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EDITORIAL.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CHURCH.

One of the officials of the State University has written an article for an Austin paper under the above caption. In it he gives some startling facts and figures. It appears that the 819 students enrolled the first term of this college year represent thirteen different denominations, besides more than ten per cent of the entire enrollment who claim no Church. The members and adherents of the Methodist Church by great odds lead the list. The Methodists of Texas compose about one-twelfth of the population, yet at the State University "every fourth student belongs, by membership or affiliation, to the Methodist Church." Our Methodist colleges are advertising and canvassing for students. We hear of none whose halls are overrun. Increased patronage is not precipitating new problems upon any of them, yet during the first term of this school year 190 students of the State University at Austin came from Methodist homes. These figures are enough to make a thinking man think, for many of our Methodist colleges do not enroll 190 students of college grade. The outlook for numbers is so hopeful to the writer that if we follow his optimism and his arithmetic, "it may reasonably be expected" that in the next ten years there will be 500 Methodist students at Austin. The question that troubles him—for his motive in writing was undoubtedly a good one—is, what about their religion? He quotes from a writer in the Atlantic Monthly, who, among other things, said: "The highest and best minds, during student life, are, from their devotion to the pursuit of knowledge, likely to suffer a deadening of their spiritual consciousness. Some students who have great capacity for large service to humanity may thus go forth with the highest part of their nature undeveloped, lacking that spiritual force which multiplies twofold the influence of every kind of ability for good work in the world." Our writer who is on the ground has observed some things in line with this quotation that have an ominous trend, for he says: "The large body of the students of the University are scattered throughout the homes of Austin. Many of them coming from Christian homes doubtless form non-church going habits while in Austin. Many suffer lapses in spiritual life."

Here we are confronted with a condition that ought to be met—a condition that must occur where a large body of young people are gathered together and are trained physically and intellectually, while their moral and spiritual natures are neglected. Religion is the only right foundation for education: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Prof. Huxley has said: "I hold that any system of education which attempts to deal only with the intellectual side, and leave the rest untouched, will prove

a delusion and a snare, just as likely to produce a crop of unusually astute scoundrels as anything else. In my belief, unless one be taught not only morality but religion, education will come to very little."

At Austin there is no special provision for this most important work. "Of late years," said Dr. James McCash, so long President of Princeton College, "a great change is going on in many of our American colleges as to the place allotted to religion. Nearly all the other colleges, such as Harvard, Yale and Princeton, were founded in the fear of God, with the blessing of heaven invoked; they gave religious instruction to the students, and had weekly and daily exercises of praise and prayer to Almighty God. Some colleges founded at a later date make no profession of religion. The universities under State control being troubled in dealing with the various sects—Christian and Jewish, Catholic and Protestant—have found it easiest to give up all religious services of a systematic kind."

It is true that the pastors at Austin may look after some of this work in a sort of spasmodic way, but the Austin preachers have their hands full if they properly attend to their appointed work. "The one hundred and ninety adherents of the Methodist Church in Austin offer a sufficient field for the services of one resident pastor." But these sheep have no shepherd, and there are ravening wolves. Increased patronage from Christian homes has precipitated upon the authorities of the State University, whether they see it or not, or else upon the Churches, a formidable problem—fearful if neglected and far-reaching in its consequences.

The article above alluded to appeals to the Churches for help. The writer asks them to build at Austin halls and dormitories where the students belonging to the several denominations may receive moral training and religious instruction. He wants to carry the distinctive work of the denominational college, together with its influence and atmosphere, to the State University. His plan is not feasible, and if carried out would be utterly void of results to the Church except so far as it robbed the Church of its individuality, its virility and its aggressiveness.

The condition at Austin is no surprise to one who has given any thought to higher education. The Methodist Church long ago grappled with the problem and solved it in the only sensible way—by building Methodist colleges. Whatever else the State can do, it cannot carry a college education that will meet the demand of the Church. Bishop Haygood once said to a Texas audience: "A college or university, great in learning, genius and money, but without the Christian spirit, is to any people, in the long run, a great curse. No deeply spiritual Church will remain so if its ministers and teachers and laymen are brought up in Christless universities." A few generations of such students will make a new Reformation necessary. If we were asked, "What must we do for the 190 Methodists at Austin?" we would

reply: "Let us try to turn them to the Methodist schools." These schools are not only necessary for the education of our young people, but our Church is dependent upon them. Educational institutions that have been built up in the fear of the Lord have enabled us to send the gospel to foreign fields and have supplied our pulpits and our pews with that degree of culture that has placed us as a Church in the most prominent position in the ranks of evangelical Christianity. Send our young people to our Methodist University and our Methodist Colleges, where they will not only be taught the wisdom found in the books, but where they will be brought under the awakening influence of great religious movements, their spirituality quickened, and under right training and environs they will be built up and prepared to take their places in the councils of the Church or State, and thereby be a blessing to humanity. If this condition be neglected, whereunto will it grow? Following our Twentieth Century Movement, it may become the problem of the twentieth century. Our presiding elders are now asking all over Texas, "What is doing for the cause of education?" Is not this an opportune time for a united movement all along the line?

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TEXAS METHODISM.

In another column we reproduce an editorial in last week's issue of the New York Journal, which takes the form of a sort of thanksgiving sermon. The reading of it will give us an additional conception of the greatness of our country and of our wonderful opportunity for growth and development. And not only this, but it calls attention especially to Texas as the one State in this Union possessing superlative possibilities. Its extent of territory, its agricultural resources as a cotton and grain section, its livestock output, its inexhaustible oil supply, and other undiscovered sources of wealth are made to pass before the eye with figures and facts in such manner as to bewilder the imagination. With such estimates of our material possessions, we are startled when we project ourselves a half century into the future and try to imagine the state of our population and the development of our resources. The fact is, with all of these wondrous possibilities, Texas is destined at no distant day to be the foremost part of our great country. The eye of the nation's wealth and enterprise is turned upon us, and the movement of capital is directing its investments toward us. But the Journal only takes the material view of our possibilities. What of the moral and the religious? These must go hand-in-hand with our growth of wealth and population, else these marvelous gifts of God will not redound to his glory and the higher betterment of mankind. Such has been the foresight of Methodism that our Church is now practically at work in every section of Texas. We have the territory in a large measure pre-empted. Are we going to hold our advantage in this great struggle and reach out still further in our efforts to bring our increasing population and wealth

into subjection to the Kingdom of Christ? We have an uncompromising task in our purpose to lead in these matters. But there is an appalling responsibility resting upon us. We must be true to the evangelical spirit of the gospel, and not retreat one inch from our faith in the word of God as the only means of saving men from the power of sin to a life of righteousness. And we must redouble our efforts to build up and foster our institutions of learning, until they shall have reached the highest degree of efficiency. The Church can not afford to mitigate the advanced education of our boys and girls to our secular institutions. We must keep our hands upon these and shape them, not only for lofty citizenship in the State, but also for earnest consecration to Christ and humanity. The preaching of the gospel, coupled with Christian education, is the hope of humanity. Therefore, let Methodism begin to gird herself for a mighty forward movement along all lines of activity and enterprise throughout all sections of this Empire of the great Southwest.

Intermittent springs are periodical in their flow. When the rains fall and pervade the ground, then these temporary fountains send forth water; but in the time of the drouth they become exhausted and yield no supply. Not so with permanent fountains. They flow on in times of rain and in times of the drouth. Oh, for a religious experience that never runs dry! It has its true source underneath the eternal throne.

Communion with God is one of the high privileges of the follower of Christ. Through this communion, he opens his heart and makes known his innermost thoughts and desires. He keeps nothing back from a loving Father's knowledge. He tells to him things that he would not dare to whisper into the ears of his closest earthly friends. And God reveals his will to the one who thus trusts him and holds communion with him. They understand each other perfectly and they work in perfect harmony. Out of this communion comes a rich experience, a nurtured faith, and a robustness of spiritual life.

Good emotions are all right, but bad emotions are all wrong. Hence, emotions do not make a good rule for the government of our motives and actions. Back of emotions, we need deep and wholesome convictions of truth and righteousness. Our emotions without these convictions are like drift wood driven hither and thither by the tides. Convictions give to us anchorage, and when we have them we are not driven here and there by every wind of doctrine or theory that happens to pass our way. A man without definite convictions of right and wrong has no fixed purpose in the great work of life. When great issues confront him, he is unreliable and unstable, and it is often impossible to hold him in line with the forces of righteousness. Emotions influence his judgment and control his conscience. But not so with the man whose emotions are backed by permanent convictions.

# Hypnotism and Religion

By Judge L. H. Browne.

A short while ago I wrote an article in which I endeavored to base an argument on the hypnotic fact known as telepathy, to support the reasonableness of the office of the Holy Spirit in Christian life, as that office is defined by theologians. There are other phenomena belonging to hypnotism that have a bearing in support of other doctrines of Christianity. In fact, this new study—it can not be called a science yet—in all its most important developments, supports the Christian religion; and chiefly and most important of all, it strongly supports the great doctrine of soul existence separate from the body.

In this paper I wish to show how the Christian doctrine of an evil spirit in the world is illustrated and upheld by the hypnotic control of a subject. It is generally admitted that the main basis of hypnotic work is suggestion, and as an agent in therapeutics, in anaesthesia and in moral reformations, all the effects of hypnotism may be accounted for on this theory. But suggestion is not the only basis. It has much phenomena of which I will only instance telepathy, that must be referred to some other cause. I have no concern, however, just now, with any of its phenomena except such as relates in some way to its work as a moral agent.

I shall begin by stating the office of the evil spirit, and I may here say, as hypnosis has been so little studied by the masses, that in dealing with its phenomena so as to be generally understood, I will likely be a little tedious to some.

The devil, according to Scripture, is an evil spirit whose office is to influence man to commit sin, and his control of the human heart, though opposed by conscience, is largely successful until the heart is regenerated by the Holy Spirit, after which the individual is measurably free from his influence; but the devil does not entirely cease his obsessions then, and the individual may still accept his suggestions. This means that man in his natural state is dominated by an evil spirit, and to make it possible for him to get free from that control the natural state must be changed—a condition must be superinduced different from the normal or natural condition, and in which the evil one may indeed be overcome; but the devil never desists, and he sometimes, despite the disadvantage at which he has been put, gains the victory in the end.

Now let us look at the hypnotic process. But before we do this we should agree as to what hypnotism is, or, at any rate, as to what it is not. Some may look upon it with suspicion—may doubt its scientific character and its proper place in human knowledge. Let me say, time for these scruples has been, and is past. The most eminent psychologists are now seriously engaged in the study of its phenomena, and conclusions are being reached that evidence its scientific nature. I am satisfied that in its full development, it will prove to be of very great importance, and, having its sphere of operation mainly, as it does, in the line of the relief of human suffering and of the moral improvement of individuals, it would not be surprising that, as a beneficent agent for good, it will have the very first rank among human discoveries.

Reverting now to the hypnotic process for the reformation of conduct, we observe that it extends, between very wide limits. All suggestion, from the gentlest persuasion of the individual in the normal state of consciousness to his absolute control when in the somnambulistic sleep, it is claimed, belong properly to hypnotism. We will suppose the hypnotist has undertaken to reform a person of bad morals, and in accordance with the teaching of hypnotism he is using suggestion. At first he suggests to him, in his normal state, the propriety of an upright life and its beauty and value, and suggests moral acts to be performed by him. The individual admits the propriety of the acts, but he does not obey the suggestions, and his conduct is not changed. Why not? It is considered a well-established law of hypnotism that the subject will obey a suggestion by the hypnotist if there be no counter suggestion given the subject by some one else. In the case I am supposing, the hypnotist is the only operator; yet the subject does not obey him. It follows, according to the teaching and philosophy of hypnotism, that some invisible and evil power is making counter suggestions. The hypnotist might say—and if a skeptic would certainly say—it resulted from the force of habit and a proneness in human nature to do evil; but with the work of the hypnotist thus far we are all familiar, and know it as moral suasion, which is used by ministers of the gospel to inspire men to better conduct and a

higher life, and we have seen the preacher fail as the hypnotist failed, and we know why: it was because "the wicked one came and caught away that which was sown in the heart." One must admit that the devil of the Bible and the power that thwarted the hypnotist are one and the same. The hypnotist has discovered that to succeed in his work of reformation a change must be wrought in his subject by which he will become more susceptible to his suggestions. He sees that in his normal state man is so dominated by an evil power that he must undergo some very decided change before influence for good can be successfully brought to bear on him. That is just what the Christian world has taught for nearly twenty centuries—that the devil so completely dominates the unregenerate heart that conversion is necessary to enable man to free himself from the thrall of him and live up to the requirements of the divine life. The corroboration of the Christian doctrine of a personal devil that is furnished by the experience of the hypnotist at this turn in his work is clear and strong, and it is hardly less, perhaps, of the doctrine of regeneration.

So the hypnotist proceeds to hypnotize his subject, and he advances him step by step into a deep somnambulistic sleep. As to how this is done, it is enough to say it is done by simple, easy and natural means, which any person of ordinary intelligence can attain to a knowledge and practice of. Any of us who have attended public exhibitions given by hypnotists have seen the process, and can testify to the ease and promptness with which a subject is placed in the hypnotic sleep. If we undertake to consider what the state is, there we fail. Not all the psychologists—and many able men are studying this phenomenon—have yet been able to explain satisfactorily what this sleep is, which the ordinary man can produce in the greatest philosopher with comparatively no effort. It has some phenomena we can see, and which throw some light on the state. On the physical side, we see the subject's eyes are open, and he hears, and has locomotion, and perfect use of his muscles, and he has the appearance of being awake; but it is evident from his acts that he has no objective consciousness—no sense-perceptions except what are suggested to him by the operator. On the psychic side, we see that the operator has his undivided attention and his entire confidence, and indeed, in the main, dominates his will except in matters disapproved by his conscience or which are opposed to his natural instincts. We see that he is in the highest degree of receptivity of the ideas suggested to him by the operator, and is prompt to act in accordance with them, provided, as I have stated, they are not opposed by his conscientious convictions, and, I should add, provided the performance of them do not subject him to peril of body, loss of reputation or of property. While the control of the subject by the hypnotist, with the exceptions stated, is measurably complete, it is not entirely perfect. There is sometimes hesitation and sometimes positive refusal by the subject to receive the suggestion of the operator, and this, perhaps, most frequently occurs when the act suggested corrects some immoral practice. The cause of this hesitation and refusal results from a counter suggestion received by the subject, which has been proven by the following experiment. The operator, after hypnotizing his subject, has introduced to him another operator in such way that both operators are in rapport with him. One of the operators then gives him a suggestion, and immediately the other suggests to him to do the very opposite thing. In this case, the subject often hesitates to act, and sometimes refuses to act altogether. When an operator finds that his subject hesitates or refuses to obey his suggestion to him to act along the line of moral improvement, the operator knows the trouble arises from a counter suggestion given him, and he attributes it to autosuggestion—coming from an innate tendency in the subject to do evil. I might repeat here what I said above—we know this to be the work of the enemy of souls, and the phenomena most aptly illustrates and supports the Christian doctrine that the devil lies constantly in wait for saint as well as sinner, and that we are never safe while in the body.

Why it is that a person of bad morals in the somnambulistic sleep, when his higher faculties of mind are in abeyance, can be more easily and more successfully reformed than when he is in his normal state, with his higher faculties in active play, is indeed a mystery, except on the theory that there is something in the state and in the relation of operator and subject that puts the devil at a disadvantage.

In the somnambulistic sleep, then, the hypnotist seeks that reformation of his subject that he could not effect in his normal state, and putting him in a state of hypnosis, he finds him obedient to his suggestions. The plan of procedure to effect the reformation is by what is known as post-hypnotic suggestion. The subject while in the hypnotic sleep receives a suggestion to be performed after he is restored to his normal condition. He is faithful to perform it. Again he is hypnotized, and again he receives the suggestion and again he performs it. This is repeated until the evil habit is destroyed and perhaps a good one substituted in its place. To illustrate: Suppose a man visits a club every night where drinking and gambling are indulged, and this is the vice to be corrected. The hypnotist will hypnotize him at some hour of the day, and will then suggest to him that he must not go to the club that night; that the habit is bad, and that he must break off from it, and that to-night he must not go to the club, but stay at home with his family. This is repeated the next day, and the next, and on and on until the evil habit is overcome. There is one curious fact in connection with the post-hypnotic suggestion. It is this: The subject has no recollection of having received the suggestion when he performs the act suggested; and in the instance I supposed, if the man had been asked why he did not go to the club, he would not have referred his refusal to the suggestion of the hypnotist. This is one of the unsolved problems of hypnotism. What the subject experiences and the suggestions he receives in the somnambulistic sleep he has no recollection of when restored to his normal state, and yet his physical and mental condition is influenced by them, and he obeys in his normal state the received suggestions. However, if he be again hypnotized, he at once becomes conscious of all the occurrences of the former sleep.

It will be observed that I have in this paper gone very considerably into the subject of hypnotism, and some may think I have gone further than was necessary to elucidate my proposition, but in my judgment it was proper to write all I have written.

San Marcos, Texas.

## HOW TO RAISE CHURCH FUNDS—A PLAN THAT SUCCEEDS.

A learned lawyer said to a Justice of the Peace that he (the Justice) could not put a man in prison for a given offense. "But," replied the Justice, "I've already done it; he is in jail." That was a question of law and fact. I wish to call your attention to a matter which is a question of plan and results.

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Work is the best birthright which man still retains. It is the strongest of moral tonics, the most vigorous of mental medicines. It comes in so many forms in this life of ours, the knowledge that there is something sweetest and noblest of which we despair and the sense of something present that solicits us with an immediate and easy indulgence.

The most fashionable thing in heaven is realism in religion on earth.

## THE GREATNESS OF AMERICA—It Should Inspire Us With Thankfulness—Not With Boasting

He hath not dealt so with any nation; and as for His judgments they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord. Psalms cxlvii, 20.

The nations of the world solicit the friendship of this country.

The American eagle—usually represented by the American dollar—rules over the world.

Foreigners, considered great at home, come or are sent here for various purposes.

England sends her tired old titled names that need new money and new blood.

Germany sends her Emperor's brother to tell of German friendship. He is welcome and the friendship is deeply appreciated.

All the nations send us their sons and daughters—the most courageous and most enterprising, the best workers—to build up our land.

Europe for ages fought against immigration, against the floods of Huns, Tartars and other barbarians flowing from the East to the West, striving to wipe out the accumulations of civilization.

America is flooded with men and women who come also from the East to the West. But these come to help and not to kill, to build up and not to destroy.

No man's imagination can picture, however vaguely, the greatness of this nation and its supreme cause for thankfulness.

### CONSIDER THE SINGLE STATE OF TEXAS.

Lay Texas on the face of Europe, and this giant, with his head resting on the mountains of Norway with one palm covering London, the other Warsaw, would stretch himself down across the kingdom of Denmark, across the empires of Germany and Austria, across Northern Italy, and tave his feet in the Mediterranean.

Thus accurately and poetically the Rev. Josiah Strong describes the great State of Texas.

Every American is part owner of the nation of which Texas is one feature.

If the State of Texas were as densely populated as is England to-day it would contain over one hundred and thirty millions of people. It could easily feed all of these.

If cultivated only reasonably well, and with our present limited, primitive and ever-changing agricultural processes, that single State could feed double the present population of the United States. After feeding all of these people on 150,000 square miles of its agricultural lands, it could furnish the world's entire supply of cotton, or double that supply if necessary, and in addition it would have cattle ranges, public parks and unused lands thoroughly fertile exceeding in area the territory of the State of New York. All of this without taking account of 50,000 square miles of inferior lands now lashed upon as deserts, but undoubtedly reclaimable.

And all this without taking account of the untold wealth that lies beneath the surface of mighty Texas. Stored up for hundreds of centuries, there lies under Texas ground oil to heat and light the whole world; power to bring to her the half thousand million human beings who will live some day upon her bounty.

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The United States is the greatest of nations because opportunity and fortune and **THE GOODNESS OF PROVIDENCE** have dealt more kindly with us than with any other nation. One-half of one single State—Texas—could easily take care of all the people of the nation. A thousand million souls could find homes, comfort and actual wealth here, even with imperfect productions and distribution—and still all of Alaska and hundreds of thousands of square miles of territory would be held as a reserve.

The material wealth of the American nation, its lands and mineral possessions, are past our comprehension, but they are as nothing compared to the **MENTAL** wealth of the nation. It is the **BRAIN** of man, not the soil, that makes man's prosperity. In the American brain, happily free from prejudice, exempt from traditions, caste and fore-ordained social barriers, the nation finds its greatest wealth.

Herbert Spencer said: "Beyond question, in respect to mechanical appliances, Americans are ahead of all nations."

They are ahead of all nations because their brains **INVENT**. The American Government issues at least four times as many patents as does the Government of Great Britain, and American inventiveness lies not alone in the man who takes out a patent. It is even more important in the **WORK-MAN**, who uses his brain and in-

**VENTS** quick ways of finishing his task. Every man imbued with the American spirit is an inventor.

The great advantage of America resides in the fact that its men think as they work, that time and class discouragement have not combined to make machines of the individual national atoms.

