansed without a flood.—Rain's Horn.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

On December 21-22-23, 1901, the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas will sell round trip tickets from all stations on its line to points in Missouri, Arkansas and the Southwest, at greatly reduced rates. These tickets will bear return limit of thirty days from date of sale.

As usual, the Cotton Belt Route will offer special inducements in the way of equipment, service and connection for the accommodation of those wishing to spend the Christmas at home. This road enjoys a widespread popularity on account of the excellent manner in which the holiday business has been cared for in years past, and will spare no effort to prove worthy of its reputation in this respect.

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with the place of meeting, but the Cabinet is not committed to any one. The way is now open to cities desiring the meeting to forward to me such invitations as may be desired. In a general way the free entertainment of preachers and State officers and the local expenses are the requirements to be met by the successful city. Delegates will pay their own expenses, and reduced rates from hotels and boarding houses must be guaranteed. Write me at once.

GUS W. THOMASSON,
State President
Van Alstyne, Texas.

Elgin, Texas, Dec. 11, 1901.

Cabinet Officers and Committee-men, State Epworth League:

A meeting of State League officers and committee-men is to be held at Van Alstyne, Texas, Sunday, January 12, 1902. The object of the meeting is to prepare a program for next State League meeting, select a place of meeting and to attend to any other business demanding attention. Free entertainment will be provided, and all who desire may start in time to reach Van Alstyne on Saturday and remain until Monday. This meeting is of great importance, as it will in all probability be the only Cabinet meeting before the next State League meeting, and all officers are urgently requested to attend. Trains from the south reach Van Alstyne at 10:15 a. m. and 3:15 p. m. Trains from the north reach there at 9:30 a. m., 1:27 and 6:35 p. m. Reduced rates have been asked for. All officers and others included in this call will please advise Bro. Thomasson, at Van Alstyne, at once, whether you will attend or not.

By order of the President,
J. T. ELLIS, Secretary Treasurer.

NATURE TOUCHES.

(Read at Epworth League literary meeting, Seguin.)

I strolled this eve along the quiet stream and listened to the falling leaves and heard the north wind sigh among the barren trees. A somber tinge of sadness veiled the western gateway of the Day, and Nature's Voices wailed the falling Night with subtle softness in their tone. Twas such an hour as calls to meditation and to prayer.

The gulf is narrow 'twixt the mysteries of wood and stream, and that deep Mystery that ever broods within the human soul. In high, rapt moments of our better life we are not far from all the sweet, deep ecstasies hid in the heart of things.

In gross and blinded vision oft we let the rush of commerce's wheels and all the humdrum daily strife shut out the glories of this God-built world, where every bush flames with a Form that works in majesty its secret springs of life. But when the inner eye is quick to hear God's ministrings writ in a minor key too high to strike the duller sense, and when the eye is lured to see the deeper beauty hidden within the heart of things, then 'tis delight to feel the swell of largeness roll like tides along the shore-lines of the soul. To feel at one with this deep Mystery—this high World-Spirit standing in the shadowy way of life's farwending path; to know that after while Earth's Discords blend in perfect Harmony; to hear Deem calling unto Deep, and feel within yourself abysses as profound as any in the far, dim spaces everywhere; to know by that strange sense that man ne'er shackled with a word, that Forms are but the Time vesture of the eternal Thoughts deep in the mind of God; to feel immortal in the mighty swell that lifts you to the heights of perfect calm—this friend, is to have lived!

But just to walk upon a low sense plain, and sit like moths about the follies of the grosser life; to twiddle with the gibberish of silly apes about the gauzy frills of fashion and of fame; to starve the soul on "bread alone;" to famish, drinking fiery wines; to freeze while wrapping us about with covering of sheep or entrail of a worm—to do all this, and miss the ministry of Nature's Mysteries, is to be poor indeed!

Tell me not in stilted measure. That the music's in the song; In the soul is hid that treasure, Else I've read Life's notes all wrong!

Right is real, wrong is error.