Helme said of the English: "If their machines are like human beings it must be said that their human beings are like machines."

That cannot be said, and will not be said, of Americans until the national character shall change.

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This nation, the most powerful in the world to-day, able to check any other nation's unjust ambition, courted by all, **RULED BY NO INDIVIDUAL MAN** still governed by the people, is a possession which should fill the national mind, not with pride, but with humble thanksgiving.

We have inherited a great fertile section of the world. We have been removed from the domination and influence of old and decaying powers.

We have lived and worked free from superstition, free from accepted traditions. The old countries have given us the benefit of their best thought, the labor of their best men and women, and they have taken nothing from us.

Pride in this nation would be folly and ingratitude. Young America is like a boy that has inherited an enormous fortune. It should be grateful to Providence, filled with a desire to use rightly the power that is given to it.—N. Y. Journal.

### NATH'S PROVERBS.

Dreamers are doers.  
Wrong-doing is undoing.

It is cruel to kill even a tree for sport.

Some people's imagination is their worst enemy.

The devil has many suits, and changes often.

A God-made man is better than a self-made man.

A brilliant brain and a bad heart is to be deplored.

The birds will sing for those who are kind to them.

Castles in the air are often built in cabins on the earth.

They say like breeds like, but crank often breeds anti-crank.

In the city of the dead there are no discussions nor differences.

Following the fashion is like the fool trying to catch his shadow.

Stolen stones from another's wall seldom make a safe house for the second.

There is a time for all right things, but never a time for that which is wrong.

There are two worlds of difference between a petrifed sinner and a sanctified saint.

One single sin, like one old sow, will root through a rotten rail and ruin the whole garden.

NATH THOMPSON.

### FRESH AND STRONG.

Food That Sends One Along.

"I found a food at last that I could work on and that would keep me fresh and strong. I have been a school teacher for eleven years, and every year toward the last have felt more or less worn out, and have been bothered particularly with my stomach and serious constipation.

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Our Father, en, I offer unto thanks for the h through the at the suffering and cious Son, Jesus, the time I taste gift my shorn, numerous, and faith is weak; n commensurate w turn for the sacrific reconciling the w Alas! I'm prone love, and most e perfectly love the would be false a "The zeal of thim me up." I am e within at times i trations to have r men in combat God, which gives t with myself to a gospel stalfard, periority or prefe quaintance, though still lurks within, to cry after vario the world rather t denial; slight p too easily the at humble," submit not at all perfect.

It seems almos made a partaker ture, but encourag promises I make stupendous grand acter (II Pet. 1, that I feel this p in which thou die regeneration, but, fulness of salvati upon in thy coun er in Christ, that I conformed to the as to be holy, ev in love before th perfection of hol thee—whose ever mands perfection- less in my perfec Rom. 8:29); and thy service with a boring for thee o heart to such lu ting obedience th meat to do the wil fy me that I may truth "worship the ty of holiness", me such soul reci may "awake to sin not" (I Cor. 1 be a follower "of sin, neither was g mouth."

Adorable Redeem that by thy death didst not only give of sinners, b give thyself for thou mightest san it, that it might a not only saved, bu without spot or bl 27). I rejoice t efficacy of thy gl once made will be perfect salvation uttermost limits o 24, 25 with Chr. 1 to thee, O Father Spirit, I ascribe a thou hast chosen t through sanctificat (II Thess. 2:13).

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DEVOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL

PRAYER FOR THE UTMOST PER- FECTION.

Our Father, who art in heav- en, I offer unto thee my feeble thanks for the hope of the gospel through the atonement made by the suffering and death of thy pre- cious Son, Jesus Christ. But since the time I tasted of the heavenly gift my shortcomings have been numerous, and I deplore them. My faith is weak; my love is far from commensurate with the proper re- turn for the sacrifice of God in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. Alas! I'm prone to leave the God I love, and most certainly I do not perfectly love thee as I ought. It would be false assertion to declare, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." I am conscious of a bent within at times in my public minis- trations to have regard to esteem of men in combination with that of God, which gives me labor and strife with myself to measure up to the gospel standard. Jealousy of su- periority or preference of some ac- quaintances, though held in abeyance, still lurks within. My heart seems to cry after various good things of the world rather than complete self- denial; slight provocations arouse too easily the answering passions; humble, submissive resignation is not at all perfect.

It seems almost too much to be made a partaker of the divine na- ture, but encouraged by the precious promises I make bold to claim such stupendous grandeur of moral char- acter (II Pet. 1:4). I bless thee that I feel this principle now with- in which thou didst implant at my regeneration, but, according to the fulness of salvation predetermined upon in thy counsels for the believ- er in Christ, that he should be so far conformed to the image of thy Son as to be holy, even to blamelessness, in love before thee; grant me such perfection of holiness that before thee—whose every attribute de- mands perfection—I shall be blame- less in my perfect love (Eph. 1:4, Rom. 8:29); and let me enter into thy service with an "eye single", la- boring for thee only. Subject my heart to such humble, self-forget- ting obedience that it shall be my meat to do the will of God. Sancti- fy me that I may in spirit and in truth "worship the Lord in the beau- ty of holiness". Communicate to me such soul reviving power that I may "awake to righteousness and sin not" (I Cor. 15:34); so shall I be a follower "of him who did not sin, neither was guile found in his mouth."

Adorable Redeemer, I bless thee that by thy death and passion thou didst not only open a way for par- don of sinners, but that thou didst give thyself for the Church that thou mightest sanctify and cleanse it, that it might appear before thee not only saved, but gloriously saved, without spot or blemish (Eph. 5:26, 27). I rejoice to learn that the efficacy of thy glorious atonement once made will be effective for the perfect salvation of believers to the uttermost limits of time (Heb. 7: 24, 25 with Chr. 13:21). And also to thee, O Father, with the Holy Spirit, I ascribe all praise, because thou hast chosen them to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit (II Thess. 2:13).

I ask thee in the name of Jesus to grant me through the cross my petitions. According to the riches of thy glory, strengthen me by thy Spirit with might in the inner man, making me able to comprehend "what is the length, and breadth, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." Circumcise my heart to love thee with all my heart and with all my soul (Deut. 30:6). Washing away every opposing ob-

stacle (Isai. 1:25), fill my heart with thy holy laws, and write them in my mind (Jer. 31:33, 34; Heb. 10:16). Thanking thee for promise of entire change from wrong to right, from corruption to soundness, from evil and perversity to good- ness, and meek submission to thy holy will, I beseech thee remove from me the corrupt, forward heart, and "create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Ps. 51:10; Ezek. 36:25-27).

I can but give thee thanks and glory for condescension incompre- hensible in making this body thy dwelling place, which has given such joy and rejoicing to me. With de- light I hail thy proffered grace of additional glorious blessings. I humbly pray thee, let more be given, and fill my soul with taste of heav- en; pour on till thou hast filled me to overflowing with faith and the Holy Ghost. Staggered and lost in contemplation of such abounding grace to the chief of sinners, I bow my knees to thee, O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou who art "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, ac- cording to the power that worketh in us," will fill me "with all the ful- ness of God" (Eph. 3:11-20).

I ask thee, further, for the ex- ceeding blessedness imparted by the Holy Spirit, which shall give me a hundredfold more satisfaction in this life than all the vanities I am called upon to renounce; "the peace of God that passeth all understand- ing," "the joy unspeakable and full of glory," the blessed reign of God in my heart, making it his kingdom, happy in righteousness, peace and joy. Let me enter into my tribula- tions with joyfulness. Nothing less will suffice me than the fulness of the Holy Ghost, by which my peace shall flow as a river, and my right- eousness as waves of the sea (Isai. 48:18). In my afflictions, distresses and abuses, give me not only long suffering and patience, but with all impart to me delight in passing through the deep waters of afflic- tion, and in forgiving those who do me wrong. Bless me "with all spiri- tual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3; Col. 1:11). I will give thee no rest from repetitions of prayer, like the apostle Paul, till thy grace shall be sufficient to give me "pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, \* \* \* for Christ's sake" (Cor. 12:10). Until thou hast performed all thy glorious work in me and by me, I shall not cease to cry unto thee, give me abili- ty by thy gift of wisdom and spiri- tual understanding, that I may "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing." Strengthen me with all might according to thy "glorious power, unto all patience and long- suffering with joyfulness." Grant that I, continuing by thy wondrous grace in the faith and hope of the gospel, may be presented by the Re- deemer saved to such an extent of holiness that I shall be unblamable and unrepachable even in thy sight, O holy, holy, holy, Lord God (Col. 1:9-11, 21-23). Establish my heart in a holiness so spotless that it shall be unblamable in thy presence, at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints (I Thess. 3:12, 13).

Endue me here and now with such might through Christ strengthening me, that I shall be able to perform all gospel requirements, which must proceed from righteousness of heart (Phil. 4:13). I will not cease wrestling with thee in fervent prayers until thou make me stand perfect and complete in all the will of God (Col. 4:12); until I be so transformed by the renewing of my mind that I may prove "what is that acceptable and perfect will of God"

(Rom. 12:2). Perfect the work which thou hast begun in me, sancti- fying me wholly; so I shall worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and be perfect in every good work to do thy will, working in me that which is well pleasing in thy sight through Jesus Christ (Heb. 13:21); enabling me even to do thy will "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6: 10). Hast thou not said, "I will dwell in them and be their God, and they shall be my people"? With such gracious promise I'll wash my hands of iniquity, cleansing myself from all filthiness of flesh and spir- it, and I will perfect holiness in the fear of God (II Cor. 6:16 with ch. 7:1). With the blessed hope of the gospel and might of the Holy Spirit within me, I'll purify myself even as the Lord was pure (I Jno. 3:3).

Nothing but purification and might by the Holy Spirit can give me resolution to do away with the sin that doth so easily beset me; to cast aside the glittering gold when heavy, and sublimely run the race that is set before me (Heb. 12: 1). In my heart I find only reluctan- ce to dispose myself to lay aside every worldly consideration that would hinder my progress in the narrow way, and, not even counting my life dear unto myself, to consider all things but loss for the excellen- cy of the knowledge of Christ Jesus. So inadequate is my natural force to pluck out the right eye that I have no confidence in myself. Though I am persuaded of thy will- ingsness to impart the power, it is hard for me to realize that which abounds in the store-house of God for me. My faith is wavering, fal- tering, trembling, in remembrance of the inadequacy of natural powers in the past for the performance of sacred duties. Alas for me! I re- member so vividly how, after my protestations of steadfastness, I to- gether with my oaths of denial, when my Lord had succumbed to that hour of trial, with all the disci- ples forsook him and fled. Clearly nothing short of the baptism of the Holy Spirit will make me "stead- fast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." But thou has not only promised to pour out thy Spirit on thy servants, but hast shown how transcendently willing thou art to give his help to them that ask; I'll ask, and thy grace shall be sufficient.

I pray thee, Father, to endue with such power from on high, by the soul-saving energy of the Holy Ghost, that I may be able to follow so hard after Christ, that when I come to the brink of eternity, I may be able to say, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do," "I have fought a good fight \* \* \* henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me."

I look to thee to preserve my "whole spirit and soul and body \* \* \* blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;" that after blameless perfection in doing the will of God I may receive the promise (I Thess. 5:23, 24; Heb. 10:36). I, a member of thy holy Church, be- seech thee yet further, to sanctify and cleanse me with such exquisite purity, that I may stand with the blood-washed throng, all glorious and holy, without spot or blemish, a living monument forever of the cleansing efficacy of the Savior's blood (Eph. 5:26, 27).

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THE VISION OF GOD.

Isaiah was a young man when his vision in the Temple came to him. It is the glory of youth that, while the outlook upon life is fresh, and the vision has not been dulled, and the wing of imagination have not been worn and wearied, and the soul-life has not been stereotyped

A WOMAN'S PRAYER.

It is notable that in the despondency caused by womanly diseases, there seems to many a suffering woman no way of escape from pain except at the price of life itself. It would be sad to record such a story of struggle and suffering except for the fact that in such dire distress many a woman has found a way back to health and happiness by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

This great remedy for womanly ills has well been called "A god- send to weak and sick women." It establishes regu- larity, dries weakening drains, heals in- flammation and ulceration and cures fe- male weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

"Your medicine almost raised me from the dead," writes Mrs. Edwin H. Gardner, of Egypt, Plymouth Co., Mass., Box 11. "My urine was like brick dust, and I had pain all over me and such a dragging feeling it seemed I could not do my house work. I had to sit down to wash the dishes, even. In the year '86, I was so sick I did not care to live and prayed many times that God would take me. One day I found a little book, I read it and wrote to Dr. Pierce, and in a few days received an answer. I decided to try his medicine, and today I am a well woman. I have no backache, no headache, no pain at all. I used always to have headaches previously in the monthly period and such pain that I would roll on the floor in agony. I took three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and three of Golden Medical Discovery, and three vials of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, and was com- pletely cured."

Accept no substitute for "Favorite Pres- cription." There is nothing just as good. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser—sent free on receipt of stamps to cover expense of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for the book in paper covers, or 31 stamps for the cloth bound volume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

and fixed in the hard-and-fast limits of unbelief, a vision of the eternal may be given that will profoundly determine the view point and the spirit of life.

In the light of God's face there came first of all a vision of moral conditions. And the youth burst forth, "I am a man of unclean lips."

That is always the first thing that happens when men get near enough to God to let the light of His presence in upon them. Complacency is broken. Sharp contrast between God's thoughts and men's thoughts brings deep conviction. Old habits and customs and standards are dis- credited. Men cannot stand in that holy light without a prayer for mer- cy. Isaiah—one of the very best of the young men of his nation, himself in the act of worship in the Temple,—Isaiah, representative of the best, was overwhelmed by a sense of the holy will of God.

The source of true strength lies deep within the soul. There convictions are wrought by the sincere ap- proach to God and by the active wit- ness of God's Spirit. There indepen- dent convictions are born, which can never come second-hand, but are a part of one's own personality. Such a vision of God makes one fear- less of men. It is an intelligent reverence for God's holy will which makes a man a judge of current standards and practices and enables him to rise above them.—Albert R. Storms.

BABY'S GRAVE.

Avoid all the whirl and dizziness of life's tragedy, in which creation seems to be but one great cloud, I find myself suddenly brought to a sweet babe's grave. A gray old church, a gnarling stream, a far- spreading thorn-tree on a green hill- lock, and a grave, on the sunny southernly side. That is it. Thither I hasten night and day, and in pat- ting the soft grass I feel as if con- veying some sense of love to the lit- tle sleeper far down. Do not reason with me about it; let the wild heart, in its sweet delirium of love, have all its own way.

Baby was but two years old when, like a dewdrop, he went up to the warm sun, yet he left my heart as I have seen ground left out of which a storm had torn a great tree. We talk about the influence of great thinkers, great speakers, and great

writers; but what about the little infant's power? Oh, child of my heart, no poet has been so poetical, no soldier so victorious, no benefactor so kind as thy tiny, unconscious self. I feel thy soft kiss on my withered lips just now, and would give all I have for one look of thy dreamy eyes. But I cannot have it.

Yet, God is love. Not stark doubt, not staggering argument, not subtle sophism, but childishly, especially where there is but one, makes me wonder and makes me cry in pain: "Baby! baby! I would leave the world again without a leaf or a friend if I had but thee; such a beg- ging, with all its hardships, would be welcome misery. I do not wonder that the grass is green and soft that covers that little grave, and that the stunted little tree that tenderly notes as they sit on the branches of that old heart-tree.

My God! Father of mine in the blue heavens, is not this the bestest cross that can crush the weakness of man? Yet that green grass, not three feet long, is to me a great wa- lter, making me rich with wealth untold. I can pray there. There I meet the infant angels; there I see all the mothers whose sports are above; and there my heart says strange things in strange words. "Baby I am coming, coming soon! Do you know me? Do you see me? Do you look down sunny places down to this cold land of weariness? Oh, baby, sweet, sweet baby, I will try for your sake to be a better man; I will be kind to other little babies, and tell them your name, and some- times let them play with your toys; but, oh, baby, baby, my old heart aches and breaks!"—Joseph Parker.

It is very remarkable that God, who greeth plentifully to all crea- tures \* \* \* set in the distribution of our time seems to be strict-handed and gives it to us, not as nature gives it to us, not as nature gives us rivers, enough to drown us, but drop by drop, minute after minute, so that we can never have two minutes together, but he takes away one when he gives up another. This should teach us to value our time, since God so values it, and by his small distribution of it tells us it is the most precious thing we have.—Bishop Jeremy Taylor.

Good habits are not made on birthdays, nor Christian character at the New Year. The worship of character is every day life. The un- successful and uncommensurate hour is where the battle is lost or won.—Martin D. Roberts.

MUST BE SHOWN.

Coffee Drinkers Require Proof.

When persons insist on taking some kind of food or drink that causes dis- ease it is not fair to blame a Doctor for not curing them.

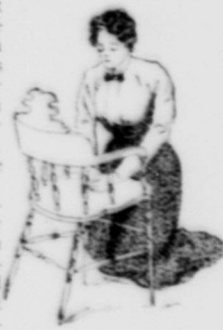
Coffee keeps thousands of people sick in spite of all the Doctors can do to cure them. There is but one way to get well. That is to quit coffee abso- lutely; a great help will be to shift over to Postum Food Coffee.

A case of this kind is illustrated by Mrs. E. Kelly, 232-8th Ave., Newark, N. J., who says, "I have been ailing for about eight years with bilious trouble and indigestion. Every doc- tor told me to give up coffee. I laughed at the idea of coffee hurting me, until about three years ago I was taken very bad and had to have a doc- tor attend me regularly.

The Doctor refused to let me have coffee, but prescribed Postum Food Coffee. I soon got to making it so well that I could not tell the difference in taste between Postum and the com- mon coffee.

I began to improve right away and have never had a bilious spell since giving up coffee and taking on Postum. When I started I weighed 109 pounds, now I weigh 126. My friends ask what has made the change and, of course, I tell them it was leaving off coffee and taking up Postum.

I know husband will never go back to the old-fashioned coffee again. You can use my name if you print this let- ter for I am not ashamed to have the public know just what I have to say about Postum and what it has done for me."



Secular News Items.

The estimate of the deaths caused by the earthquakes in Russia has increased to 5000.

A report from Alvin, Texas, says the first crate of strawberries was shipped last week. With a few warm days shipment will begin in earnest.

Bishop Galloway has accepted the invitation of the faculty to deliver the baccalaureate sermon of the University of Texas on Sunday June 8.

The Postmaster General has issued a general order announcing the increase of pay of rural free delivery mail carriers \$100 each per annum.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland has declined the invitation of President Roosevelt to attend the banquet at the White House in honor of Prince Henry, assigning as a reason ill health.

A report states that King Edward has decided to give Miss Roosevelt a place among the Ambassador's wives in the Abbey to witness the Coronation ceremony.

The Rev. Newman Hall, D. D. former chairman of the Congregational Union, who has been ill for some time past at his home in London, died February 18.

Rev. Henry A. Sullivan, rector of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, administrators to the spiritual wants of the biggest congregation in New England, his parishioners numbering between 8000 and 9000.

John M. Buttrick, who recently died in Lowell, Mass., was a great-grandson of Major John Buttrick, who began the fight at Concord Bridge, and the gun which fired the first shot in the revolution is still preserved in the family.

Miss Louise B. Pierson, a daughter of Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, editor of the Missionary Review of the World, has gone to India to take up work in Calcutta in connection with the Woman's Union Missionary Society of New York.

Gov. Sayers has received from W. R. Hearst, of the New York Journal, \$3675 for the orphans of Galveston. Following the Waldorf-Astoria bazar last winter Mr. Hearst transmitted the Governor \$9,000 for the Galveston orphans.

Alexander H. Stephens and Dr. Crawford W. Long, the discoverer of anaesthesia, have been agreed upon by the Georgia Commission as the subjects of the State's two statues to be placed in the Statuary Hall in the Capitol at Washington.

A band from Mexico employed to play in Laredo last Saturday during the celebration positively refused to play the national air of Mexico in a saloon, after playing the national airs of other countries, because their country forbids such disrespect to the nation's hymn.

Dr. John Peale, the aged manufacturer of mammoth telescopes, has donated to the American University at Harman, Tenn., the third largest telescope in the United States. The instrument will be exceeded in size only by the Lick telescope and the instrument in the Yerkes Observatory at Green Bay, Wis.

It is reported from Seoul that a convention has been concluded between Russia and Korea under the terms of which Korea agrees not to grant any State or individual the island of Ko-Je, the shore opposite or any part of the coast from that point to Chemulpo. Ko-Je Island is about thirty miles southwest of Fu San, Korea.

In Great Britain, wireless telephony is going ahead in great strides. Municipal authorities of Manchester are applying for power to establish the system in opposition to the National Telephone Company. The city of Glasgow is also installing a system. The Canadian Government intends to lay a cable across the Atlantic.

The Corsicana cotton oil mill and seed-house were destroyed by fire last week. The mill was one of the largest in Texas. It was built in 1892 by the Corsicana Cotton Oil Company, of which John Culbertson of Paris is President. The loss is estimated at \$125,000 or \$150,000. The insurance is about \$125,000.

After the Cabinet meeting last Friday Secretary Long stated that the report that he intended leaving the Cabinet

was quite true. He said he had fixed upon no specific date for his leaving, and he had not yet formally sent his resignation to the President and might not do so for some time. The President, however, was fully aware of his purpose, which was formed many months ago. There is also a renewal of the report of Secretary Hitchcock's early retirement. These two men are the most thoroughly disliked in the Cabinet, and their retirement will greatly relieve the President.

A report from Manila states that a force of native constabulary at Santa Cruz, Province of Laguna, Luzon, has captured Cortez, second in command to the insurgent General, Malvar, and turned him over to the military authorities. Cortez was in a suburb of Santa Cruz known as Alipot and was raising funds for the insurrection. A friendly native informed Inspector Sorzenen of this fact and the capture of Cortez followed.

The President's opinion concerning the Schley case was published last Thursday morning. The Admiral is severely censured and the verdict of the Court of Inquiry declared to be fair and just. This opinion occasioned no surprise. That Schley could receive the honor due him from a McKinley administration was known to be impossible. Although officially unrecognized, the Admiral has the satisfaction of knowing that the American people recognize him as the true hero of Santiago.

Political ambition in England is very costly, as is shown by a new blue-book containing particulars of the expenditures of parliamentary candidates at the last election. For instance, Mr. Sinclair, member from the Romford Division of Essex, spent \$9629 in getting his seat, while his opponent, Hon. L. R. Holland, disbursed \$19,667. The average cost of each vote polled was \$1.43. The total amount spent in England was \$2,885,933. Still the sum falls short of the scale allowed by the corrupt practices act by \$1,125,000.

Sewed in five small compartments in a belt of red flannel, nearly \$40,000 worth of unset diamonds were, it is alleged, smuggled into this country by a passenger who came in Sunday on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm. The passenger gave his age as 21 years, and said he lived in New York City. He was arrested by Special Treasury Agent Theobald. The treasury agent was on the watch for Leinkran, as a month ago he received information which led him to believe a smuggling attempt would be made.

The following comes from New York: Because City Judge Bennett, of Mount Vernon, refused to pay a gas bill of \$1.65, which he contended he had never contracted, the gas company turned off his supply three years ago. He brought suit, and the gas company carried the case to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, which has just handed down a decision affirming judgment for \$1300 in favor of Judge Bennett for the inconvenience to which he had been put. The damages were assessed at the rate of \$5 per day.

For some time the peace of Barcelona, Spain, has been seriously interfered with by strikers. The trouble spread over Spain. Trade unions throughout Spain declared their adhesion to the cause of Barcelona strikers, and Premier Sagasta finally prepared a decree establishing martial law throughout the Kingdom. The crisis of the strike is now thought to be past, though the fighting is not yet ended and riots are reported. A local rumor from Barcelona states that 500 persons have been killed and wounded in the suburbs of that city.

Strawberries grown in the fields of Texas will do service at the feast of the nobility at Chicago. Prof. Atwater, of the Southern Pacific industrial department, gave out the statement that he was arranging for the shipment of a sufficient amount of the early fruit to supply the great banquet to be given in the Illinois city in honor of Prince Henry of Germany. The berries will be carefully selected and the finest that South Texas can produce. Already several of the leading growers in the State have promised to assist in the enterprise.

The leaders of the Zionist movement anticipate important developments as a result of the visit of Dr. Theodore Herzl, of Vienna, President of the Zionist Congress recently held at Basle, Switzerland, to Constantinople. Dr. Herzl was summoned to the Yild Palace by a special telegram from the Sultan, and is now negotiating with the Sultan for the acquisition of concessions in Palestine permitting the

unimpeded immigration and settlement of Jews there. Dr. Herzl's demands include a charter granting some simple form of home rule and opening the Sultan's crown lands to Jewish colonization. A representative of the Jewish Colonization Association, which was endowed by the late Baron Hirsch with a large sum of money, is also at Constantinople, which is taken to signify that the trustees of the Baron Hirsch fund are about to concentrate their resources upon Palestine.

John Moran, a member of the famous family of artists and one of the pioneer photographers of this country, who did much important work for the United States Government in the early stages of the science, died at his home in New York City February 19. Mr. Moran, in charge of the photographic work of the coast survey, made the first pictures of the original route of the Panama Canal. He was the chief photographer of the expedition sent out in 1871 to observe the transit of Venus. With the advent of the dry plate he abandoned photography and has since devoted himself to landscape painting.

A dispatch from Constantinople Monday announced the release of Miss Ellen M. Stone, who has been held a captive by Turkish brigands since September 3 last. Miss Stone, one of the missionaries of the American Board of Foreign Missions, while traveling with a native teacher, Mme. Tsilka, and a party of about fifteen friends, was captured by brigands in the District of Salonica. Since that time vigorous efforts have been made by the United States Government and by missionaries to obtain the release of the captives. The brigands demanded a ransom of \$100,000, but only \$72,500 was collected for the ransom, and this was paid February 6.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, representative of his brother, the Emperor of Germany, at the launching of the latter's American-built yacht, reached New York Sunday and was cordially welcomed as a guest of the nation. The land batteries that guard the outer harbor sounded the first greeting in a ponderous salute of twenty-one guns and the rifles of a special naval squadron assembling in his honor re-echoed the sentiment. There were verbal greetings from the representatives of President Roosevelt, the army and navy and the city of New York, and a great crowd lined the way into the city to see and cheer the sailor Prince of Germany.

A most disgraceful scene occurred in the United States Senate Chamber last Saturday, Washington's birthday. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, in the course of a speech upon the Philippine tariff bill, made serious reflections upon the honor of his colleague, Mr. McLaurin. He charged that Mr. McLaurin's vote in support of the ratification of the treaty of Paris had been cast through the exercise of improper influence. Mr. McLaurin denounced the statement as a "willful, malicious and deliberate lie." This so incensed Mr. Tillman that only a few seconds elapsed before the two South Carolinians were engaged in a rough and tumble fight. In the midst of intense excitement they were separated. A resolution was adopted by the Senate and the two Senators were declared to be in contempt of the Senate.

For the third time this year, Park Avenue, New York City, was the scene of heavy loss of human life. The collision in the New York Central tunnel was the first, the second was the dynamite explosion in the Rapid Transit sub-way, and the third was caused by the burning of the Park Avenue Hotel last Saturday, where 18 persons were killed and many wounded. The fire originated in the Seventy-First Regiment Armory and spread to the hotel. The hotel was crowded with guests who had gone to New York to witness the festivities in honor of Prince Henry. The flames spread rapidly and hysterical men and women threw themselves from the upper stories of the building to the pavement. One of the saddest incidents of the fire was the death of Mrs. Satome Foster, the "Tombs Angel," who for fifteen years has done service in behalf of female prisoners in the Tombs and other city prisons.

A cablegram from London says: Some hundreds of forged Bank of England notes for £5 have been put in circulation during the last fortnight. They are almost perfect counterfeits and have been accepted without hesitation by bank cashiers and at business establishments. It is admitted that the counterfeits, of which about 200 have already reached the Bank of England, are the most perfect of the kind ever attempted. They are beautifully printed in lustrous black ink on paper whose

crispness of texture and watermarks resemble almost exactly the genuine article. Scotland Yard is busily engaged in the task of trying to track down the counterfeiters, but the work is so immeasurably superior to that of all the known forgers that new hands are suspected, which greatly increases the difficulty of running them down.

The Philadelphia Press states the following: During the past twenty-five years the fire loss in the United States which has been made good by the insurance companies has exceeded \$2,800,000,000. There have been many years when the companies generally have made money, but for a number of years their losses have been enormous. Beginning with 1898 the losses for the country have been each year: For 1898, \$119,650,500; for 1899, \$136,772,200; for 1900, \$162,262,250, and for 1901 about \$162,000,000. There must be some remedy for this. The public is not prepared for an increase of rates to cover proportionate losses in the future. There is no assurance that losses will be less, and nobody adequately explains why they should have so enormously increased within a few years.

The United States Government has given Russia formal notice of supporting the open-door policy in China. That this was done February 1 and that the agreement between Great Britain and Japan was dated January 30 is of deep significance. It seems apparent that the United States indorses that treaty. It is believed, also, that Germany has taken a similar stand, and while the Emperor was unwilling to participate in an alliance with England and Japan he was not averse to letting the Czar know that Germany's commercial interests in the Orient would be jealously guarded. It is expected, in fact, that Germany and the United States will be found to be occupying almost the same position, and thus the result would be that Russia and France will be arrayed on the one side and Great Britain, Germany, Japan and the United States on the other.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bro. F. O. Miller was on hand and preached to the delight of people and preacher. Monday at 11 a. m. Bro. E. R. Edwards, of Decatur Circuit, preached a good sermon on thanksgiving. The Alvord people, and also the people of the country Churches, gave us a warm reception a few nights back. We had a practical demonstration of the kindness toward us. While looking over my Advocate there was an alarm given at the outer door. It was occasioned by quite a number of Alvord's good people. I believe all denominations were represented. Well, I will not say what their mission was, but suffice it to say they left us in a happy frame of mind. After singing and prayer, and the crowd had dispersed, we returned to the dining-room and beheld the sight. We have built a barn, which was much needed. May the Lord bless this good people with an abundant harvest, and may we give them the best service of our life for this kindness.

Brookston and High.

J. T. Hudworth, Feb. 25: The first Quarterly Conference for Brookston and High church convened at High last Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Pierce, our presiding elder, preached three excellent sermons. Paid for support of ministry \$250.50. Everything in good shape.

Ector.

W. H. Brown, Feb. 21: Last Tuesday night we closed our great revival at Ector. Scores of people were converted and many others reclaimed. Sometimes the tide ran so high that we would have no time to preach to them. Bro. Boyd and his devout, sweet-spirited wife and his noble boys are held in high esteem among all the people. A model family, indeed, is theirs.

Woodbine.

L. G. White, Feb. 21: We have just closed a splendid revival. The meeting broke out Sunday a week ago. One conversion that night. Although a surprise to my people, we protracted most of the week. The weather was bad. A norther, rain and snow came in turns, but the people came to every service and filled the house nearly every time. We had thirteen conversions, seven accessions, twenty-five reclamations, and best of all, the Church revived. Organized a Senior League, with forty-five members. Bro. Jno. Armstrong, of Indian Mission Conference, preached several fine sermons for us, and Bro. P. L. Smith, W. M. P. Rippey and our presiding elder, Geo. S. Sexton, did some good preaching as we ever heard. We do not know what we would have done if it had not been for the help these brethren gave us, for we had nearly exhausted ourselves and our voice was nearly gone. Praise God for victory.

Blue Ridge.

J. W. Blackburn, Feb. 19: The first Quarterly Conference for Blue Ridge Circuit was held at Fayburg Saturday and Sunday, with the largest attendance, all the way through, ever witnessed on this charge. Salary of preacher in charge assessed \$100 over last year. Bro. Rosser, our presiding elder, was at his best, and gave us three most excellent sermons. We are planning to build a church at Fayburg; lot secured and subscriptions being taken. Outlook for the future every way hopeful.

Chico.

H. B. Johnson, Feb. 24: We closed a two weeks' meeting here last night. Rev. C. O. Jones, of McKinney, came to us the 19th and stayed ten days, doing fine preaching, but on account of sickness in his family was compelled to go home a few days before his appointed time. Rev. H. E. Smith, whose home is here, did good work in the meeting, preaching some very helpful sermons. Bro. Hulme, our local preacher, preached once in the meeting; he is a strong man; also, Bro. Jim Parr, of the Gibtown Circuit, was with us a few days and preached once. We had six professions, and three additions to our Church. I think we are improving along most all lines. We now have a well of very fine water in the parsonage yard. "Uncle Billy" Allen, who is a true friend to the preacher, has made up \$23.00 to buy a cow. We appreciate this kindness very much. Bro. J. H. Curtner got up the money to dig well. We aim to organize an Epworth League soon. The Lord is blessing us in our work.

Cole Hill.

C. A. Martin, Feb. 18: We want to express our gratitude for being sent to the Cole Hill Mission to serve this good people. The first Quarterly Conference for this charge has been held. Our presiding elder, Bro. Casey, was on hand and preached three fine sermons. To say that Bro. Casey captured this people would hardly express it. On Sunday morning of the Quarterly Conference, the 9th of February, the pounding came—if you wish to call it a pounding. Just after breakfast two bright-eyed little boys found their way to the parsonage with a bucket of sweet milk and enough meat to do the preacher's family a week. At 11 o'clock Bro. Casey, whom this preacher and family will never forget, continued the good work by asking the good people for help for their preacher's sick wife, who had had the grip ever since our arrival at this place. You talk about your poundings! Money—\$17.25—ham, flour, sugar, syrup, lard—and they just kept coming for a week with such things as we had to have to live. We are praying for a gracious revival of religion all over the work. May the good Lord give it to us.

Alvord.

J. R. Ray, Feb. 19: We arrived at Alvord in due time after conference, and found everything in good shape. My predecessor, Bro. T. L. Rippey, wrought well here last year, and has left many friends. We have the work well in hand, and moving off nicely. Our first Quarterly Conference over.

Dr. Bishop was on hand, and preached four times, to the delight of everybody. He is full of missions. We have raised by cash and subscription about \$5 of our general collections. Expect to have the full amount \$100 secured by the first of June. We are perfectly delighted with our return for the second year to this charge. I see nothing but signs of welcome and encouragement. Our people are treating us right, and we want to be able to be a blessing to them.

Smithfield.

Jos. P. Callaway, Feb. 21: A nice pounding, from Keller, was one of the good things that came to the parsonage at Smithfield last week. The people in that part of our work appreciate earnest effort and show it by their works.

Jos. P. Callaway, Feb. 21: I am pressing the battle against sin. We have a good, industrious, energetic people. Our congregations are good, considering the cold winter. The scope of country embraced in the Smithfield Circuit is nearly a failure. There are but few farmers who have feed to run them through planting time, and a great many are now getting all of their feed from Fort Worth. I really do not see how a great many farmers are going to make a crop at all. I know of but a few who are having good wood and twelve miles to Fort Worth to get money to buy bread and feed for their horses. They can not get on time until another crop is pitched, and not a great deal can be done on the farm until it rains. The people are out of heart, and can not be induced to take hold of any church enterprise.

Bryson.

S. D. Cook, Feb. 21: Last Saturday and Sunday was a bright spot in the history of Methodism in Bryson. It was the occasion of our first Quarterly Conference and the dedication of our new church. The weather was ideal. We had good congregations, but many were kept away on account of the shallop scare. Our presiding elder was on hand and did us good service—preaching Saturday at 11 a. m., holding our conference in the evening, then preaching night; also Sunday at 11 a. m. After preaching, dedicating the church and baptizing five infants, at 4 p. m. he gave our League a nice talk that was greatly enjoyed by all; then preached again at night, took a collection for an organ amounting to \$9.75. All his work was done well, as it always is. He captured our young people as well as the old. God bless Bro. Miller. We all love him and ever welcome him to our town. These people have done well in building this church. Our Building Committee was of the best. May God bless those good brethren. The present outlook for a crop is much in our way in all our work. Hope we will soon have rain; then we can send a good list of subscribers. You are giving the best paper in the connection. God bless you all.

White Rock.

E. L. Egger, Feb. 18: In this communication we shall make special reference to the condition of this charge as to Epworth Leagues. We have two, and though the Junior is yet in its infancy it is one of the thriftiest youngsters in the Epworth League family. One Sunday afternoon about two weeks since we presented the claims of our League organ, the Era, and secured a club of ten subscribers in less time than it takes to tell about it. We did not beg the question at all—just pointed out its helpfulness, and the response was immediate. We mean to try this plan on the Advocate not many days hence. God bless the dear Texas, the peer of any of the Advocates. We are determined that her interests shall not suffer in our hands. Last Sunday we organized a Junior League, and at the first roll call twenty happy-faced children responded. They are in charge of one of our most enthusiastic Seniors—a young lady of rare gifts and graces. Our Literary Department has passed the experimental stage, and it has already demonstrated the fact that Jesus of Nazareth may sit enthroned even in the midst of social joys. We have an abiding faith in the future of our Leagues. This report may appear somewhat rose-colored, but a preacher converted in an Epworth League may be pardoned if he toots his horn "semi-occasionally" to the tune of "Glory hallelujah" when his Leagues are going the way he wants them to go.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Springtown.

J. I. White, Feb. 21: We are making some progress. Our second Quarterly Conference has been held. The stewards made a good report. The assessments for presiding elder and preacher were made the same as last year—\$60 for P. E. and \$30 for P. C. Bro. Morris is getting things in fine business shape on this charge. He has organized the stewards, having them to elect a chairman, whose duty it is to visit all the appointments in the charge and see that the collections for the preachers are done in a business-like way. He is very popular as presiding elder and preacher, and my success last year is attributed greatly to his business management and fine preaching. (Now say I am bragging on my presiding elder for the purpose of effecting my own appointment "and have everybody hating you.") Our good ladies of the W. H. M. Society have been alive and active, full of good works and love. They are a great source of help and comfort to this preacher and family. Every want is supplied. Our prayer-meeting is taking on large proportions, having an average attendance of fifty, and one night there were at least a hundred present. Our Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute at Gordon was a success. All the preachers but four were in attendance.

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Ed R. Wallace, Feb. 17: The beloved came to us in a woe-begone condition. He seemed for once to have received his just desert—he seemed to have been deserted only when the broom had been applied by an able arm. I want to see what manner of woman she is of whom he speaks as "My dear Mollie." He was so badly used up he could scarcely get in and out of the buggy, but he had captured the "broom" and carried it with him in the buggy wherever he went. But Bro. Wiseman said he had not been mistreated by any one. He says the team ran away, turned the buggy over and hurt him, which resulted in his forlorn appearance, and that the broom was used to brace up the broken top of his buggy. Be it as it may, he did some good work in administration and preaching. The salary for preacher in charge was fixed at \$600 with fair assurance that it is not overdrawn. I have received twenty-two and expect to receive fifty more members the second quarter. Because of a little misunderstanding as to where the church house should be built, the whole concern went down after \$1000 or more had been promised. We may select a place and build yet. You see there are two little rival towns. They are one-half mile apart. May the Lord overrule all for good. It seems to me that we must have a house in which to worship the God of our being, before whom we all must soon appear and hear the result of what we are now doing.

Childress.

Ben Hardy, Feb. 21: When I was read out for Childress I felt as if I were going home, having been here before for two years. Our welcome was all that could be desired, and the pounding came hard and heavy the first night. One of the first things done was to organize a League. We now have promise of a good thing. Our Sunday-school, notwithstanding the bad weather and the unusual amount of sickness, has been growing in numbers all winter. Our Home Mission Society have repaired the parsonage and are busy at something all the time. On Thursday night, February 6, we began a protracted meeting. The next Wednesday Bro. C. N. Ferguson of Quanah, came to our assistance, and later on Bro. J. H. Stewart, of Vernon. Their preaching was strong, specially emphasizing repentance and faith. Bro. J. H. Overstreet, of the Childress Circuit, was with us most of the time, rendering efficient help. Our Sunday-school, with increasing interest, although the weather was very unfavorable at times, the attendance was large, the house not being able to hold them all at times. There were several conversions, probably a dozen, and a deep revival in the Church. Have received into the Church since coming thirty-three members. Am doing some work for the Advocate, and will do more.

Desdemonia.

J. M. Owen: We are moving off nicely. Since conference we have expended over \$50 on churches and parsonages, have organized two Leagues, have two prayer-meetings and six Sunday-schools, and took some subscriptions on conference collections. The people received us cordially, and Desdemonia gave us a nice pounding New Year's for which we were thankful. We feel that the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. We have found many good, Christian people, who are pushing forward the Master's cause. But I must speak of the League. Soon after we came to the work we organized a League at Desdemonia with ten members, and we now have about thirty-three members and it is doing a grand work. Sunday evening in our devotional service, we called for penitents, and a lady came forward and the Lord blessed her so that she shouted his praises. The League is a grand success here because we have noble Christian workers who are doing all they can for its success, and when Victor heard of our success here they wanted a League organized there, so on the third Sunday we organized there, with seven members. The Lord is blessing us in our work, and we are happy in his service. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 10th of February, and our presiding elder preached us a good sermon at 11 o'clock. In the evening conference convened. Only four of the Churches were represented, but they made a very good report and the stewards made a liberal assessment for the preacher. We are praying for a good year.

Colorado Mission.

A. D. Livingston, Feb. 19: It is a source of pleasure to serve such a good and appreciative people. There are good people on this charge, and their expressions indicate their appreciation of the Church and their pastor. The only inconvenience is the inability of our houses of worship to hold the congregations. The outlook is auspicious, and indicates a fine and successful year's work on every line. Part of our territory is now involved in a prohibition contest, which gives us an opportunity of showing our colors and striking a blow at this the greatest of all evils. We desire to express our appreciation of the kindness and courtesies shown us during Christmas holidays, and thanks to Santa Claus and the Sunday-school, all of which came as a season of recreation and as golden dew-drops to brighten life's pathway and make the soul fat.