And the soul was keyed to Right Eric Sin's black and awful terror. Shut our eyes against the light! Not the gross corporeal being hides th' Invisible from view. But the inner, clearer seeing Must by sin be daubed, too. Earth is God's, and so is heaven. And He dwells within them now. But as meal doth hide the leaven. Earth hath veiled her Master's brow!

In the Wildwood He is walking—

Hear His voices in the breeze,

Just as once He wandered, talking,

In Earth's Eden, 'mongst its trees!

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Trust no sensual sense of pleasure,
Heed no serpent-voiced of guile;
Know that life's supremest treasure
Rests in God's approving smile.

Life is calling with high voices,
From the forests, seas and skies;
Let no worldly, timely choices
Bind you so you can not rise—

Rise, with meek yet mighty spirit,
To sublimest heights of bliss,
Where you may all worlds inherit
When your life is done on this!

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If you were to see the unequalled volume of unimpeachable testimony in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla, you would upbraid yourself for so long delaying to take this effective alternative and truly medicine for that blood disease from which you are suffering.

It eradicates scrofula and all other humors and cures all their inward and outward effects.

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A CHANCE TO GO HOME

For your Christmas and New Year is offered by the Texas and Pacific Railway Company. This popular line, which has always been most prominent in handling Holiday Excursions, will sell round trip tickets between all points on their line in Texas and Louisiana and to points on other lines in Texas on December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, and January 1, with final limit to return as late as January 2, 1902, at rate of a fare and a third, for the round trip. Also on December 21, 22 and 23, will sell round trip tickets to points in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Indian and Oklahoma Territories, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, all Southwestern States and to Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo, Colorado, and to Mexico, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip. These latter tickets to be limited to return 30 days from date of sale. Choice of inviting routes will be offered and every politeness will be shown and every effort made by our employees to see that passengers are enabled to make trips pleasantly and comfortably, and our equipment can not be equaled.

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MIDWINTER CARNIVAL.

to be held January 1-15, 1902. It is a great show. The large attendance and splendid success of the last season prove it.

During the feebler meetings of the American Association of Showmen Breeders and the National Association of Horse-Breeders will be held. These organizations will bring to the city an extensive exhibit of highest grade show stock. The Texas Livestock Association will hold its annual convention in El Paso January 15-16, 1902. There will probably be 5000 cattlemen in attendance.

Efforts are being directed toward securing a Miners' Drilling Contest. One thousand dollars in cash prizes will be offered if money arrangements can be made. Every section of Arizona, New Mexico, or the Mexican Republic will send drills to compete.

The Carnival Association will present the attractions characteristic of high-class Carnivals. The city of El Paso will be beautifully decorated with thousands of Electric Lights festooning the streets. In fact, there are many other attractions and many entertaining features which belong to El Paso only.

The enthusiasm is unparalleled, and it is predicted that the greatest number of people ever drawn to one center in the Southwest will be attracted to El Paso in January.

It is not cold in El Paso in January. There is plenty of sunshine, and the climate insures pure air. In fact, this offers an IDEAL WINTER TRIP.

On one day during the Carnival the Texas and Pacific Railway Company will run a special train to accommodate the crowds. The rates will be very low and the limits reasonable.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 13 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

WHAT ONE KIND WORD DID.

How beautiful are kind words in the home! How true the scripture proverb, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Margaret E. Shaeffer, in her beautiful verses, "My Neighbor," thus poetically helped incidentally:

"My neighbor met me on the street,
She dropped a word of greeting gay,
Her look so bright, her tone so sweet,
I stopped to muse all that day."

"The eyes that tugged at heart and brain,
The work too heavy for my hand,
The feelings of indescribable pain,
The tasks I could not understand,

"Show lighter as I walked along
With air and step of liberty,
Proud by the sudden lift of song,
That filled the world with cheer for me.

"Yet was this all? A woman wise,
Her life indelible by many a year,
Had faced me with her brave true eyes,
Passed on, and said, 'Good morning, dear!'

The Woman's Home Mission Society of North Texas Conference stands:

First in amount spent on station parsonages.

First in educational endowment fund.

First in city mission work.

Second in dues, North Georgia exceeding it by \$800, and Northwest Texas by \$200.

Second in total amount raised by conference societies, the Tennessee Conference exceeding it by \$800.