South Beaumont.

R. O. Bailey, Feb. 21: Monday night we had quite a storm in South End. We were seated around our table, seemingly enjoying our repast, when it seemed that our front door and also the back one were going to be taken down. On opening the doors we found about two dozen of our people had come, loaded with good things to eat. Such a jolly crowd! Young and old, all seemed to be happy, and of course we were. Just at this time I was notified that I was wanted to attend a

Cresson.

R. F. Dunn, Feb. 18: We are all recovering from our recent afflictions, and through the continued mercies of God hope soon to be able to take up work again. Two of my children and myself were down with pneumonia at the same time. For about three weeks we were under the power of this disease, which yielded very slowly to the faithful treatment of the physicians

and the patient nursing of friends and loved ones. My people have greatly endeared themselves to me by their kind and frequent attention to our needs during our sickness. I would not forget Rev. S. J. Rucker, of Granbury Station, who in so many ways showed his sympathy for us; also his people, whose solicitude for me has made them dearer to us than ever before. Above all do I thank our merciful Father in heaven for his great mercy and kindness.

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Ed R. Wallace, Feb. 17: The beloved came to us in a woe-begone condition. He seemed for once to have received his just desert—he seemed to have been deserted only when the broom had been applied by an able arm. I want to see what manner of woman she is of whom he speaks as "My dear Mollie." He was so badly used up he could scarcely get in and out of the buggy, but he had captured the "broom" and carried it with him in the buggy wherever he went. But Bro. Wiseman said he had not been mistreated by any one. He says the team ran away, turned the buggy over and hurt him, which resulted in his forlorn appearance, and that the broom was used to brace up the broken top of his buggy. Be it as it may, he did some good work in administration and preaching. The salary for preacher in charge was fixed at \$600 with fair assurance that it is not overdrawn. I have received twenty-two and expect to receive fifty more members the second quarter. Because of a little misunderstanding as to where the church house should be built, the whole concern went down after \$1000 or more had been promised. We may select a place and build yet. You see there are two little rival towns. They are one-half mile apart. May the Lord overrule all for good. It seems to me that we must have a house in which to worship the God of our being, before whom we all must soon appear and hear the result of what we are now doing.

Crawford.

S. P. Brown, Feb. 21: Our second Quarterly Conference held on the 22d and 23d has gone to record, and our presiding elder, Rev. J. G. Putman, was at his post in fine preaching trim. He is an up-to-date presiding elder, is much loved by the good people of Crawford Circuit. This is my second year in the Northwest Texas Conference, and also my second year on the Crawford Circuit. The preachers of this conference have been very nice to me. To know them is to love them. I shall endeavor to prove myself worthy of their confidence and esteem. I reached Crawford on the 6th day of December, 1900, found some old-time loyal Methodists who speak so kindly of their former pastors as I expected them to do, as they have had such men as have proven themselves worthy. They have wrought well. When I took charge of Crawford Circuit there were three appointments. We now have seven, with more to follow. I have organized one Church, four Epworth Leagues; we now have four Sunday-schools that do not go into summer nor winter quarters; our prayer-meetings are very well attended. With proper training Crawford can be made a good circuit. The members say that they are ready and willing to do what they can for an advanced move along all the lines of Church work. I have faith in God, and in my people. I shall do the best I can to bring about the very best possible results in our work on Crawford Circuit. The Advocate is in fine favor with my members who take and read it; have about doubled our subscription for the Advocate during the past year. I shall continue my house to house canvass for the paper; expect to send in a long list of subscribers soon. Now, that I am in the Northwest Texas Conference I shall give the very best service of which I am capable to the Church in this conference. God bless our Zion in these ends of the earth. I shall never forget my dear friends in the Texas Conference; God bless them every one. The good people of Crawford Circuit have been very kind to the preacher and his family. We are expecting a prosperous year on the Crawford Circuit.

Ozona.

Wallace R. Evans, Feb. 19: Although the people were greatly disappointed because Bro. Thompson was not returned to them, they received me cordially, and the work has been moving on encouragingly. The ladies of the Church have recently by persistent effort raised enough money to finish the church on the interior. The work is being done now, and when it is finished we will have one of the prettiest churches in West Texas. We are proud of our Church and its people. Especially are we proud of our ladies. I am sure that it would be impossible to find more active and energetic Church workers than the ladies of our Church. We still have a small debt on our church. Bro. Gibbons—to whom the honor of building the church belongs—Bro. Phillips and Bro. Thompson wrought well. We hope to carry on the good work, and are endeavoring now to raise the money to pay off the debt. We have about two-thirds of it in sight, and hope before many days have passed to raise the whole amount. I think that we have good cause to brag on our Epworth Leagues. They are doing fine work and are steadily pushing forward. Recently one Junior League bought a tent and stove for a bed-ridden old lady, and the Seniors had the tent put up and bought other necessities. Christmas, the Senior League saw that the poor children of the town received presents and confettioneries. I went with the committee to deliver the presents, and nothing during the whole Christmas brought

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

South Beaumont.

R. O. Bailey, Feb. 21: Monday night we had quite a storm in South End. We were seated around our table, seemingly enjoying our repast, when it seemed that our front door and also the back one were going to be taken down. On opening the doors we found about two dozen of our people had come, loaded with good things to eat. Such a jolly crowd! Young and old, all seemed to be happy, and of course we were. Just at this time I was notified that I was wanted to attend a

funeral at 8 o'clock, so the people could leave on the early morning train. So I spent thirty minutes with the crowd; then the writer received the twenty-third Psalm, and we sang "Blessed be the name," and prayer, closing with the Lord's Prayer. It would have been a benediction to any one to have heard the voices in the prayer. Just as we closed another crowd came rushing in. Oh, the good things we have! Again we say ours is a goodly heritage. May God bless the donors.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

A Working and Else.

I. T. Morris, Range, Feb. 19: I have Ryan, aged 82, and Media Ann, his wife, aged 72, live on their own little farm two miles from Range. They are surrounded by their children, grand-children and other relatives amounting to about one hundred and fifty souls. Between seventy-five and one hundred of these are members of the Methodist Church. Father Ryan is the patriarch of Methodism in this section. The devotion of this large congregation to this aged couple is beautiful. Yesterday was the day set apart to meet and plow Grandpa's field and prepare it for planting. A sufficient number of teams were in readiness to do the work. Quite a number of farmers and children were on hand. A sumptuous dinner was spread, at which the writer showed his starting qualities. The day was delightful and everything went off pleasantly. Long may this old couple live to shed their benediction over this country.

Well, the conference year is rolling along, and it is about time for a report from this work. Two new rooms and a gallery have been added to the parsonage, two other rooms have been added overhead, and the outside of the house, including gallery and dining-room floors, has been nicely painted. Now, with a little inside work, which we hope to do before another winter, we will have a very neat and comfortable parsonage of six rooms. We have paid our assessments for the Advocate, and the Resene Home, and I hope soon to be able to pay our district mission assessment. We have a membership of some 120. These are scattered over a territory of thirty-three miles extent. Quite a task to find them all. We have had good rains over all this country. Corn planting has begun, and unless the weather gets very cold again will be largely finished in the next two weeks. We have received many tokens of appreciation, amounting to this work, all of which we greatly appreciate. We are planning for three meetings in Dallas the last of June and first of July, Dallas, and one and three Sundays in July. Rainy time not fixed yet. We are hoping and praying for a good year.

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How a Woman Paid Her Debts.

I ran out of clean dishes in the dish-washer business. It is quite true, my dear reader, that I never saw any thing well so washed. Every time I washed a dish, whether it was a tin or a wooden one, I washed it with soap and dry it with a towel. I was in two minutes. I was from my own house. Each dish, whether tin or wooden, was washed. The dishes were washed without washing the hands. That is, they were washed with the hands. I give no explanation for the washing of the hands, but I give you the name of the woman who washed them. It was the woman who washed the dishes in the dish-washer. She was the woman who washed the dishes in the dish-washer. They will wash you in heaven. L. A. P.

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# An Arkansas Oasis

By Mrs. R. R. Ramsay, Marshall, Texas.

"What are these queer plates, dear, you have brought home in your kodak views?" And Mrs. Norwood held up to her husband some kodak plates.

"Those, dearest wife, have a history. Would you like to hear it?"

"Nothing would please me better," said bustling Mrs. Norwood; "but wait until I have you comfortably installed in your own porch chair. There, now, I am ready; proceed," she said, as she drew a stool to his feet.

James Norwood was a young Methodist preacher. He was on his first itinerancy. His only possessions were his horse and buggy, a very good library, a trunk, and his wife.

He held the plates up to view, and said:

"I think I am a happier man since I saw the original of these.

"I was riding along the hilly roads in Southern Arkansas, wondering how a mortal could exist in such a dreary country—where one sees occasionally a log hut, with a pig-pen close by, horse lot, and chickens all huddled together—when the condition of the weather drove me into one of these miserable huts.

"The rain came down in torrents, and necessitated my staying all night.

"As soon as I told the family I was the parson, they treated me with all respect.

"One white-haired youth took my horse to feed, while a company of little bilious boys regarded me with withers in mouth.

"The old man was not inclined to talk much, but his better-half talked enough for both.

"After our meager repast of corn-pone, red onions, starchy meat and sour milk, my hostess proceeded thus:

"No, we don't ever git to go to meetin' much. It is too hard on the horses, arter workin' all week, to pull us cross creeks and over hills to Jones meetin'-house—ten good mile away.

"I ain't seeh a fool as some of my neighbors. You utter see how they act, a drivin' every Sunday of the world to Jones meetin'-house."

"Of course, I was all curiosity to know to whom my hostess referred, so I asked her.

"Oh, she said, I mean Les Whitney—him that lives around the bend in the road," and she contemptuously waved her hand in that direction.

"I asked, 'But why should you blame him for attending church?'"

"My hostess answered with ire: 'Why should he go to church? Why should he act as if the 'ole man'—his wuzen-faced wife's pa—hadn't drove 'em out of doors and shot it on 'em? Cussed and ture, and never did forgive that woman, his darter, for a-marryin' of him?'"

"I think," she said, "if I was in his shoes I would do anything but go to church." For what good does it do him?"

"She continued: 'The way them two silly creeters has acted for the past four year in the talk of the whole county—neglectin' his crop, to make willer cheese, tables, flower baskets and pots; a-roottin' up the yard a plantin' flowers, when he orter been plantin' peas.

"His kitchen truck he raises close to his back door makes you sick to see sunflowers, hollyhocks and 'golden-rod,' as she calls it—I call it a weed—all a-growin' in amongst the cabbage, okry and beans.

"A 'rose haige,' too," she snorted out. "And Leslie will take more time a-twinin' of them vines than he will spend on his crop the whole year.

"It was this way," she continued. "Leslie Whitney lived at the place where he is now livin' with his pa an' ma, contented in two rooms and a shed kitchen. The ole folks died one right arter the other, and that left Les, the boy, by his self. But he went off somers—Peg White said to Little Rock—and brought back a wife—a pale-faced little critter as ever lived. Soon arter, the woods began to ring with the sound of Leslie's ax a-cuttin' down trees to make more rooms. All winter, when he orter been a restin', he was a-cuttin' and splittin' logs, a-layin' new chimblays, a-puttin' in glass winders—his pa and ma had wood shettlers, like all common-sense folks had. When spring opened good, and folks began to look around 'em, what should we see but Leslie's new rooms a-standin' up—three strong? Jus' think of it! They already had two rooms and a shed kitchen."

"I smiled encouragingly, and she snapped out:

"I went down there to see that chit of a wife of his'n. She was feelin' poorly, and I wish you could a seed that house! The first things struck me was the kyarpets." And this virago, my dearest, fairly screamed as she said: "I never owned a kyarpet in my life!"

"White sniff," she continued, "was a floatin' at them glass winders—thin like—you could see trough it. The fire-place was a sight! All around the jamb she had stuck broke pieces of glass and old dishes, pine cones and sticks. The terriblest lookin' sight I ever saw! An old salt sack was stuck on the mantel-board, with zigzag red yarn thowd a-runnin' all through it.

"That fire-place, though," she continued, looking off dreamily, "looked kinder nice, arter all. The little pieces of glass sparkled like lechels when the fire was shinin' on it. Pieters was on the wall, a sofe Les had made outer willer sticks had on it pillars with cases made outer calliker, with red flowers in it. There was a table, too, made by Les; an' when I axed him how in the world could he live like that, and where did he get the money to do it with, he laughed and said: 'Mrs. Pointer, this house and its furniture did not cost more than some people waste in a month!'"

"I knowed he ment me and my family, and I told him so," she blustered out, and as could be at the recollection of it.

"I thanked Sister (') Pointer for her rehearsal and retired, with two little Pointers at the foot of my bed, who kept kickin' all night. Their mother said she was afeard they would have the crump if they slept on the floor, consequently they slept with the parson.

"Next morning I took my departure, after taking a snap shot of the Pointer home and inmates. If you look closely, you can see the outlines. I will develop these to-day or to-morrow, and keep as a memento."

"Horry, dear, and tell me of Leslie Whitney's home," said impulsive Mrs. Norwood, as she raised her soft brown eyes to her husband's face.

"I jogged along about a mile and a half," the parson went on, "when I noticed the corn and cotton, the ground peas and sweet potato hills commenced to look better—in fact, looked as though a farmer had been around those parts.

"I soon caught the sight of an orchard, in which peaches, apples and pears were hanging thick.

"Then, all of a sudden, as I turned a bend in the road, a picture confronted me.

"Here it is, dear," and the speaker handed his wife the negative of a log house dimly outlined.

"Oh, how provokin'!" said Mrs. Norwood. "I wish it was developed. I can hardly wait till it is finished. How nice of you to take these views, James—to share your travels with me in this way," and she raised her hand and patted her husband's knee.

"But first tell me how the house appeared to you," she continued. "I can't wait for the development of this picture.

"Well," he laughingly answered, "the house was nestled in vines and flowers—the prettiest log house I ever saw. It was built with an ell, the porch running around, having a balustrade of rough willow, the pillars of which were trunks of small trees in the rough. Between the posts of the porch were hanging baskets made of bark, in which wandering Jew and snailax were growing, with some bright nasturtiums. The steps were logs hewn in two—the smooth side uppermost. The rough stick-and-mud chimneys were nearly covered with ivy and woodbine. Home-made rocking chairs were on the porch. A bench also was placed on the east side. Morning glory, Jack bean, yypress, moon vines and honey-suckle were trained so as not to cut off the view, but covered the porch in the most artistic manner.

"The garden, with its tall sunflowers, hollyhocks and golden rod, made a pretty background for the 'rose hedge,' which held several little white garments.

"I also noticed the well, with its pretty little roof, a vine clinging daintily to one side, while from a peg hung a long-handled gourd—the drinking font—as white as milk.

"Close-cut grass, with a gravel walk, led to the back door. The front yard was a blooming mass of sweet annuals, neatly laid out in beds, while a few rose bushes grew near the fence.

"But I am too minute. I must not dwell too long on the outside. The front fence was made of clapboards, pointed, and looked as neat as could be.

"As I drove up to the gate, a man came forward from among the flowers, doffed his hat and asked me to get down and come in, which I did in a very short while.

"He seemed to be pleased when I told him I was the 'parson,' and said: 'Susie will be glad to entertain you.'

"He led the way in the yard and up those steps, across the porch and into the 'hall.' Yes, dear little woman, this mansion boasted a hall," and he smiled

down into his wife's eager eyes. "Without warning, away out there in the country, where a stranger is a rarity, the queen of that little nest came modestly to meet me. Her husband looked proud of her as I held her hand and said:

"Mrs. Whitney, I am pleased to meet you."

"She was dressed (oh, yes, I am going to tell you, he said, as he saw the question in his wife's eyes) "in a cool blue-and-white-checked gingham skirt and a neat little box jacket—such as you wear, dear.

"On her arm was a darling babe, with its mother's clear blue eyes, while at her skirts stood a little '2-year-old,' all as neat and clean as if they were expecting company.

"Here is a plate of the mother and babies," and he handed his wife another plate.

"Mrs. Whitney ushered me into the sitting-room. A bright rag carpet was on the floor. The mantel-piece, with Mrs. Pointer's previous comment, attracted my attention, and, dear, I never in all my travels saw anything so pretty in the way of an ornamented jamb. Cement had been first applied, then, while soft, broken pieces of glass and china had been stuck on. Pine cones bordered the whole, with here and there sweet-gum burrs and twigs. There was no fire, of course; but in the

place was a box of the most beautiful ferns, growing as if out of doors. On the mantel, sure enough, was a lamb-quin made of an old grass sack, fringed, and drawn work done in red worsted thread, caught up with red tassels, a clock and some little home-made cases holding photos, sat there.

"Tacked against the wall were pictures cut from magazines, placed in such a pretty fashion—three in a row—some tied with bunches of pretty grass and wheat heads at their corners, while others were framed in pine cones and sweet-gum burrs; also some in pretty frames of cane.

"Everywhere was the sign of a dainty woman's touch.

"While Mrs. Whitney was attending the wants of her little ones, I approached one of the windows and took the curtain in my hand to ascertain what it could be to have given Mrs. Pointer so much ground for complaint. Mrs. Whitney saw my act, and sadly smiled.

"These curtains are remnants of my girlhood home," she said. "They once graced my body as a 'party dress'—tears filling her eyes. I also wore the dress the night Mr. Whitney would have me go away with him. Father never forgave me that act." A sob broke the stillness, and oh! how sorry I felt for her. She continued:

"But I know 'tis all right, or will be, because I am so happy in my present life."

"I talked to her of religion, and found her a devout follower of our dear Master.

"Soon afterward, as her husband entered the room, she excused herself, and I could catch now and then a 'whiff of something cooking,' which made me a poor talker, I am afraid.

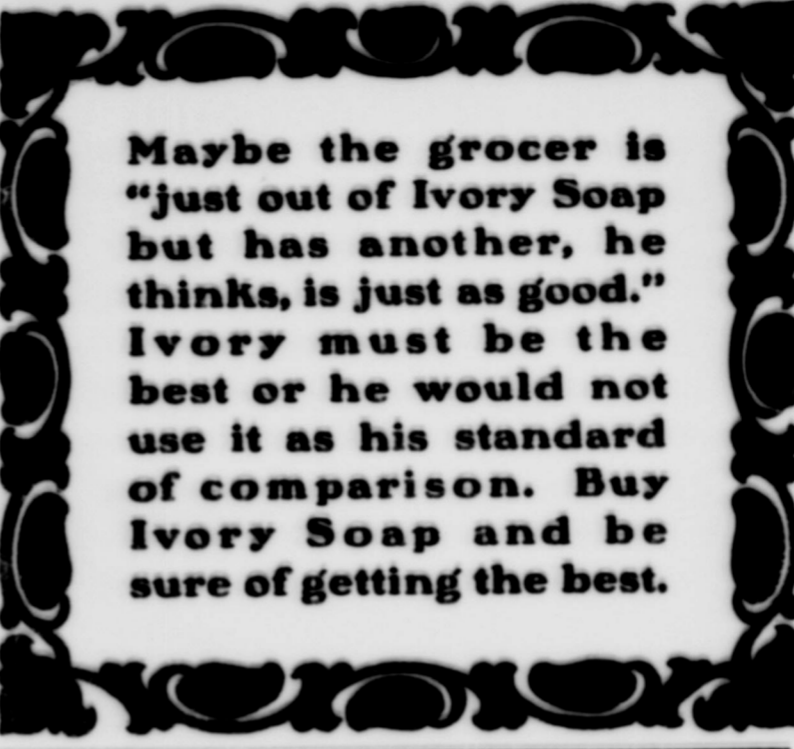
"I noticed how gentle and kind the young father was to his children; listened to the eulogy of his wife, and thought, 'a perfect home—heaven's prototype.'

"Soon Mrs. Whitney came to the door and announced supper. I needed no second bidding! We were soon installed in the 'dining-room,' which was about twelve by fourteen feet, with a table in the center, and chairs with white-oak-split bottoms. A cabinet on the wall, made of three boxes, set diagonally, stained a dark brown. Suspended from hooks on the inside were little china cups and pitchers, while standing against the wall of it were the saucers and plates. A tall, rough jar, filled with dark-red poppies and cut-tails, adorned the top. A window at the end of the room was furnished with a seat, and vines from hanging baskets and bright geraniums in pots, afforded a charming decoration. There was no canary in a gilded cage hanging in the window, but a sweet-throated mocking-bird sang in the vines outside. Pictures from magazines adorned these walls also. A gun was suspended over the fire-place, with powder horns hanging close by. The fire-place in this room was filled in with a 'sweet potato vine,' completely covering it, while a few straggling shoots crept up the wall.