First in adult membership, while ranking sixth in number of auxiliaries.

First in meetings held during the year.

First in subscribers to Our Homes.

First in number taking Home Mission Reading Course.

First in boxes of supplies.

First in number of visits made to sick and strangers.

On the 1st of December, 1900, as a Conference Society for benevolent enterprises we gathered again and renewed our pledge for \$500 for the coming year.

NOTES FROM W. F. M. SOCIETY OF HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The women of Huntsville District are working hard for the welfare of other classes of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Some are doing some work in their respective parishes, and are making sacrifices. What have you done, but what have we done for poorer folk in the general conference and Woman's Home Mission? Within the powers of the most fair-hearted to do more, and they are doing more now than ever before, having to make up for the failing progress with the last two and one-half years. The women of W. F. M. Societies are working in Navasota and Huntsville with the highest enthusiasm. It is good to know these societies are still working, some in better condition than three years ago; others not so good, while some seem neither to have gained nor lost by being retrograded, were such possibilities.

Navyaux Adult Auxiliary has always done good work. It is alive and flourishing. Every member who loves the work. There is one Indian girl in Methvin, but she is dead, I have known them here and in all parishes, not including either C. S. Indian and P. S. But sometimes they fall off in the interest of the cause. They should or to the best of my knowledge have refused to leave. At the time Navasota Juvenile Society was being organized, paid in their dues, expenses and other claims against them. They even started a little gift box in the school at Laredo, but the first year in the school at Laredo, but the last year in the school at Navasota, they can not keep up the support of the little Methvin girls. Yet the summing money paid in, including within the last thirty months, the total paid \$229 into the treasury. Not to say big mistakes outside there. In Dallas this seems very small, but still consider these are little folks, and very raw ones, and I have already told you that the grown up folks in the Methodist Societies of Navasota have not helped them much. Don't imagine they are dead, for all they need is encouragement that they may yet obtain from the adult societies. So be patient and expect great things and more.

Now the White Juveniles have done nobly ever since I met them, and I suppose have ever since they were organized, but not so long ago, and still look like they intend to keep on forever. They have such a faithful faithfulness that they keep from succeeding, but the body manager has such fine work, and is doing from being a good teacher, and a good teacher, the very children of the Methodist Schools, but in thirty years will help into the treasury.

There is a peculiar thing about White Juveniles that never seem to get old. If I tell you some of those who were children of enough to join the society at the age of twelve nearly fifteen years ago, and to this time have grown up and married as white auxiliaries, teaching the Juvenile Auxiliaries for the children, but somehow they seem not to have grown old, but all else in the Juvenile Societies. Now don't you think Juveniles move to where you are and get "grown up"?

The last of the four organizations stated go before in Huntsville District own and a poor place as in the Huntsville Adult Society. In this length of time they have paid into the treasury \$82.50. They don't do much, and Mission School girl and from this report don't seem to be doing much, but don't judge them so harshly, they are young, and much of late I'm told. Now to the First Methodist Huntsville District, the last but third, half come along, and more making a total of nine, and in the first year took all quartz, and are all that the others to organize. I do not look to them, because these younger societies will outstrip them. There's Bryan Adult, with its twenty members and thirteen subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advo-

cate, and everything else moving on in proportion to number of subscribers to the Advocate. Then Bryan can boast of a very fine Juvenile Society with 26 members and 12 subscribers to Little Worker. Next in order of age comes Anderson Adult body organized less than a year, but with life and energy enough to organize a Juvenile Society this past November with 18 members and 12 subscribers to Little Worker. This is, with the assistance of the Adult Auxiliary, to clothe a girl of the Laredo Seminary, and though so newly organized, have almost completed a quilt for this little girl's bed, and this is the youngest society in the district, although its Juvenile sister at Huntsville is only four days its senior, and has 12 members and 12 subscribers to Little Worker, and are expecting much assistance in all things from Huntsville Adult Society.

The past quarter Huntsville District reports the following, as increase over the quarter previous: Societies, 22 members; 22 subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advocate, \$2. to Little Worker, \$2. amount paid, \$2.10. Now don't this increase show that the women of Huntsville District are awakening to their privileges? MRS. C. A. HOOPER, Dist. Sec., W. F. M. Soc., Huntsville Dist.

The vast and beneficent change that has taken place in the moral condition of the Samoan Islanders is almost entirely due to the efforts of the London and Wesleyan Missionary Societies. United States Council General Mulligan, of Samoa, reports: "There is practically no such thing as heathen in the group, in fact, not one is known; all are Christians after a fashion; that is, so far as the profession and observance of the outward forms of Christianity are concerned. In this general sense it is not too much to say that they are more univocally Christian than are the English or Americans, for all profess the same doctrine. The Sabbath day is rigorously observed, attendance at Church is general, while morning and evening prayer and hymns are omitted in the former. A gentle tractable people naturally inclined to be devout, with many traditional bearing striking similarity to the Moslem account of creation, possessed of language made up of and concurring to the employment of figurative expressions, they readily embraced Christianity, and its introduction was more a work of patience than difficulty."

Resolutions were passed by the Auxiliary of the W. H. M. Society of Uvalde, West Texas Conference, to the memory of Mrs. J. C. Woodley, testifying to her services as a valued and earnest member, and expressing thanks to God for sparing to so ripe an age this honored and faithful servant, and tendering to her afflicted family brotherly sympathy and prayers. MRS. C. D. ROTHBROOK, MRS. S. F. KEITH, MRS. A. D. DOCKERY, Committee.

The kidneys ache when they are over-worked and the trouble gets serious unless promptly removed. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a reliable kidney tonic and bowel regulator.

UNANSWERED LETTERS

Dec. 10—Mrs. A. M. Ireland, sub. D. K. Porter, sub. C. B. Meader, change made Atticus, Welsh, sub.

Dec. 11—C. S. Cameron, sub. and trial sub. J. G. Miller, sub. J. C. Huddleston, sub. J. F. Archer, has attention Frank Huguen, sub.

Dec. 12—J. H. Chambliss, sub. W. J. Johnson, sub. D. F. Fuller, sub. A. O. Evans, sub. G. W. Day, sub. O. S. Thomas, sub. D. P. Cullen, sub. G. C. Hardy, sub. G. M. Gardner, sub. J. W. Fort, has attention W. W. Moore, sub. J. W. Dickinson, sub. Nath Thompson, sub.

Dec. 13—T. W. Lovell, sub. R. Nation, sub. J. B. Steele, sub. J. T. Kirkpatrick, sub. A. B. Roberts, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. S. J. Drake, sub. M. S. Hodskins, sub. D. A. McGuire, sub.

Dec. 14—S. P. Nevill, sub. and trial sub. J. A. Blane, sub. J. H. Chambliss, sub. J. R. Barnes, sub.

Dec. 15—G. W. Kimbrough, sub. C. B. Wright, sub. E. H. Thompson, sub. D. C. Stark, sub. J. O. Gove, sub. J. L. White, large made, H. H. Vaughan, A. G. Stevens, sub. H. K. Armstrong, made, J. Wilson, sub. J. W. Mills, has attention.

Dec. 16—W. F. Mayne, sub. J. C. Crank, sub. J. R. Hanson, sub. J. R. Sims, sub. J. A. Reayle, sub. M. L. Moody, has attention J. B. Minns, sub.

ONE IN A HUNDRED

The first year of the new century is gone; there are ninety-nine years left for improvement. Messrs. N. W. Ayer & Son, the Philadelphia promoters of advertising, have begun early in their efforts to make the second year better than the first. Their Twentieth Century Calendar, issued about this time last year, it was thought approached near the limits of the art preservative, and the demand of utility, but the 1901 calendar is better. As usual, the background and main sheet of this calendar is an art work, enhanced in beauty by the tasteful colors of the print.

The twelve sheets containing the dates of the months have a restful dark green background, the large figures in white catching the eye at a great distance. In each sheet are epigrammatic sentences bearing on the possibilities of business during the year. Though this calendar marks the passing of one year in a hundred, it is in itself one calendar in a thousand for artistic beauty and real usefulness. The demand is always great, and whoever would have a copy should send 25¢ before the edition runs low. This is a purely nominal price to cover the cost of printing, handling and postage. Address N. W. Ayer & Son, Chestnut and Eleventh Streets, Philadelphia.