"For supper, we had boiled ham, mashed potatoes, sliced tomatoes, stuffed peppers, baked apples with cream, and the sweetest of butter and milk, cool from the spring-house.

"I thought, as I ate the wholesome meal, of how different was my supper of the previous day, and that the Pointers had the same show the Whitney had. 'Ah!' I thought, 'the little woman in the case is what wrought the change.'

"As soon as Mrs. Whitney had cleared her dining-room, I asked her 'to show me her home—every room—and would



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she object to my taking views of them for my wife's benefit." She smilingly said "She would be only too glad if I cared to see home-made furniture," adding quickly "that it was nice and comfortable, and they were glad they had so much of nature to work with."

"Her kitchen was large and airy, having four good-sized windows, a bright cooking-stove, rows of tins that fairly shone, white-topped tables, a little rocking chair by one of the windows, and close at hand a shelf with books; a pantry, lined with shelves, and of all the preserves I ever saw, the nicest was there; buckets of apple and peach butter, glasses of jelly and jam, churns of sweet pickle, kegs of pickle and kront, and sacks of dried fruit and vegetables, such as corn and pumpkin.

"On the roof of the kitchen were spread apples, pears and peaches to dry. Everywhere one could see signs of industry and thrift.

"I kept wondering why the Pointers did not do likewise.

"The hall floor was adorned in such a manner as to call forth my most ardent admiration. With the aid of a yard-stick and an oval-shaped dish, a carpet had been painted. First the stripes were laid, and even stripes were painted on the floor, about a foot apart, some red, others blue. Between the stripes the oval-shaped dish was laid, a ring outlined, and so on the entire length of the floor, making a chain of red and blue rings. The effect was like a bright linoleum.

"The bed-room of my kind host and hostess was arranged in the most simple style. An old spool bedstead had been stained over, and on it was a cheap spread, but white as snow. There were big pillows, with dancing brownies outlined in red floss and trimmed with crocheted lace. A rag carpet, home-made chairs, a case of books by the best authors, completed the furnishing of this room.

"The little ones having been tucked in bed, the father, mother and I held sweet communion on the front porch until a late hour. I found that the refinement of the wife had infused itself into the once uncouth husband and had given a polish that nothing else could have effected.

"I was shown my room, and was very glad, as I smelt afar the prospects of a good night's rest. The room was about fifteen feet square, with 'glass windows' also. A rag carpet was on this floor, too, with plaited and crocheted rag rugs. The dresser I could see was formerly a goods box, with frills of calico around it and shelves on the inside. A small looking-glass hung above it, with goods like frills draped around it, tied back to the box on each side with faded blue ribbon. The washstand was a little affair made of willow sticks. A shelf was underneath, covered with white oilcloth. A hole was in the top. Inserted therein was a bright tin basin. On the shelf was a saucer with soap, a clean towel hung from a hook on the wall, and a tin bucket held fresh, sweet water.

"These walls were adorned as the others. A little picture in oil caught my eye. It was a large white mansion of true Southern architecture, with fluted porch columns reaching from the ground to the second story. Large oak trees and a beautiful lawn enhanced the grounds; an old man was seen leaning on a walking stick and smoking a long-stemmed pipe. Underneath was the one word, 'Home,' traced in vain for my bed. Just then I heard a gentle tap on my door, and Mrs. Whitney came in, apologizing, saying little Grace had needed her attention, so she had not prepared my bed. She went

up to a curtain in the corner of the room and 'drew down a bed,' which consisted of a frame with crossed-ropes slats, to which was fastened a mattress made of carded cotton. The frame was screwed on the wall about a foot from the floor, on hinges; little legs were fastened on, so when let down you had the most modern folding-bed. Between sweet, white sheets and a 'double tulip' quilt, I slept as soundly as a child.

"About midnight I was aroused by voices in the adjoining room. I sat up and listened, thinking possibly some one was sick. I heard a low, passionate voice, and recognized it as Mrs. Whitney's; then a sob, I waited no longer, but hastily dressed. As I gently opened the door a scene confronted me I shall never forget. On a chair, close by the open door, sat an old silver-haired gentleman, with one hand resting on his cane, the other fondly stroking the bowed head of Mrs. Whitney. As I looked, the old man said in a tremulous voice:

"It all came about through a sermon I heard in Apple Grove. The preacher's text was 'The Prodigal Son.' But, Susie dear, I have turned it around, and I am the prodigal. I arose and searched out my child, to ask her forgiveness, and yours, too, my son," as he stretched out his trembling hand to Mr. Whitney.

"I said 'Amen' before I hardly thought. The old gentleman turned and confronted me.

"Why, 'tis he, Susie—the very one I heard preach in Apple Grove."

"The next morning, after a breakfast of fried chicken, milk gravy, biscuit, butter, fruit and coffee, I took my departure, first kneeling in prayer and asking God to keep the little family always near him, and shower abundant blessings on them and the dear old father, who had become as a little child in his meekness, and seemed so happy that now he was reunited to his child.

"I thought, as I rode along the road, of a sweet poem I once read that suited this family so well:

"Lord, in thy abounding grace, Give to me one little place Where earth's beauties I may see, With no man to envy me! Let the dear wife of my heart Share with me the greater part Of my hours, and grant that we, Free of care, may worship Thee."

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SOME QUESTIONS By Rev. J. W. ROWLETT

I have just read Rev. R. C. Hicks on "Some Causes of Modern Scepticism." and it has put me to thinking, and made me want to ask some questions. He cited as the most potent cause what he calls "the attempted amalgamation of revealed truth and human philosophy."

Being a preacher, it is my duty to teach the Scriptures, to emphasize the truths taught in the Bible. In order to do this it becomes necessary for me to interpret them—either to do it myself or to accept some other person's interpretation.

1. Do all parts of the Bible have the same value? If not, how can one tell which part has the greater value, and which part is the most important?

2. How can one know with a reasonable degree of certainty that he has a true interpretation of Scripture? What are the tests? This question presses for an answer, in view of the fact that religious teachers have often thought that a certain passage of Scripture meant a certain thing and have afterwards found out that such a meaning was a false interpretation.

3. How much and what teaching of science is true? Just that alone which happens to be in harmony with my understanding of the Bible and my theological beliefs? How are we to know that certain teaching of science is false? Is some one's interpretation of Scripture or some one's theological belief to be set up as the standard by which all the truth of science is to be tested?

Something is said about "an imperfect knowledge of science becoming mixed up with a perfect Revelation." It is usually a person with "an imperfect knowledge of science" and with an erroneous interpretation of Scripture and a false theological belief who fancies that he sees a conflict between the truth of science and the truth of religion.

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cause it contradicted their interpretation of the first chapter of Genesis. But it was true, and they had to modify their interpretation of that passage in the Bible.

It is a matter of great surprise to me to find a minister who has not yet accepted as true the universally recognized facts as taught by the science of geology. The writer of Genesis meant by "day," as used in the account of creation, either a period of twenty-four hours or a much longer period—a creative day. Which did he mean? Suppose that one says that he meant a solar day; then either the teaching of science is untrue, or the writer of this account of creation made a mistake.

People have had a theory about how God created the material world. It has been thought that at a certain time God created this world, bringing it to perfection in a short period of time. He has been thought of as a great Architect or Builder, and as making the world somewhat like a carpenter builds a house. "The process by which the world was created was analogous to manufacture, as being the work of an intelligent artist operating upon unintelligent materials objectively existing."

Within the last fifty years some scientific scholars think that they have discovered the process by which God made the earth and the forms of life on it. Straightway some religious teachers with "an imperfect knowledge of science" tell us that this discovery can not be true because it contradicts their interpretation of the Scriptures and their theological beliefs.

Our brother makes a surprising statement when he tells us that "it can not be proved that we of our day are one step ahead of the ancient Egyptians in scientific knowledge."

When a religious teacher undertakes to show that the teaching of science is false, he ought to make it very clear what teaching it is to which he refers, because some of this teaching is true. Then he ought to be sure that he has a true understanding of the teaching of science that he attempts to refute.

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knowledge of the subject. I quote the following from an authority on the matter: "Now what does this mean? I should be ashamed to presume that I needed to explain this point, did not I constantly see references to it in the great newspapers and hear it on every side in conversation. The popular opinion seems to be that Darwinism, or evolution, teaches that man has been developed from the ape; and this is the material for all the witty paragraphs which have enlivened the newspapers for the last forty years. Darwinism teaches nothing of the sort."

Then the teacher of religion who undertakes to refute some teaching of science, in order to make his contention good and strong, must be able to give some better reason than the fact that the teaching does not agree with his theology or his interpretation of Scripture. That cry has been raised so often against the teaching of science that it has lost its force. Since the doctrine of evolution is coming to be almost universally recognized as true by the most scholarly men of the age, if it be not true, it is just about time for some teacher in Israel to demonstrate the fact. Who will undertake the task? If it be found to be true, we will be compelled in the course of time to modify some of our views of Scripture and some of our theological beliefs. If it be found to be true, it will produce the greatest revolution in theological thought the world has ever known.

GIVE YOUR MIND TO IT.

People are often counseled to give their whole mind to their business. They can not expect to succeed, it is said, if their wits are wool-gathering and they fail to employ all their powers. Certainly that is wholesome counsel, but it applies equally well to pleasure as to business. One reason why some people never enjoy much is that they never really give their minds to it. At a dinner party or an evening company, where they should enter into the spirit of the occasion, they drag along in their minds some business or domestic problem, and they are staid to themselves and to others. If they are out for a drive, instead of giving themselves up to the management of the horse, the delights of the country, and the satisfaction of pleasant conversation with a companion, they are sullen or abstracted, dwelling over some problem, which, for the time, they should put aside. If we do not mistake, one reason for wrinkles and cross-eyes in that women, especially married women, with household cares, so seldom make a business of having a good time. The moments and hours that were designed for the refreshment, that comes far more from happiness than from rest, are clouded with cares that ought to be strictly confined to their own department. Happy men and women, like good ships, are constructed on the principle of water-tight compartments.—Exchange.

HAVE YOU READ IT.

It is told of Franklin that at one time, in Paris, he was greatly ridiculed for his love of the Bible, and that he made up his mind to find out how many of the scoffers had read it. He informed one of the learned societies, of which he was a member, that he had come across a story of pastoral life in ancient times that appeared to him very beautiful, but he would like the judgment of the society upon it. On the evening appointed, Franklin



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had a reader of finely modulated voice to read to them the book of Ruth. They were in ecstasies over it, and one after another rose to express gratification and admiration and the desire that the manuscript should be printed. "It is printed," said Franklin, "and is a part of the Bible, Ram's Horn."

Some sermons written in the pulpit because they have not been watered with prayer in the study.

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Table listing district conferences: Dallas, Cedar Hill, Fort Worth, Cleburne, Sherman, Whitesboro, etc.

Rev. Sam R. Hay, pastor of Shearn Church, Houston, has begun his annual canvass for the Advocate. The first list contains eight new subscribers. He never fails to get them no matter what charge he serves.

THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD.

"The Evangelization of the World in This Generation" is a booklet of seventy-five pages, prepared on Mr. Mott's book on that subject and issued by our House as an aid to the Missionary Reading Circle. It is made up of live and fresh matter, calculated to stimulate wonderful interest in the great movement to send the gospel to all mankind. It ought to have a wide circulation. There are still a goodly number of copies of this pamphlet, and if Reading Circles or others who are studying Mr. Mott's truly wonderful book will send to Rev. P. L. Cobb, at Nashville, he will furnish it free of charge to them.

Rev. Jno. E. Roach, of Campbell, sent two new subscribers and four renewals. He writes: "This is the result of my Advocate talk Sunday morning. Had a small congregation. Will send a similar list next week."

Daily drudgery may be the door to divine delights.—Ram's Horn.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

No man has a monopoly of truth. All truth has its origin in God. No two truths ever come into conflict.

Truths in the physical world are apprehended through sense-perception.

Truths in the spiritual world are perceived through the medium of faith.

Knowledge obtained through sense-perception is necessarily imperfect and incomplete.

Knowledge acquired of God through faith and witnessed by the Holy Ghost is perfect knowledge.

"The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God," and this is sufficient.

"Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God."

JUDGE WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON.

Judge W. L. Davidson, Chief Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals in Texas, spent some time the other day in this office. His court holds its sessions in Dallas, Austin and Tyler, sitting four months during the year in each of these cities. At present it is in session in Dallas, and the Judge is spending the most of his time now in this city. His home is in Georgetown, where he has resided for several years. He is the son of a Methodist minister, and he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern University. He takes great interest in that institution, and is its legal adviser. Judge Davidson has been a member of the Court of Criminal Appeals for eleven years, and such is his knowledge of the criminal statutes of the State that he is regarded as authority in legislation of that character. The members of the bar throughout the Commonwealth hold him in high esteem as a learned and competent jurist, and such is his honesty and sense of justice that he hews to the line, regardless of where the chips may fall. Personally he is a very companionable man and a favorite in any social circle that claims him as a member. Our preachers all know and appreciate him, and the very fact that he is an honorable son of one of our ministers is sufficient to give to us a common interest in his prosperity and welfare. The other two members of this high court are Judges Henderson and Brooks, both men of exceptionally fine characters, and the State is to be congratulated upon having three such men to occupy this responsible and lofty position. When good men, well qualified and strong in character, occupy the bench, it is a guarantee that our laws will be justly and wisely administered.

PROF. R. B. COUSINS.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Prof. R. B. Cousins last week. His home is Mexia, where he has been in charge of the public schools for a number of years. He had business in this city recently, and, like all good Methodists, he made it convenient to hunt up the Advocate office, and spent some time with us. He is a man of splendid education and thoroughly equipped for the duties of his responsible position. He has not only had large experience in public school work, but he has also conducted many summer normals with fine success and to the satisfaction of the teachers who were privileged to attend upon his instructions. He is a practical educator and very familiar with the best methods of school work. Prof. Cousins

is deservedly popular among all who know him, and his neighbors and patrons hold him in high esteem. He is an official member of our Church in Mexia, and stands by all her institutions with fidelity and efficiency. When such men as he have charge of the instruction of our children there is nothing to fear, for his moral influence over them is of the highest character. Texas is fortunate in that she has so many fine Christian men in charge of her public school work. We are always glad to meet them in our office and to form their acquaintance.

I have always made it a rule to make mention of the Advocate from the pulpit and more especially when preaching on the subject of Christian education, and then continue to push its claims in my pastoral visits; by doing this every preacher can sow down his work with the Advocate.

GEO. W. KINCHELOE, P. C., Red Oak Circuit.

A SUNDAY IN PALMER.

Palmer is a quiet little town of eight hundred people, situated twenty-six miles from this city on the Houston and Texas Central Road. The country tributary to it is black land and very productive. Cotton, wheat and corn grow finely. From these the town has a good business income. There are three good church buildings, and one of the best of them is our own. It is a new structure, modernly built, commodious, convenient and handsomely furnished. The pews are curved antique oak and highly polished. It was dedicated last November. It is an up-to-date and beautiful little structure. It will seat between three and four hundred people. Rev. W. H. Terry is the pastor, and is serving his second term. Under his wise management his good people erected this creditable building. He has three other appointments in connection with this one, giving one Sunday in the month to each. But it would not surprise me if at an early day Palmer is not made at least a half station. Bro. Terry is popular with his people, and is evidently leading them wisely. He has organized and is conducting a good Sunday-school of our own, and the other departments of Church work are carried on. Upon the adjoining lot he has a comfortable cottage parsonage, and his people have made good provision for his support. He and his good wife and six little boys constitute an interesting and a well-ordered household. I enjoyed my short stay with them.

At 11 o'clock the house was crowded with interested worshipers, and they gave good heed to the ministration of the Word. It was a pleasure to preach to them. At the close of the sermon we had a most delightful communion service, and the communicants were numerous. Many were there from the country near by.

I had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of Bro. and Sister Hancock—of course they were old Tennesseans. In fact, Ellis County is full of them, and they make a good citizenship.

Palmer is a prosperous community, and they live in peace and fellowship. The people look like they are well-to-do and moral. It was a real pleasure to meet them and spend a season in their company. The Waxahachie District Conference will meet there in July, and we hope to be with them again at the time. They are looking forward to the coming General Conference with interest, and many of them will attend its sessions. G. C. R.

Rev. P. G. Huffman, of West Paris, out of a small membership sends five new subscribers and promises more.

Rev. M. R. T. Davis, of Pilot Grove, sends a new subscriber and adds: "This subscriber caught by presenting at Sunday service."

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We had a pleasant visit the past week from Rev. J. G. Forester, of Crandall.

Rev. J. D. Major, of Farmers Branch, was in the city the other day, and did not forget the Advocate.

We had a pleasant visit from Rev. J. J. Morgan, of Garland, this week. He is very much encouraged with the progress of his work thus far.

Rev. S. P. Ulrich, of Cochran and Caruth, called to see us this week and left the name of a new subscriber. He has a pleasant charge and he is one of our safe and successful young men.

Rev. J. Marvin Nichols preached a strong, earnest sermon at First Methodist Church Sunday night. Rev. J. L. Pierce was not able to work last Sunday on account of a severe tussle with la grippe.

Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, of Plano, called this week to see us. He is always a welcome visitor. With him was his kinsman, Dr. C. R. Yoe, of Jefferson City, Tenn. He is out here looking over our great country.

We learn from a private note that Rev. R. J. Birdwell, of Coleman, is moving on successfully at that excellent charge. They have given him a raise in salary, and this is a good sign. He had seven additions to the membership of the Church last Sunday.

Rev. I. W. Clark preached at First Church last Sunday morning to a very large and appreciative congregation. We hear his sermon spoken of in highest terms. He preached at night to as many people as could get into Trinity Church. Bro. Clark is a favorite among Methodists in these parts.

Rev. Jno. H. H. Reynolds, of Sherman, was called to Garland last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Thomas Jackson, and on his return spent several days in the city. We had the pleasure of his company under our roof one night. He will return to the city shortly and aid Bro. Edwards in a meeting at Haskell Avenue. His health is good and his spirits exuberant.

Rev. E. V. Cox, of Breckenridge, has charge of a column in the Weekly Democrat of that town, in which he publishes religious and Church reading. In the last issue of that paper he reproduced our editorial on "Denominational Loyalty," and gave it to all of the people of Stephens County. We appreciate the compliment, and hope that good will follow its reading by the people.

We appreciate a brotherly letter from Rev. W. B. McKeown, of Stratford. He is away out on the picket line of Texas Methodism, and has a difficult field and an immense one to cultivate. We trust that his health will continue equal to the emergency of his labors. He speaks of the help that the Advocate gives, and of especial comfort gotten out of the editorial, "Have Faith in God." This is encouraging to us.

We had a most delightful visit the past week from Rev. Walter R. Lambuth, D. D., one of our Missionary Secretaries. He was on his return from a visit to Mexico, where he had attended the conference down there and inspected the mission work now in progress in the Republic. He expressed himself as wonderfully pleased with the outlook, and he has high hopes of the success of our operations in that promising and fruitful field.

Rev. George M. Boyd, son of Rev. G. F. Boyd, of the North Texas Conference, has gone to the New Mexico Conference to take charge of the Nogal Circuit. This noble young Brother is well educated and for some time has been teaching very successfully at Ector, and in connection with his school work, he has also been doing some very effective preaching. Recently at Ector he took part in a very fine meeting in which a large number of young people were converted. He is splendidly equipped and is a first-class man to enter our western work.

CHURCH NEWS.

Dr. E. E. Hoss will preach the commencement sermon at Emory College, Oxford, Ga., at the approaching close of the present session.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, Cal., has one of the largest Sabbath-schools in Methodism. It numbers 1249.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Longking, the "patriarch of New York Methodism," who died January 9, aged 95 years, 4 months and 6 days, was for over fifty years identified with the Methodist Book Concern.

We noticed in a recent issue of the Nashville Banner a fine cut of the proposed new Methodist Publishing House. If the approaching General Conference will approve this enterprise it will become a reality in the near future.

We notice with pleasure that Dr. Berry, of the Epworth Herald, is back at his post, after a long absence on account of serious sickness. He is a versatile writer, and has the young people of his Church well in hand.

Bishop Granbery has held the Mexican Conference and returned to his home in Virginia, in his usual health. He gave great satisfaction to our Mexican brethren, and his preaching is said to have been in the demonstration and power of the Spirit.

Bishop Charles B. Galloway will preach the commencement sermon at the closing exercises of the State University at Austin next June. This is a splendid selection, and the sermon will be pitched to a high key. Bishop Galloway is one of the most popular preachers in American Methodism.

Rev. George Carter Needham, the noted evangelist, died suddenly of neuralgia of the heart, on last Sunday at his home at Narberth, a suburb of New York. He returned last week from a three weeks' evangelistic campaign through Tennessee, and expected shortly to go to Chicago to hold revival services.

Bishop H. C. Morrison has concluded to make Birmingham, Ala., his permanent residence. Having returned to Louisville soon after his elevation to the Episcopacy, he has found that climate too rigorous for his health, and so he seeks a milder atmosphere. We congratulate our Alabama brethren upon his accession to their State Methodism.

In a letter to Rev. A. S. Whitehurst, of the East Texas Conference, J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, at Nashville, says: "Your conference has paid \$346.03 on foreign missions in excess of assessment. The South Georgia Conference is only one in the connection that is ahead of you in its excess of collections for this great cause."

Prof. William G. Williams, for fifty-seven years professor of ancient languages in the Ohio Wesleyan University, died recently at an advanced age. Dr. Hoss was a pupil under him in the early seventies, and he was selected by the venerable teacher as one to take part in his funeral services. The Doctor was present and added his mood of just praise to the worth of the great man.

The Michigan Herald is much disturbed over the fact that Southern people object to the presentation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in the form of a drama upon the stage. He puts it down to a lingering prejudice characteristic of the "slave-holder." The contemptible book was never anything but a distorted caricature of slavery and a gross reflection upon the South. A half century ago it was an outrage upon Southern people, and why should we want the old libel on our fathers and mothers reproduced in these times of peace and good-will? No, sir; we will not have it in these parts.

San Antonio Express: Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, is in Monterey, Mexico, after attending the conference at Saltillo. He thinks that the Methodist Mission Hospital to be established in the Republic by his Church will be located in this city. At a meeting of leading physicians and merchants, American and Mexican, held this afternoon, the citizens agreed to furnish the location, which is all that is asked of this city. The building will cost \$50,000. Rev. J. R. Mood, who has been presiding elder of the Methodist Church here, but who was transferred to San Antonio by the Bishop, will leave in a few days to take charge of his new district. Rev. G. B. Winton, whom he will relieve at

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ARCH NEWS.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

W. R. HUGHES, (Better Known as BILL HUGHES) Is a Candidate for TAX ASSESSOR OF DALLAS COUNTY Subject to the Democratic Primary Election March 15, 1902.

R. B. OLIVER, Candidate for JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT NO. 1, DALLAS COUNTY. Subject to the Democratic Primary Election March 15, 1902.

San Antonio, is expected here next week. Rev. W. D. King, who was made presiding elder of this district, will continue to make Monterey his home.

Rev. E. D. Moutzon writes from Kansas City, under date of February 18, as follows: "I was at church Sunday for the first time in five weeks. I am just beginning to venture out after a severe attack of pneumonia. I am among some of the kindest people that ever lived. They have given me and mine every attention and made us feel as if we were among life-long friends. I have much work to do and many difficulties to meet, but I have also a magnificent opportunity. But nearly thirteen years in Texas made a thorough Texan of me, and I don't think I will ever get over it."

We note the following items in the report of the Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church at their recent meeting in Cincinnati: The Methodist Book Committee adopted the report on salaries, allowing the widow of Bishop Wiley \$800 and the widow of Bishop Haven \$500. Bishop Bowman, retired, gets \$1500, and Bishop Foster, retired, \$2375. Bishop Andrews gets \$5000, because of his residence in New York. Bishops Jerrill, Warren, Foss, Hurst, Walden, Mallalieu, Fowler, Vincent, Fitzgerald, Joyce, Goodsell, McCabe, Cranston, Moore and Hamilton get \$4750 each. The Publishing Agents, Homer Eaton and George P. Matins, New York; H. C. Jennings, Cincinnati, and S. H. Pye, Chicago, get \$4750 each, also Editors W. V. Kelley, the Methodist Review, J. M. Buckley, the New York Advocate, and T. B. Noely, editor of Sunday-school publications. Editors D. D. Thompson, Levi Gilbert, A. J. Nast, C. B. Spence and F. Munz, \$4000 each, and I. B. Scott and A. N. Fisher \$1700 each. I. G. Penn, Assistant Secretary of the Epworth League, was allowed a salary of \$1700. A dividend of \$50,000 was declared out of the net profits of the Publishing Houses, to be distributed among the Annual Confer-

MEXICAN BORDER CONFERENCE.

The seventeenth session of the Mexican Border Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, on February 12, 1902, under the presidency of Bishop J. C. Granbery.

The sessions of the conference were marked by the greatest harmony and brotherly love. Our work in Mexico is looking upward, for which we all rejoice. Bros. N. E. Joiner and G. B. Winton came in with the Bishop and Dr. W. R. Lambuth from the recent session of the Central Mexico Conference, held in the City of Mexico. They report great progress in the work there. On Sunday, Bishop Granbery preached with great power to the edification of all present.

Monday the Bishop, Dr. Lambuth and other brethren came on to Monterey, inspecting the hospital and school under the care of Bro. B. G. Marsh. Tuesday night, Dr. Lambuth, the writer and other brethren met a number of citizens of this city to consider the question of building a hospital of our own, and were agreeably surprised when one man donated us a whole block of land, most excellently situated and valued at the sum of \$10,000. In this we see the hand of the Lord, and feel greatly encouraged to press forward in the work. We earnestly desire the prayers of the brethren in Texas for our success in this great work.

Below find the appointments as read out by the Bishop:

- San Antonio District. J. R. Mood, P. E. San Antonio—Ygnacio Escalante. Austin—G. A. Valasquez. San Marcos and Luling—P. G. Valasquez. Pecos—Felix Tavarez. Toby—Santiago Taffola. Bandera—T. P. Rodriguez. Corpus Christi and San Diego—Pedro Grado. Pearsall—R. G. Tarnas. Del Rio—Eulalio Chavez. Porfrio Diaz—A. R. Cardines. Allende—L. F. Castro.

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Monterey District.

- W. D. King, P. E. Monterey, American Congregation and Director of Seminary—G. R. Winton. Mexican Congregation—Julian Castro. Mission and Assistant Director in Seminary—J. J. Mercado. Instituto Laurens—B. G. Marsh. Hospital Monterey—U. H. Nixon, M. D. Saltillo—B. Soto. Laredo and Nuevo Laredo—Santiago G. Paz. Lampasas—M. D. San Miguel. Teran Circuit—A. Rodriguez, supply. Monclova—A. San Miguel. Mier—M. Trevino. Rio Grande and Camago—Santos Roma. Ranoza y Hidalgo—T. N. Galvan. Trevino and Cerralvo—Luis Gomez. Student in Monterey Seminary—Jose Maria Vasquez.

Delegate to General Conference (clerical)—G. B. Winton. Alternate—J. R. Mood. U. H. NIXON, M. D. Monterey, Mexico.

WEATHERFORD NOTES.

At First M. E. Church, South, Weatherford, the work of the Lord goes forward. The ladies of the Home Mission Society, on our coming, put into the parsonage some greatly needed furniture. The quality of the splendid furniture purchased shows the quality and taste of the excellent women of this society. This society is hard at work to raise money—and they are well on the way to put a new Brussels carpet in the church. They are a faithful band, ever ready with heart and hand to do any work the pastor may ask them to do. With Mrs. I. W. Stephens as President, assisted by her faithful co-laborers, this society knows no difficulty too hard to overcome.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has taken a step forward. They have decided to support a Bible woman and are in correspondence with the authorities to that end. The hearts of these women are burning with desire to help on the great work of missions. They are in perfect sympathy with the motto, "Go forward!" The evening they decided to do this work the little room in which they met was filled with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and the hearts of these true and tried women praised the Lord. Sister Willis, the President, and her band of holy women are full of faith and the Holy Ghost and delight to do service for the Master. Last Sunday was a great day with the League. It was Missionary Day. The leader was Dr. C. E. Frazier. After two good papers on the topic, one by Miss Mahal Wray and the other by E. D. Rugg, the Doctor read a most excellent paper on "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation." The program was greatly helped by a vocal solo by Miss Nona Akard and Miss Fay Wadsworth. The pastor then made a few remarks on the topic of the day, at the close of which Dr. Frazier moved that the League pay one hundred dollars to missions this year, which was quickly seconded and unanimously carried. God bless the League.

The League has been moving up from the time we came. They have sent in a list of twenty names for the Era, ordered four sets of the Reading Course, are holding a cottage prayer-meeting every week, and from this on will hold services Sunday afternoon at the jail and occasionally at the poor farm. We have one of the best Leagues in the State. You will not be surprised when I tell you that the League is growing in numbers. A plant with such life can't help but grow. Come up, Mr. Editor, and look in upon the finest body of young men and women that assemble in League service on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock that is to be seen in the connection, and if you will promise to do your best I will let you talk to them.

The Sunday-school is doing splendidly under the direction of Judge D. M. Alexander and his faithful officers and teachers. The only thing lacking to make this the best Sunday-school in the State is the room to handle it. The congregations are large and attentive. The pastor is doing his best. The Lord give us a great year. Mr. Editor, I do not want to appear to boast, but when you come up to fill your engagement with me, according to promise, I believe you will say that you have not heard a choir in Texas that can excel mine in singing. God bless the Advocate, its editor, publisher and all who labor on and for it. Let us extend the circle and say, God bless everybody. G. S. WYATT.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Programs for this occasion have gone to every presiding elder, preacher in charge and Sunday-school superintendent in the conference by this time, also a large supply for teachers and other active workers. That the Sunday-school is one of the most important factors of the Church no one will have the hardhood to deny now. This fact granted, the appeal becomes very strong to every one charged with any part of the leadership in our great Church in this conference to make a special effort to make the institute all Sherman a great occasion. We are all convinced of the fact that the Sunday-school is to an important degree basal in our economy, but we are sadly conscious of the lack of proper training for this great work. The institute is designed to start this course of training, and will accomplish its design if given an opportunity. We can give it an opportunity by literally overwhelming Sherman with Sunday-school workers. Then let every presiding elder, preacher in charge and Sunday-school superintendent in the conference rise up and say we will out the delegation there. Let every member of the Sunday-school Board, both clerical and lay, feel under special obligation to bestir himself for the success of the institute. J. A. WYATT, Pres.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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more joy to my heart than the pleasure and gratitude which beamed out from the faces of the children. We are expecting a glorious year. I am just out here from Virginia and pretty green—a perfect tenderfoot—but am looking to God implicitly and expect great things. I visited Nath Thompson a few days ago. Nath is making things move on his work. He is building a parsonage at present, and when it is finished it will be "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." Wherever Nath is the work prospers. We need such consecrated, energetic men as he is throughout the whole connection. May God raise up more like him.

Carrizo Springs.

H. R. Walston: As a beginner in the Methodist ministry, though not without experience in the communion to which our great Wesleys belonged, I am having an encouraging time here. The good folks, especially those of American birth, are kindness and consideration personified. Our members turn out for services regularly—a gratifying feature which might well be copied elsewhere. Episcopalian, Presbyterian and others come to church, as they are not strong enough to have organizations of their own, but are desirous of having the good news of salvation preached to them. Our Baptist brethren also give us their friendly assistance when they have no preaching. Bro. and Sister Rector continue their good services, the former as local preacher and the latter as honorary organist. Efforts are being made to renovate the church, toward which a nice sum of money has been raised by means of a social entertainment. Notable scenes in the life of George Washington were depicted, and some excellent lessons from the life of that great man inculcated. We are endeavoring to extend the cause of God at Loma Vista and Salt Creek. Our father in God (Rev. Buck Harris, P. E.) is going to stir us up at Batesville.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rockdale.

I. M. Bryce, Feb. 21: I am starting off hopefully. We are in the midst of elaborate inside church improvement. We will spend about \$1500 fixing up our church. When done we will have a most comfortable and inviting house. The pews and pulpit furniture are being made by the Grand Rapids Company in Michigan. They will be handsome. The money for this improvement is provided. People who have never given before are liberal contributors. One lady presented the church with the pulpit and chairs, which amounted to \$110. We are receiving members at regular services. Have had as many as one hundred and fifty at prayer-meeting. How is that?

Richmond.

Clyde B. Garrett, Feb. 18: We have now spent two months in this little city. They have been pleasant months, full of labor. We find here a Church strong in many respects. It provides for its pastor. It counts among its members many strong families of the town. Some who worship at its altars are in very truth the salt of the earth. And no Methodist Church has a larger responsibility. It has almost a whole county looking to it, that can be impressed, moved, swayed toward God by its work. Not only in town, but out beyond into the adjacent country and villages, may this power extend if only

we will put forth the effort. The town is characterized by a fine vein of courtesy, which is extended to the minister as well as others. He receives many marks and tokens of respect and goodwill from those in and out of the flock. These are duly appreciated by us, and were, I am sure, by our predecessors. There has come to me some hint that the work of Christ was hindered by social exclusiveness, but of this I am not sure. Flood and storm both levied on this fair land. They left prints of their ravages over all the place. But man is fast restoring his image where it was effaced by the violence of nature. Our church was damaged, but not blown down. It was soon repaired. The Baptists yet have a pile of broken lumber. We hope they will rally soon. The Mission Institute of the Houston District was with us this year. It was a blessing, and has left in our hearts a new glow. Our Missionary Secretary magnified his office by two splendid sermons and a cheering report from his visit to the German work. Ward's preaching was soul-stirring. I think we would have said to them, "Come next year," but it might have seemed selfish. Our Church will be represented in the General Conference. It is a rare honor that has fallen on a thoroughly deserving man. We face a future labor-laden, full of privilege. Much work, but we trust strong hands and stout hearts will be equal to the occasion. The first mighty need is a reconsecration and fresh Spirit-baptism for spiritual power. After that the work of adorning God's sanctuary will occupy us. The pounding came to the parsonage ahead of the pastor and had to wait for him. Anyhow, it was only the first issue or edition of the series which has continued to this day.

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A STRONG ARRAIGNMENT.

I do not remember when I have seen a stronger arraignment of the saloon and its attendant evils than the article which appeared in the Advocate of the 20th by Rev. C. W. Meyers. Under the caption of "The Saloon and Lawlessness," he brings his facts and figures in such array as to constitute one of the strongest indictments against this giant evil that I have ever seen. Let the preachers and other temperance people read it closely. It will strengthen them in the faith. Let those read it who believe that there is any good whatever in the whisky traffic or that there is one sensible reason for the existence of the saloon, and it will convince them of the "error of their way" of thinking, if they can be convinced by facts. It is a strong document, and ought to do good.

W. J. MOORE.

Dallas, Texas.

IMPORTANT.

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WORK SUPPLIED.

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FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 10, MARCH 9.

THE DISCIPLES SCATTERED. Acts 8:1-17.

Golden Text: "Therefore, they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word."—Acts 8:4.

Time: 25-37 A. D. Place: Samaria.

Dr. Torrey, in his little volume, "The Gist of the Lesson," says:

Exposition.—I. Persecuted but Persistently Preaching, 2, 4. Saul was merciless in his hatred of Jesus. He dragged women as well as men to prison. But he only forwarded the cause he sought to destroy. "They that were scattered abroad, went everywhere preaching the Word." If ever Christians had a sufficient excuse for keeping still about Christ, it was these men. This verse contains the divine plan for the evangelization of the world. Note first what they did—they preached literally, "brought good news." Note second what they preached—"the Word," not speculations or even experiences. Note third who preached—that were scattered abroad—i. e., the rank and file of the Church, the ordinary members; for the apostles remained at Jerusalem (comp. v. 1 and ch. 11:19-21). Every one who has found Christ should be a preacher of Christ. It is not meant that these men delivered elaborate discourses; they just talked the truth as they went. (See 11:19, R. V.) Note fourth where they preached—"everywhere" (the word is omitted in the R. V., but it is implied, and still more strongly in the Greek).

II. The Revival in Samaria, 5-8. The first deacon of the Christian Church has become the first Christian martyr, the second deacon became the first foreign missionary. Philip, recalling the words of Jesus, that they were to witness not only in Jerusalem and all Judea, but also in Samaria, went down to that despised country and heralded Christ to them. It is worthy of note what Philip preached—Christ. In verse 4, "the Word," in verse 12, "good tidings concerning the kingdom of God" (R. V.); in verse 25, "the word of the Lord," in verse 35, "Jesus." There is no mention anywhere of anybody preaching "sociology," or "topics of the times," or "readings from the poets," or anything of that sort. God set his seal upon his ministry by working miracles of healing by his hands and giving him power over unclean spirits. Philip's deeds seem to have spoken louder than his words. He had power to do, and that gave him power to speak. Nothing will bring such joy to a city or to an individual, so great or so abiding, as the gospel when it is given heed to.

III. A Converted but Unregenerated Magician, 10-12. Simon was one of a class that abounded in that day and that are multiplying in our own days—men who by the exercise of occult powers of trickery or demagogical influence, brought to pass results what the ordinary run of men could not explain. By the performance of these inexplicable tricks they won the confidence of the wondering people and cajoled them out of their money. The Samaritans were looking for a Messiah, as were the Jews (cf. Jno. 4:25), and Simon took advantage of this expectation and encouraged the people to say, "This man is that power of God which is called great." He was the idol of the hour. The man who can do something amazing will gather a crowd about him, no matter how utterly without character he may be seen to be. Even persons of apparently real piety will run after a blatant, abusive, vulgar and blasphemous false prophet if he makes sufficiently pretentious claims and seems to back them with stories of wonderful healings and other strange things accomplished. Not all that seems supernatural is necessarily divine. There is a supernatural world of evil agencies as well as good (Eph. 6:12, R. V.). Philip brought the people of Samaria something better than the magic of Simon. He brought them the gospel, which is the power of God, and they turned from Simon to Philip. They believed the truth and were baptized. Then something happened that must have rejoiced Philip for the time—"Simon also himself believed," and "was baptized." But Simon's faith was only intellectual and his baptism only outward. He was baptized in water, but he was not baptized into Christ (cf. Gal. 3:27). His body was cleansed, but his heart remained vile (v. 21). If any one believes in baptismal regeneration they will do well to ponder carefully the case of this baptized but unregenerated rascal. There can be no doubt that he was baptized by the right outward mode, whatever that may be.

IV. Baptized with the Holy Spirit as well as with water, 14-17. The apos-

les gladly received the intelligence that the despised Samaritans had received the Word of God. They sent their very best men to foster the work. Peter and John, on their arrival, found that none of the young converts had received the Holy Spirit. Certainly among this company of baptized believers there were some regenerate persons, but we are distinctly told that "as yet the Holy Spirit was fallen upon none of them." They were precisely in the position of many in the Church to-day—they have believed the truth concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, and been baptized, but they have not received the Holy Spirit as a distinct and definite personal experience. So important did the apostles regard it that believers should receive the Holy Spirit that the first thing they attended to was this—"they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost." Evidently the way to obtain the Holy Spirit is by prayer (Luke 11:13). It was now years after Pentecost, and still we find the apostles praying for the Holy Ghost. We can not improve upon their method. The reception of the Holy Spirit by these Samaritan converts was something so very definite and marked that Simon saw it. It has been argued from the fact that the apostles laid their hands upon them, that the Holy Ghost can only be given by the laying on of the apostles' hands, and, "as the apostles are no longer here, the gift of the Holy Ghost is not for to-day." This is strange logic and contradicts plain Scripture teaching. It was not an apostle, but merely "a certain disciple," that laid hands on Saul (Paul) when he received the Holy Ghost (Acts 9:10, 17). The household of Cornelius received the Holy Ghost without the laying on of any one's hands (ch. 10:44).

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN OF TEXAS.

About a year ago, Mr. Hendry made an appeal through the Texas Advocate for some Sunday-school picture cards. He had many responses, and for some time almost every mail would bring us a package of these cards.

In our Sunday-school here in Huchow we have a very interesting class made up of little heathen boys and girls, some in rags and with dirty faces, others with bright-colored, nice clothes on, and with clean faces. But all are anxious for a picture card; and, notwithstanding they belong to heathen families, and their papas and mammas know nothing about Jesus or God, many of them are learning to know when Sunday comes, and the first-comers to Sunday-school on Sunday morning are some of these little, ragged, dirty children. When we go out for a walk we are often accosted by "Hello, foreign teacher!" (It used to be "foreign devil," but now seldom do we hear that term.) "Foreign teacher, give me a picture card." We always tell them to come to church on Sunday, and we will give them a card. We have a lady teacher (Chinese) who teaches them just one line at a time of "Jesus loves me," and just before Sunday-school closes I leave my class of women and go to hear these little tots repeat their stanza, and distribute the cards. But to-day, when I went to get out my cards for use, I found our supply to be growing less very rapidly, and unless the Sunday-school children of Texas again come to our rescue we will soon have no cards to give these children.

I must tell you one of the reasons why these children are so anxious for these cards. If you enter the home of any one of these children, you do not see pretty painted or papered walls, with bright, pretty pictures adorning the walls, but instead their homes at best are dark and dismal, the walls always of a dark-brown varnish color, and no pretty, bright-colored pictures to brighten up these walls. Hanging on the walls you will find some long scrolls, with mysterious-looking characters on them, which only the educated ones in the family can read.

And so I find in the homes, also, of the poorer ones that their walls will be adorned with the picture cards given them by the "foreign teacher."

But may I request that in sending your cards you will see that sufficient postage is put on, as any deficiency has to be paid double on this side.

MRS. J. L. HENDRY.

Huchow, China.

YEAR BOOK.

To the Pastors and Superintendents of Sunday-schools, West Texas Conference: Dear Brethren—If any of you failed to get a copy of the Year Book (the Sunday-school directory of our conference), let me know. I will send you one. The printer did poor work. Some schools he left off entirely.