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MARRIAGES.

Wilson-Reed.—On the 26th of November, 1901, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. N. Wilson and Miss Nora Reed, both of Pilot Point, Texas, Rev. A. F. Hendrix officiating.

Berry-Hackney.—On the 11th of December, 1901, at the residence of W. F. Autrey, Mr. Z. E. Berry and Mrs. Sarah A. Hackney, both of Collinwood, Texas, Rev. A. F. Hendrix officiating.

Maxfield-Shaw.—At the court-house of the County of McLennan, Texas, in the office of the Treasurer, December 12, 1901, Mr. B. A. Maxfield and Miss Blanche Shaw, both of Hill County, Texas, Rev. J. A. Rogers officiating.

Boyce-Biddle.—On the evening of November 19, 1901, at the home of the bride's uncle, J. D. Lane, in Clareville, Texas, Mr. A. J. Boyce, of Bandera, and Mrs. Biddle, of Fort Worth, Rev. G. M. Gardner officiating.

Lyne-Phillips.—On the evening of December 4, 1901, at the home of the bride's uncle, in Oakville, Texas, Mr. Joseph E. Lyne and Miss Fannie Phillips, all of Live Oak County, Texas, Rev. G. M. Gardner officiating.

Sharp-Fisk.—At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. Fisk, at Liberty Hill, Texas, November 27, 1901, Mr. J. Q. Sharp and Miss Myrtle P. Fisk, Rev. J. A. Bitick officiating.

Burkett-Muckelroy.—At the residence of Mr. Muckelroy, near Larissa, Texas, December 5, 1901, at 11 a. m., Mr. P. R. Burkett and Miss Jimmie M. Muckelroy, Rev. W. F. Brinson officiating.

Dublin-Orr.—At Mt. Selman, Texas, December 5, 1901, at 3 p. m., Mr. E. V. Dublin and Miss Lizzie Orr, Rev. W. F. Brinson officiating.

SHARON.

A dark sorrel horse, medium size, shod all around; fore foot has been cut on wire some time ago, leaving a star. Left the parsonage at Grand Prairie Tuesday evening, December 10. Any information will be gladly appreciated. Address

P. L. COALE,
Pastor M. E. Church, South,
Grand Prairie, Texas.

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J. C. L. OLDHAM,
Pettway, Texas.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

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Whereas, During this time great changes have taken place in our common territory; population has increased, cities have been built, railroads have been constructed, and in many places the character of population has been greatly changed by the influx of foreign elements and the exodus of our own people; and,

Whereas, There is a great disparity between the present existing conferences in membership, territory and resources, so that the smaller conferences, notably our own, are unable to do the most efficient work, and in consequence our common Methodism is caused to suffer; and,

Whereas, This disparity does not reflect a lack of diligence or of efficiency upon the part of the smaller conferences, nor does it indicate any superior wisdom or devotion upon the part of the strongest conferences, but is the result of the natural development of the country and of circumstances over which none of us have had any control; therefore we, the members of the Texas Annual Conference, in conference assembled, do respectfully memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be held in Dallas, Texas, in May, 1902, as follows:

1. That your body so readjust the

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boundaries of the several conferences in Texas as to conserve the best interests of our Church in the whole State.

2. We favor the formation of five English speaking conferences for the State of something like equal territory and membership.

3. Should your body find such an arrangement to be impracticable, then rather than have the weaker conferences in their present form, we would ask that four conferences be formed in the State, approximating as nearly as possible, equality in territory and membership.

4. If in the accomplishment of the above expressed purposes it should be found necessary to absorb the territory of the Texas Conference in the new conferences to be formed we will cheerfully acquiesce in any plan that your wisdom may devise for the good of our common Methodism in Texas.

JOS. B. SEARS, Chmn.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

The following amounts have come into our hands for the benefit of the conference claimants:

Balance on hand at last conference

Received from Houston District

Received from Austin District

Received from Brenham District

Received from Calvert District

Received from Huntsville District

Received from Friends' Aid Bd.