J. W. LONG. Edna, Texas.

A STUDY OF THE BIBLE.

(Paper read before Hale Center Sunday-school by Mrs. Dr. Bridges.)

At this glad time, when the whole Christian world is rejoicing because it is the anniversary of the birth of its Savior; when brethren and friends are drawn closer together by ties of love and friendship; when enemies forgive each other because, more than nineteen hundred years ago, the angels sang around the "Babe of Bethlehem" "On earth peace, good will toward men." Like a child at the foot of Colossus, or a tiny speck of humanity at the base of the Great Pyramid, I would bring my humble chaplet to the feet of the Sunday-school cause.

Our Sunday-school being for the sole purpose of studying the Word of God, the Bible—the book, as the name implies—its importance—nay, its necessity—can but be recognized by all intelligent people who love and try to follow the teachings of the lowly Nazarene. As our superintendent has requested that I contribute a mite to some phase of Sunday-school work, I would speak briefly of some of the beauties revealed to us by studying the Bible.

A study of the lives of the patriarchs, or holy fathers of the Church, is very interesting. While it is difficult for the human mind to conceive of anything more beautiful, more sublime, than faithful Abraham's perfect trust, or Joseph's generous forgiveness of his brothers, who years before had sold him into Egyptian bondage; Daniel's deliverance from a horrible death, decreed by a heathen King for worshipping God, and the call of the shepherd-boy from the hills and valleys of Bethlehem, to be crowned King of God's chosen people, are beautiful to contemplate, and there are many, very many, more beautiful treasures hidden in the Old Testament, revealed to us only after hard study, deep, earnest, prayerful thought.

The New Testament tells of the matchless love of our Heavenly Father. He "so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The acts of kindness, the deeds of mercy performed by our Savior, his rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who wept, his resistance of temptation and prayer for his enemies, are beautiful examples for us to try to follow. His teachings, his words of love and counsel, the Beatitudes, or his Sermon on the Mount, which is pronounced by literary critics one of the world's masterpieces, are beautiful in their simplicity, yet grand, wonderful, in their effect upon the human mind and heart.

This great Teacher also gives us the first and greatest commandment—to love God supremely; and the second, so nearly like it—to love our neighbor as ourselves.

The great commission, too—"Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel"—with the sweet assurance, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

It is a beautiful thought that one day benighted China will fall on her knees before our King! Just when this happy time will come rests, to some extent, with us. What we do, what we teach and how we train these little ones, will either bring it nearer or make it more distant.

Here, too, St. James tells us what pure and undefiled religion really is: To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. St. John gives us a glimpse of the holy city, the New Jerusalem. And there are very many more beautiful words of comfort and sweet consolation to be found here, as cheering and refreshing to the faithful Christian soldier as the oasis to the weary desert traveler.

And now let us, as exponents of the Sunday-school, at this time of peace on earth, good will to men, lay aside or settle forever, according to the teachings of this Book of all books, our petty differences and reconsecrate ourselves to this work of studying the Bible. Let us delve deeply into this mine of perfect truth, that we may possess the priceless treasures it contains. Let us rally to the support of our faithful Sunday-school superintendent, cheer him by our punctual attendance and the faithful preparation of our lessons.

And let us to whom God has entrusted the care of little children, his tender lambs, be sure to feed them. Let us teach them carefully, earnestly and prayerfully the beauties of God's Word—the beauties of the Christian religion.

Let us be faithful, true to ourselves, our God, our families, our friends, and the Sunday-school, and trust a wise and merciful Heavenly Father to bring about a beautiful result of our labors. Christmas, 1901.

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March 16—A Noble Purpose. Dan. 1:3-28. (Temperance Meeting.)

March 22—Opportunities, Facilities and Resources of the Church: Are They Sufficient for the Evangelization of the World in This Generation? Rev. 27-32. Reference: "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," chapters 6 and 7.

March 29—The Risen Life: Christ—Ours. Luke 24:1-32; Col. 3:1-10. (Easter Service.)

March 9.—The Secret of Endurance.—Heb. 11:24-27; Ex. 23:9-23.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

S. The Endurance of Chastening.—Heb. 12:1-11.

M. Benefit of Fiery Trials.—1 Pet. 4:12-19.

T. Partakers of the Divine Nature.—11 Pet. 1:1-11.

W. Mutual Inhabitation.—1 John 4:7-16.

F. Seeing the Invisible.—Acts 7:55-60.

P. Coronation After Endurance.—Deut. 34.

S. The Topic: The Secret of Endurance.—Heb. 11:24-27; Ex. 23:9-23.

RENUNCIATION OF FAME AND FORTUNE.

The whole story is told in the words, "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter." As her son, he had "treasures in Egypt." "The pleasures of sin," great power, the succession to the throne. He renounced them all "to suffer affliction with the people of God," "to endure the wrath of the King," to encounter "the reproach of Christ," to bear on his heart an ignorant and insubordinate people. We doubt if an earthly parallel can be found. It is surpassed only by the example of Jesus, of whom Moses was the most illustrious type. (Deut. 18:15.)

THE INSPIRATION OF A GREAT PURPOSE.

This with Moses was nothing less than the defense and final deliverance of his people. When Pharaoh's daughter gave the babe, found in the Nile's sedgy brink, to his own mother to nurse, she little thought of the influence he would have on the destiny of Egypt and of the despised and persecuted Israelites. Jochebed filled Moses' mind with the history of his people, their slavery to Egyptian taskmasters, and the prophecy of their deliverance and settlement in the land of promise. (Gen. 15:14; 50:24.)

These early impressions were not effaced by the grandeur and prospects of his life in the palace of the Pharaohs. His desire to free his people was latent, or but a feeble spark, until it flamed up in slaying an Egyptian who was smiting "an Hebrew, one of his brethren." During his forty years' exile the hapless condition of his countrymen was often in his thoughts, and the wish to help them was crystallized into a purpose. When the Lord spoke to him out of the burning bush, saying, "I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel" (Ex. 13:10), Moses

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THE BASIS OF CONFIDENCE.

Moses desired another manifestation, as a child who knows that his mother loves him, nevertheless wishes to receive his mother's kiss and hear her words of affection, as an absent bride longs to rest her head on her beloved's breast. He prayed: "I beseech thee, show me thy glory." The answer was: "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live." God dwells in unapproachable light (I Tim. 6:16), whose brightness would blind and blast any human vision. (Acts 22:6, 11.) The Lord condescended to give Moses a manifestation of his presence and glory, probably the effulgence of a light above the brightness of the sun. With this Moses was satisfied, and no difficulty or danger broke his hold on God.

THE POWER OF AN UNSEEN PRESENCE.

It enabled Moses to renounce the pleasures of sin, and the riches in Egypt; strengthened him to suffer affliction with the people of God; supported him in all his trials as leader of his people; brought resignation in disappointment, especially that which prevented him from entering the land of promise; and kindled his hope of a future world, for "he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Seeing Him who is invisible will do for us in our measure, what it did for Moses.

The secret of endurance is this: Whatever of strength Jesus has, he communicates to him with whom he dwells. (John 17:23.) The Chinese have an idea that if they eat the heart of an animal it will give them the qualities of the animal. They eat the heart of a lion for courage, of a tiger for fierceness. This is ignorance, but it is the truth in a figure. The assimilation by one person of the character of another will give him the qualities of that other. If we take the unseen Christ into our heart, we shall be "partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter 1:4); we shall be changed into the same image by the Spirit of the Lord. (II Cor. 3:18.) We shall then endure as Jesus did, who endured the cross, despising the shame. (Heb. 12:2.)

CORONATION AFTER ENDURANCE.

This came to Moses. Though not permitted to enter Canaan, he stood on Pisgah and "viewed the landscape o'er." He had high honor in his death and burial. Unseen hands ministered in his last moments and laid him in the grave.

"No man dug that sepulcher, And no man saw it e'er, But the angels of God upturned the sod, And laid the dead man there."

Higher honor came to win when, fifteen centuries later, he was summoned to the Mount of Transfiguration to behold the glory of Christ and to talk with him "of the decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem." (Luke 9:31.) Stephen endured, and at his death saw "the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56.) Paul endured, and anticipated the "crown of righteousness." (II Tim. 4:8.) Jesus endured, "for the joy that was set before him" of saving sinners and of being crowned "Lord of all." (Heb. 12:2.) "Behold, we count them happy which endure." (James 5:11.) "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." (Ps. 25:14, 31:1.)—Epworth Era.

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STATE LEAGUE NOTES.

Our Leaguers will be glad to know that Dr. Alonzo Monk, now stationed at Atlanta, has accepted a place on the program. This will be the third time Dr. Monk has been on our State program.

Dr. Collins Denny, of Vanderbilt University, is another of our brainy men who will appear on the program. His will be a missionary theme.

Bishop Fitzgerald, the peace-maker, as he is styled by those who know him best, will conduct an experience meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Good progress is being made on the program. Nearly every assignment has been accepted. We hope to publish it in full within a few days.

GUS W. THOMASSON.

FROM COLORADO.

Before leaving Texas, I was requested by a number of friends to give, through the Advocate, an account of our work in this border conference. This I am not able to do to any appreciable extent, from the fact that I know but very little of the work, as a whole, in the State. We are stationed at Durango, situated on the western slope of the great Rockies, 451 miles from Denver. The greater part of the conference lies on the eastern side of the mountains. In fact, we have nothing on this side but the Durango District.

Being 451 miles from the hub, divided by a great range of mountains, and without a conference organ, I am not in a position to learn very much of the work in two and a half months.

The conference is composed of about sixteen pastoral charges (nearly all stations), with a membership of about 1250. It is divided into three districts. The Denver District has eight appointments. The presiding elder gives his whole time to district work. The Laveta District has four appointments. The presiding elder is also preacher in charge of Laveta Station. The Durango District has three appointments. The presiding elder is also preacher in charge of Durango Station.

The minutes show seventeen houses of worship, valued at \$1000 to \$1700, aggregating \$28,000; thirteen parsonages, ranging from \$500 to \$2000. Total value, \$16,300.

From these figures our friends can get some idea of what we have as a basis of operation. It is a nice showing for a mission conference, and is a nucleus to which we hope much will be added in the future. What conditions confront our work east of the mountains we can not say, but in these western foothills the conditions extant are such as to make the work very difficult.

In the first place, a large per cent of the population is transient. Being made up largely of miners and other day laborers, they are here to-day and somewhere else to-morrow. Many of them are never located long enough for the Church to find them out and make an effort to save them. It is also true that the unsettled condition of this class has an unsettling effect on the more settled portion of the population. The remaining inhabitants may be divided into two classes—those sound in body and those who are not. Most of those sound in body are here strictly for gain, while those who are not are here for health, and many of both classes are more devoted to these, their chief aim, than they are to the Lord and His Church. These two classes, like the first, are more or less a floating class—at least, they are by no means fixtures. If those who are here for gain fail to make money they are ready to move on, while those who are here for health, if they fail to find it, are ready for a different climate and altitude. And, though these may be here from one to five years, yet the uncertainty of matters cause those who profess Christianity to be more careless and indifferent to religious obligation; than they otherwise would be. Many hold their letters, making the same old excuse—"We don't know how long we will be here. We will wait until we are settled." Why will Church members do that way? Some day they will be settled, never to be unsettled until the resurrection. It will be too late then to hand in certificate of membership and become a real factor for good in the Church.

These, with other conditions peculiar to this western country, make the work difficult indeed. However, we are not to let these things discourage us. They must spur us to a more diligent effort to keep the crucified Savior ever before them, that they may believe and be saved. Of course, there are a great many from these different classes who keep up their membership—some of them being very faithful—and of these the Churches are made up. A number of denominations are represented. So far as my observation goes, the M. E. Church, the Presbyterians, the Baptists and M. E. Church, South, make up the working force. There are other denominations represented, but just what they are accomplishing I can not say. Here in Durango the four denominations mentioned have good church buildings (save the Baptists, and they have a splendid stone building in course of erection), and a total membership of about 750.

So far as our own work is concerned, we need more good, strong men. Can not Texas give to this work some good, strong recruits? We need men of adaptability and trained ability, who love God and the souls of men. Two years ago, when we were discussing the question of division in the Northwest Texas Conference, some brother who desired division made the argument that in smaller conferences more of the young men would be brought to the front; that the responsibility of

conference board and committee work would fall upon a greater number of them, and thereby they would be developed. Now, brethren, here is your opportunity. Just over the line you have the smaller conference, where nearly every preacher is on some board. You need not divide the Northwest Texas Conference in order to create such a condition. We have it here. Come over, and we will share the benefits of it with you. Pleasantly aside, there is an opportunity for both usefulness and development for every young man who comes to this conference. There is plenty of work, and it is of such a character that it will draw a man out if there are any latent powers in him to be developed.

We would like to have a few men with reasonable training, who are able to adapt themselves to existing conditions and who are willing to throw themselves into the work, soul and body. It takes wisdom, courage, energy, discretion, patience and love to succeed; but there is rich reward for all who are willing to make the sacrifice.

This letter is already too long for its merit. If it escapes the waste basket, I may venture to write again, telling of my work, the country, etc.

R. B. BONNER.

Durango, Col.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT. The San Angelo District Conference will convene June 25 and 27 at Sonora, Texas. The Epworth League District Conference will meet at same place June 28. Let no Methodist protracted meeting in the district conflict with above dates. Let us try to have a full delegation from each charge.

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San Angelo District Conference Committee: For License to Preach and Admission on Trial—J. D. Scott, J. A. Phillips and S. J. Drake.

For Deacons and Elders' Orders—A. H. Bezzo, M. T. Allen and M. J. Allen. THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

WAXAHACHE DISTRICT.

Our District Conference will convene in Patmer, July 21, 5 p. m. Sunday-school Conference in Ennis, June 19, at 2 p. m. League Conference, Ennis, June 11, at 2 p. m. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

The Pittsburg District Conference will be held at New Boston, July 24. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

A two days' District Preachers' Institute will be held at Naples, beginning on Wednesday evening, March 19. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

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MARRIAGES.

Evans-Edgeworth.—At the residence of the bride's father, at Neches, Texas, February 12, 1902, Mr. Homer J. Evans, of Lockhart, Texas, and Miss Allie Edgeworth, daughter of E. A. Edgeworth, of Neches, Texas, Rev. W. A. Moore officiating.

Barton-Young.—At the home of the bride's father, in Willow City, Texas, on February 11, 1902, Mr. Henry Barton and Miss Mary Jessie Young, Rev. James J. Rape officiating.

Hinton-Ferrell.—In Oakville, Texas, January 22, 1902, at the residence of Judge W. A. Hill, Mr. Harry Hinton and Miss Ella Ferrell, Rev. G. M. Gardner officiating.

Conroe, Tex., Feb. 20, 1902.

Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas: Dear Bro.—Wife says the Drop-Head is a number one Machine, and that no woman can remain in a bad humor after using it a short while. A. J. ANDERSON.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- Feb. 25—J. A. Biggs, subs. L. F. Palmer, sub. T. Gregory, has attention. J. W. Sims, sub. A. B. Roberts, subs. R. D. Moon, sub. J. W. West, change made. C. B. Reid, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. Jno. D. Major, sub. J. R. B. Hall, subs; good work. J. L. Hollers, subs. J. K. Watson, sub. J. M. McCarter, sub. G. W. Whidder, sub. Leo Ripsey, change. C. E. Lindsey, sub. M. L. Digkey, trial subs. J. W. Hill, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. C. Cartwright, sub. W. L. Harris, sub. Jesse Lee, trial subs. J. M. Mills, sub. B. H. Passmore, subs. B. W. Allen, sub. M. J. Allen, subs. C. B. Smith, sub. N. Broyles, sub. J. R. Wages, sub. Feb. 21—S. A. Barnes, has attention. R. H. Hider, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. F. M. Winburne, trial subs. Thos. Reese, sub. J. W. Kelly, sub. Ellis Smith, sub. S. H. Morgan, thank you. V. A. Godbey, sub. G. M. Gardner, sub. M. H. Major, sub. A. B. Hightower, subs and trial subs. Feb. 22—S. C. Vaughan, subs. N. M. Laughlin, subs. V. A. Godbey, sub. H. B. Smith, sub. T. T. Booth, sub. C. A. Meier, sub. L. B. Ellis, o. k. Ira M. Bruce, subs. Feb. 24—H. W. Allen, trial subs. A. Y. oral, sub. B. A. Smully, has attention. D. J. Martin, sub. J. H. Walker, subs and trial subs. G. P. Wilson, sub. S. C. Riddle, sub. W. A. Derrick, subs. W. T. McDonald, sub. H. A. Boaz, subs. A. A. Waggon, sub. Jas. A. King, o. k. E. L. Brasell, subs. Jno. H. McLean, sub. J. B. Adair, sub. M. K. Little, sub. W. F. Bryan, o. k. W. H. Crawford, sub. J. K. McMillan, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. Feb. 25—H. G. Williams, sub. J. R. B. Hall, subs. E. W. Solomon, subs. J. T. Gravelid, sub. V. M. West, sub. C. M. Thompson, sub. Leon Henderson, sub. Thos. Reese, o. k. J. R. Atchley, sub. J. D. Odum, sub. J. E. Morgan, sub. P. G. Huffman, subs; thanks. Chas. W. Hughes, o. k. S. R. Hay, subs. R. A. Barrroughs, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. C. B. Smith, sub. T. T. Booth, subs. S. P. Ulrich, sub. J. L. Wilson, sub. H. T. Hart, sub. R. C. George, has attention. D. P. Cullen, sub. A. H. Hussey, sub. J. C. Wilson, sub. C. W. Perkins, sub. P. G. Huffman, subs. Feb. 26—J. W. Bridges, subs. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. G. S. Wyatt, subs. R. B. Young, sub. Jno. E. Rouse, subs. M. R. T. Davis, sub. R. B. Moreland, sub. B. H. Webster, sub. J. P. Mussett, sub. C. F. Cameron, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. P. P. Thomas, subs. J. W. Cullen, o. k. C. R. Gray, sub.

A CORRECTION.

In the minutes of the North Texas Conference, held at McKinney November 27, 1901, we notice that the Woodbine Circuit is not given credit for the \$84 she paid in building a parsonage and improving her churches; also the total members this year should be 292 instead of 462. There was also omitted other Church property valued at \$25. L. G. WHITE, P. C.

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Dallas District—Second Round.

- Haskell Avenue.....11 a. m., March 25
Erway.....7:30 p. m., March 27
Floyd.....11 a. m., March 29
Oak Cliff.....7:30 p. m., March 30
Dallas chr. at West Dallas.....April 6, 7
Wheatland, at W.....April 12, 13
District Conference, at Cedar Hill.....April 15-17
Cedar Hill, at C. H.....April 17
Oak Lawn.....11 a. m., April 20
Trinity.....7:30 p. m., April 20
Lancaster, at L.....April 26, 27
Argyle, at Prairie Mound.....May 3, 4
Newton.....7:30 p. m., May 4
Grand Prairie.....May 21, June 1
First Church.....7:30 p. m., June 1
Lewistville.....June 7, 8
Cochran and Caruth, at Cochran.....June 14, 15
Farmers Branch, at Coppell.....June 22, 23
I. W. Clark, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.

- Memphis, at Newlin.....March 15, 16
Amarillo sta.....March 19
Claude, at Washburn.....March 20
Childress chr. at Gypsum.....March 22
Paducah, at Guthrie.....March 29, 30
Matador, at M.....April 2
Emma, at Croten.....April 5, 6
Clarendon sta.....April 11
Childress sta.....April 12, 13
Childress chr. at Gypsum.....April 12, 13
Wellington, at W.....April 19, 20
Hereford, at Union.....April 19, 20
Canadian City, at C.....April 24
Canyon City, at Beulah.....April 26, 27
Higgins, at Second Creek.....April 26, 27
Clarendon, at F.....May 3, 4
Lubbock, at Pierce's.....May 7
Plainview sta.....May 10, 11
Cataline.....May 24, 25
Stratford.....June 17, 18
District Conference will convene at Claude June 5, at 9 o'clock a. m. Following are the committees: For License to Preach—J. Sam Bares, W. Wallace Kiser and W. E. Jordan. For Recommendation to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial—R. A. Hall, W. B. McKeown, A. W. Waddill, Deacons and Elders' Orders—J. W. Gibbons, J. R. Wood and J. P. Patterson. G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round.

- Milligan, at Lynn Grove.....March 22, 23
Navasota.....March 25, 24
Cold Springs, at Shepherd.....March 29, 30
Madisonville, at Midway.....April 5, 6
Waller, at Pine Grove.....April 12, 13
Prairie Plains, at Union Grove.....April 19, 20
Conroe.....April 27, 28
Anderson, at Steele's Chapel.....May 2, 4
Hempstead.....June 1, 2
Bryan.....June 4
Montgomery.....June 7, 8
Wills.....June 15, 16
Huntsville.....June 22, 23
Dodge, at Dodge.....June 28, 29
Huntsville.....July 6, 7
Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round.