Received, interest on J. B. Moore bequest

Received from Colvin fund

We have disbursed these amounts as follows:

Paid conference claimants this session of conference

Balance on hand, in hands of Treasurer

£1,050.70

The following changes have occurred on the list of claimants since the last session of the conference:

Rev. H. H. Haynie, Mrs. A. G. Stacy, Mrs. J. W. Whipple and Rev. D. H. Linebaugh have gone to their reward, and now rest from their labors. Miss Mattie Keith has married. The above-mentioned are, therefore, no longer claimants on the conference funds.

The following names have been added to the list: Mrs. H. M. Haynie, widow of Rev. H. M. Haynie, deceased; Miss Tenille Wesson, daughter of Rev. J. M. Wesson, deceased; Miss Annie Whipple, daughter of Rev. J. W. Whipple, deceased; the two children of Rev. J. A. McIver, deceased, being two girls 9 and 7 years of age, and whose names are unknown to this board; Rev. G. S. Sandel and Rev. J. C. Mickle.

The following amounts have been paid to the conference claimants at the present session of the conference:

Conference Colvin Fund

Board of Education

Board of Missions

Board of Church Extension

Sunday-school Board

£125.00

We have left the permanent fund derived from the J. B. Moore bequest in the hands of Mr. J. D. Campbell, who will collect the interest on the notes and invest the funds on hand available for the purpose, said funds mentioned in Report No. 2 of the Joint Board as published on page No. 28 of the minutes of the last session of the conference. The amount apportioned from said fund in this report from the J. B. Moore bequest was the amounts of interest retained at last session, pending prospective litigation, and also the amount received from interest on the notes this year.

We recommend that the assessment on the conference for the ensuing year for conference claimants be an amount equal to 8 per cent of the assessed salaries of the preachers, and in connection with this report we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the preachers of the Texas Annual Conference be held responsible for an amount equal to 8 per cent

of the salaries paid them, which sum

shall be applied to the fund for conference claimants.

Resolved, That the thanks of the conference be tendered to the Gibbs National Bank of Huntsville for its courtesy and kindness in handling the funds of this board and providing drafts and exchange free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

J. R. MURRAY, Secretary.

W. W. ADICKES, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT, CHURCH EXTENSION.

Receipts	Assessed	Paid
Houston District	\$500.00	\$244.00
Austin District	225.00	225.00
Brenham District	100.00	100.00
Calvert District	100.00	100.00
Huntsville District	345.00	267.75
Total from districts		\$1,569.00
By donation		3.00
Total receipts		\$1,572.00
Disbursements		
To Dr. P. H. Whisner, Parent Bd. #	\$86.00	
Houston District—League City, Galveston County	110.00	
Austin District—Altair Ch., Colorado County	100.00	
Austin District—Shepard's Chapel, Travis County	75.00	
Calvert District—Franklin Ch., Robertson County	25.00	
Cedar Springs, Falls County—Perry's Chapel, Falls County, Goldsby Ch., Falls County	15.00	
Carmine Ch., Fayette County	10.00	
Printing minutes	10.00	
Expense of Executive Board	10.00	
Expense of representative to District Conferences	10.00	
Expense of application blanks and postage	2.25	
		\$1,572.00

GEO. H. PHAIR, Treasurer.

HELP THE ORPHANS.

Remember that next Sunday is the day set apart for the dedication of the Methodist Orphanage at Waco. Bishop Key will officiate at the dedication and preach the sermon. It will be a great day for this noble institution. According to announcement, Rev. Abe Mulkey has sent out thousands of little envelopes to the Methodists of Texas asking them to calculate the number of cents they have saved and take that many cents and inclose them and send them to him at Waco to be opened next Sunday. Their contents will be applied to completing the water supply at the Orphanage, so that the institution may be supplied with water throughout the building for drinking, cooking and bathing. You need not, however, confine yourselves to the number

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HELP IN LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS.

To any pastor or community needing help in a local option campaign in South or East Texas, we tender our assistance. We are in position to give considerable aid. We can spend one or two days in a campaign. Write us for particulars.

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