- Henderson sta.....March 25, 24
Harrison, at Andrews' Chap.....March 29
Northside, Marshall.....April 5, 6
Harleton, at Asbury.....April 12, 13
Church Hill, at Fountain Head.....April 19, 20
Arboston, at Bethany.....April 26, 27
Harmony, at Midgett.....May 3, 4
Longview sta.....May 11, 12
Edville.....May 18, 19
Kilgus.....May 25, 26
Henderson chr.....May 28
First Church, Marshall.....June 1, 2
Kellyville.....June 7, 8
Jefferson.....June 7
Northside, Marshall.....June 14, 15
District Conference at Northside, Marshall, June 25. Opening sermon by G. E. Cameron. Committees announced later. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round.

- New Boston, at Godley's Prairie.....March 22, 23
Cason, at Allina.....Friday, March 28
Mt. Pleasant.....March 29, 31
Gilmer, at Gilmer.....April 5, 6
Leesburg, at New Friendship.....April 12, 13
Naples, at Omaha.....April 19, 20
Winfield, at New Hope.....April 26, 27
Pittsburg.....May 3, 4
Queen City, at Park.....May 10, 11
Texarkana, State Line.....May 17, 18
Texarkana, Fairview.....p. m., May 11, 12
John Adams, P. E.



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The Colorado Chautauqua.

The Board of Directors of the Colorado Chautauqua held a well-attended and very enthusiastic meeting in Boulder, Col., February 7. The board by unanimous vote accepted the proposition of Rev. Homer T. Wilson, of St. Paul, Texas, to again be its platform superintendent. Added to these duties, Mr. Wilson will also be general manager of the season of 1902. It is intended to begin the season July 4 and close August 8. The summer school will be a continuous session of five weeks, the Wednesday holiday being discarded for this session. Traffic Manager Wellington and General Passenger Agent Fisher, of the Colorado and Southern Road, were present. There will be cheap rates during the season from all points in Colorado. It is also decided that there will be several days set apart for fraternal organizations. Among these a Woodmen's day is assured. The Board was divided between the offers of John Behr, of the Symphony Orchestra of Kansas City, a former leader at the Chautauqua, and Louis Rischer, the leader of last year, now of Chicago. It was decided that the policy of keeping the grounds open on Sunday without any charge would be continued, and it was further determined, at the instance of Director George F. Fonda, that the day would be observed with entirely religious matter. Music is not to be of a popular character on that day, but sacred concerts will be given.

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MURPHY - Rev. J. R. Murphy, 56, subject of this sketch, was born in Maryland, Md., March 25, 1846, aged 55 years, in March, 11 days. The earlier years of his life were spent in Annapolis, and about the year 1868 he moved with his father to Clark Co., Miss., where he resided until 1871, when he with his family moved to Texas and settled in the city of Dallas, where he lived till he was called home. He was married to Mary Jane Alford in 1848, in Choptank Co., Ala. Twelve children blessed this union, of whom three died in early infancy, and nine survive the fond parents, both of whom are still living with the Lord. I can do no better than to copy from his own journal, a part of which reads as follows: "I was converted at a camp-meeting held at Belmont, Sumner Co., Ala., in October, 1861, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at that camp-meeting. I was soon after appointed class-leader, and then steward of the Church. I was licensed to exhort in 1866, and licensed to preach by the Rev. J. T. Hoard, presiding elder of the Mississippi Conference, in 1867, served in the Civil War for three years, first as private, then as Chaplain of Co. C, 31st Mississippi Battalion, was ordained L. D. in 1868, by Bishop Whitman, at Enterprise. I have been an official member of the Quarterly Conference for more than fifty years, and thank God, I grow stronger in his service. His death was rather sudden. Although he had been in feeble health for some time, the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, which took him away in four days after he seemed to have been in good health, and he will be greatly missed. Under his ministry, in the cause of the Master, and while in council with his children and friends, he was ever alert in doing that which seemed to be to the best and holiest result. He has always been a loyal Methodist, and in the ranks of the army, he was always ready to be counted upon by his pastors as a real helper, a Justice to hood up the hands of Moses. He was happiest when in the midst of revivals, pointing sinners to the blessed Saviour. He frequently spoke in his own language, "I loved the Lord and his glorious appearing, and said to some who were with him that he had for a great many years been prepared for 'the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.' To the children and other relatives we extend the love of sympathy in this hour of bereavement, and say that his example will be a noble one to follow. We are separated, but only for a while. He is gone, but his life is still speaking to us. His words are not faded, for ever, but they are enshrined in the lives of all those who have been influenced by him. We thank God for his holy life, and can say that it is our purpose to be with him in the long and blessed hereafter. HIS SON.

Temaha, Texas.

BLANTON - Sarah L. Blanton was born March 25, 1846, in Fannin County, Texas. Her parents, J. R. and Virginia Boone, being early settlers in this country. She was reared at Lindley Boone's home, now Randolph. In 1869, joined the C. P. Church, in which she lived till after her marriage to Ben F. Blanton, December 3, 1861, afterward going with him to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which they lived happily and usefully in the city of her home, Randolph, Texas, having been a useful local elder for many years. She was received into the M. E. Church, South, by Rev. Geo. S. Gatewood, to Bro. and Sister Blanton were born eleven sons and three daughters. Six of the sons now sleep with their mother in the same grave-yard at Randolph, and we trust they are all happy together in our Father's house, as four of them died in infancy and the other two were religious and belonged to the Church. She died at her home, near Leonard, Texas, January 28, 1902. Death found her ready and waiting. She had been suffering for some time with paralytic symptoms, though up most of the time. She told her husband that morning that she would soon be gone, but she felt unusually well, cooked her usual meal, ate as usual and while waiting the dishes the stroke came. She fell, was borne to a couch, and was dead before supper. The writer preached her funeral at Randolph to a large congregation of friends and relatives, then laid her to rest near by her six boys. In awaiting the resurrection of the just, may such divine blessing rest upon the bereaved husband and children as will bring them to form at last an unbroken family in heaven. S. L. BALL.

PICKENS - Carrie Bell was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. B. Pickens. She was born in Cherokee County, Texas, October 24, 1852. She professed her religion and joined our Church at the age of 13 years. She was religious in thought, word and deed. Carrie Bell loved the Church as few young ladies do. While teaching music she was a religious teacher. The pastor and family were always ready to be her own home circle. In fact, the pastor's family was with her, a part of the home circle. Her Bible was her constant companion, and when she was not helping her mother, or in company with friends, she was in company with her Bible. She was stricken with typhoid fever, and after about 15 days passed by her eternal reward on November 18, 1901. She said she was ready. Lifting her hands, she said, "Catch them! Catch them!" "Catch what?" some one asked. "The angels," she said; she then all about me. And in the presence of these holy angels, Carrie Bell passed on to the glory world. God bless the father, mother, three sisters and brother, who yet abide. A. A. KIDD, P. C.

RUSSELL - Miss Miletium Russell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Russell, of the Texas Conference, was born at Georgetown, Texas, July 23, 1886, and died at the home of her parents at League City, Texas, December 18, 1901. Miss Miletium was converted when she was but six weeks of age, and never for a moment doubted the genuineness of her conversion. She developed an exceptionally strong and energetic Christian character, which was the natural result of her manner of life. Her charming life in the home, as a dutiful and obedient daughter, and an affectionate sister, seemed to say to all about her, following in the footsteps of Christ. She was a student at Chapel Hill Female College, and while there J. R. Murray was her pastor. His testimony is that "She was ever true and faithful in all departments of Church work while here at school. In her studies at school she made a perfect grade in the Bible, thereby showing that it was no new study to her." "The sweet Christian character that she possessed shines as a sweet incense of a noble life." "Communion with God was to her the most full phase of human life. She loved the death of the righteous, and let my last end be as his. Look up, dear children; mother, father and seven of the children have joined the Church triumphant. Let us go, too, when our labors are done on earth. S. N. ALLEN, P. C. Tyler, Texas.

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COOK - George Little Beeny Cook, son of Alexander and Mary Cook, was born in Upshur County, Texas, August 29, 1850; was married to Miss Sallie Crowley December 28, 1885, and died December 18, 1901, aged 51 years. He leaves a loving wife and five children, his dear mother and a great many relatives and friends to weep. But they rest not as those who have no hope. Bro. Cook was a kind husband and father, good to the poor, and was loved by everybody. He told his dear wife all about his business - what he wanted done; wanted her to meet him in heaven; called his children to his bedside, told them to be good and meet him in the sweet by and by. He took his baby boy up in his arms for the last time on earth and imprinted the last kiss on his sweet little lips till he meets him in the far-off home of the soul. May the blessing of God rest upon his dear family, and may they all meet in that home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. THOS. REESE.

HARKY - Annie May, daughter of J. M. and Jessie Harky, was born March 5, 1888, and died January 5, 1902. Between those dates there were three years and ten months of time - a short life indeed. We may think death untimely, but our Father in heaven, death all things well. The Father has favored, but its fragrance abides. Her influence was confined to the home circle largely, but she made her impression there. The presence of innocent childhood makes the atmosphere of home heavenly. Of such is the kingdom of heaven. Annie May was a bright, sweet little girl, a lovely child. She is gone, but the memory of her abides and will bless those who loved her. She has gone into the arms of Him who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me." The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. May Heaven's blessings rest upon the home she left. J. D. ODUM.

JOHNSON - The dark angel of death came to our community and claimed for its victim Mrs. Martha Lucy Johnson, living two miles north of Bertram, Burnett County, Texas. She was born September 23, 1857. Her maiden name was Hall. She departed this life January 22, 1902, leaving a large family of children and a husband to mourn their loss. Her babe, a fine, pretty boy only two months old, died on the next Wednesday. Only one short week, and her babe joined her in heaven. Sister Johnson was a faithful Christian, a loving wife and a very devoted mother. But she and the little babe are gone to live with the angels. May God's blessings rest on the husband and children. Oh, mother, they live so that they may meet mother and those that have gone before, and be an undivided family on the ever-green shore. G. W. HARRIS.

PARKS - Mrs. Josie Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pynnun, was born June 27, 1828, at Oak, Ellis County, Texas; married to Pink Parks, July, 1866; died at Oak, Texas, February 5, 1902; was converted and joined the M. E. Church when but a child, and lived a Christian until God saw fit. In his infinite wisdom, to take her to himself. Josie was the mother of three children. One preceded her to the angel land. It was very hard to give her up, but we know God doeth all things well. She was a loving wife, a devoted mother, and a more loyal friend any one need not want. Though she is gone, her friendship will always be sweet to think of. She is gone, but we know where to find her. We mourn not as those who have no hope, for we know, if we live right, we will meet her some sweet day where there will be no pain, and never any good-bye. God bless her husband and precious children in the prayer of her FRIEND.

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McHEIGHT - M. born in Alabama. A to Louisiana, where then came to Texas. He died in E. February 5, 1892. J. and joined the M. thirty years ago and and "Obedience to my been married twice, many years ago and grove near by his at the second time. E. died November 11, 1891, after a long and painful illness. His life was spent in the Church with her years ago and lived a life. This writer's service for the wife, since last fall and a grief of the husband, he long till he, too, in just three short came and he went ones. He was laid with in the silent grove home, just beyond to await the restorer. Josie Willis can rise old man blessed, as I boy, found a home v where he received in old brother's hands, who has been left so Emory, Texas.

LOW - David James County, Texas, little son of James A. a grandson of Rev. J. Shuckford County, was sick only two a his pure little clay to go and dwell French and Jesus at gone before. Oh, w the hearts of pain at only pet of the home. But there are dear ones are dying from this sad world parting with loved o it not for the glorious and immortal life still shines of time to be forever with th up, pain and manum and trusting in God, John, Martin, age of Eden. Press on, it is our long journey your dear ones are the little ones are no side their grandmo soon be with them. AUNT.

BYRD - Judge R. B. born February 22, 1836, in his daughter, Claiborne, Texas. N. Byrd leaves his ch know him to mourn loss is heaven's gain, he has only been to Church militant to th and. He lived such a vine ungodly men the By in the religion. Christ. He did hat that were present ar he was unable to spea and had them promi heaven. God grant th Claiborne, Texas.

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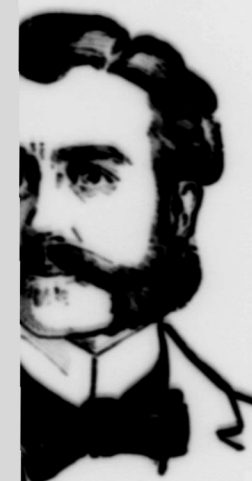
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EMORY, Texas.—WM. M. POSTER. LOW.—Died, January 1, 1902, in Jones County, Texas...

McKINNEY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Weston cir. at Anna, March 1, 2...

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE. Gatesville District—Second Round. Jonesboro, March 1, 2...

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Dallas District—First Round. Grand Prairie, March 1, 2; Lewisville, March 1, 2...

Bonham District—First Round. Randolph, 1st Sun, March 3; Guber, 24 Sun, March 3...

Sherman District—First Round. Southmayd, 1st Sun, March 3; Pilot Grove, 24 Sun, March 3...

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Greenville District—Second Round. Commerce, 1st Sun, March 3; Floyd, at Caddo, 24 Sun, March 3...

Terrell District—First Round. Royce, March 1, 2; Mabank, at Mabank, March 8, 9...

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Lake Creek, at Brushy Mound, March 1, 2...

McKinney District—First Round. Weston cir. at Anna, March 1, 2; Copeville mis. at Milam's chap. Mar. 9, 10...

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Gatesville District—Second Round. Jonesboro, March 1, 2; Harmony, March 1, 2...

Corseana District—Second Round. Rice, at Reynolds, March 1, 2; Cotton Gin, at Shiloh, March 8, 9...

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Bosqueville, June 7, 8; Riesel, June 14, 15; District Epworth League Conference, at Mart, June 25...

Vernon District—Second Round. Vernon mis. at Grapevine, Sat., Sun., March 1, 2; Blair, Sun, Mon., March 5, 10...

Fort Worth District—Second Round. Missouri Avenue, March 2; Polytechnic College, March 2...

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Bristol, at Carroll, March 1, 2; Ferris, March 2, 3...

Weatherford District—Second Round. Penster, at Agnes, March 1, 2; Aledo, at Mary's Creek, March 8, 9...

Ablene District—Second Round. Crystal Falls, at Bethel, March 1; Albany and Moran, at A., March 2...

Brownwood District—Second Round. Comanche cir. at Indian Creek, March 1, 2; Robert Lee, at Rock Springs, March 8, 9...

Clarendon District—First Round. Silverton, March 1, 2; Cataline, March 8, 9...

Dublin District—Second Round. Sipe Springs, at Sand Hill, March 1, 2; Stephensville, March 15...

TEXAS CONFERENCE. Austin District—First Round. Walnut cir. at Merriltown, Mar. 1, 2...

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Anglo Lake, at Altair, March 22, 23; Columbus, at Altair, March 22, 23; W-lmar and Oage, at W-lmar, April 3, 4...

Huntsville District—First Round. Dodge, at Black Jack, Mar. 1, 2; Zion, at New Hope, Mar. 5, 6...

Calvert District—First Round. Durango cir. at P. V., Sat., Mar. 1; Lett cir. at Goldins, Mon., Mar. 3...

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Llano District—Second Round. Johnson City, March 1, 2; Blanco, March 8, 9...

San Antonio District—Second Round. Buda cir. at Lytton Springs, 4th Sun, Feb. 24...

Beverly District—Second Round. Stockdale cir. at Sunnyside, March 1, 2; Sutherland Springs, at Nookland, March 5, 6...

Cuero District—Second Round. Nursery, 1st Sun, March 3; Clear Creek, at Cheapside, 24 Sun, March 3...

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Beaumont District—First Round. Wallisville mis., March 1, 2; Call cir. at Call, March 1, 2...

Marshall District—First Round. Kilgore, at Kilgore, March 1, 2; Henderson cir. at Henderson, March 1, 2...

Tyler District—Second Round. Cedar St. at Cedar St., March 1, 2; St. Paul, at St. Paul's Chapel, March 1, 2...

Palmer District—First Round. Kennard cir. at Palmer, March 1, 2; Brady Creek cir. at Mt. Vernon, March 1, 2...

San Antonio District—First Round. Clayton cir. at Clayton, March 1, 2; Charlotte cir. at Clayton, March 1, 2...

San Antonio District—First Round. Belmont cir. at Prairie Lea, 4th Sun, Mar. 3; Kyle and Pleasant Grove, at Kyle, 4th Sun, Mar. 3...

San Antonio District—First Round. Waco, at Waco, March 1, 2; San Antonio, at San Antonio, March 1, 2...

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### NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

We have appointed a live, wide-awake Sunday-school man in each district in our conference to stir up and look after the matter of attendance at the Sunday-school Institute, Waco, Texas, April 7-9.

These brethren will please secure the address of the Sunday-school superintendents of their respective districts. Write to the pastors and Sunday-school workers of your respective districts and strive to secure a large attendance of pastors and Sunday-school workers by any fair method that may commend itself to your fertile and ingenious minds.

Georgetown District—W. S. Rowland, Temple.

Waco District—E. R. Barcus, West Corsicana District—W. H. Crawford, Frost.

Waxahatche District—C. C. Hayden, Grandview.

Fort Worth District—W. E. Hawkins, Fort Worth.

Weatherford District—W. W. McCovey, Weatherford.

Dublin District—W. J. Clay, Dublin.

Gatesville District—W. Y. Ayres, Gatesville.

Brownwood District—J. H. Tucker, Brownwood.

Aldene District—J. M. Williamson, Cisco.

Vernon District—J. S. Botha, Chillicothe.

Clarendon District—A. M. Beville, Clarendon.

We have secured the name and address of all the superintendents in seven districts and have turned the lists over to Henry E. Jackson, Mexia, Texas. The presiding elders of Corsicana, Dublin, Aldene, Vernon and Clarendon Districts have not yet reported to us.

Write to your presiding elder or to Henry E. Jackson, Mexia, and he can furnish you with list of Sunday-school superintendents in your district. The Sunday-school Institutes conducted by Dr. Hamill and the list of workers that will appear on our program will be a sure guarantee that this will not be a frothy-pledge gathering, but some of the most and most practical work will be done—a life-time blessing to all who go! Let our great army of Sunday-school superintendents, officers and teachers meet at Waco April 7, 8, 9. C. S. FIELD, Sec. S. S. Board, N. W. T. C., Ferris, Texas.

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### MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AND PREACHERS' CONFERENCE.

Following is the program of the Missionary Institute and Preachers' Conference, to be held in Caldwell March 5-7, 1902.

Wednesday, March 5—7:30 p. m., opening sermon, by A. C. Biggs.

Thursday, March 6—9 a. m., opening service, by T. R. Cain. 9:30, "A Quickened Missionary Conscience the Need of the Church," paper by Ira M. Bryce; discussion, M. F. Daniel and C. E. Simpson. 10:30, "The Best Books on Missions," by N. Powell; general discussion. 11, sermon, by James Kilgore. 2 p. m., "Do Our Pastors Generally Understand the Needs of the Heathen and Our Obligation to Them?" paper by J. R. Murray; discussion, M. L. Lindsay and J. C. Stewart. 3, "The Development of Our Home Mission Field," B. W. Allen and N. Powell. 4, "Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Work," J. B. Sears; discussion. 7:30, address, by J. B. Sears, "A Missionary Pastorate the Solution of the Missionary Problem."

Friday, March 7—9 a. m., prayer service by J. W. Thompson; 9:30, "Forward Movement of Missions," J. Kilgore and H. G. Williams. 10, "Methods to Be Pursued for the Largest Results This Year on the Brethren District," A. C. Biggs, J. L. Massey, S. S. McKenney and M. L. Dickey. 11, sermon, by J. L. Massey.

J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Welcome Northwest Texas Conference Sunday-school Institute to Waco! Free entertainment for any preacher and Sunday-school worker that may desire to attend. Place of meeting, Fifth Street Methodist Church. Time, April 7th-9th. A large attendance and a splendid meeting anticipated. Come! Send names to yours truly.

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### PROMPT WORK.

Under date of February 8, 1902, I have a letter from Rev. T. J. Duncan, of Ennis, enclosing amount of assessment for foreign and domestic missions—\$226—and explaining why the delay in forwarding the same. I accept the explanation and commend his example.

J. H. WISEMAN, Treas., Vernon, Texas.

### MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Program of the Huntsville District Missionary Institute, to be conducted at Navasota:

Tuesday, March 18—7:30 p. m., Introductory sermon, by A. S. J. Haygood.

Wednesday, March 19—8:30 a. m., prayer service, conducted by H. T. Hart. 9 a. m., "The Relation of Missions to the Spiritual Life of the Membership of the Church," W. W. Horner. 9:30 a. m., "Missionary Literature: How to Use It, and What Does It Accomplish?" H. M. Whaling. 10 a. m., "The Responsibility of the Pastor in Regard to the Missionary Spirit of His Charge," F. O. Favre. 10:30 a. m., "A Quickened Missionary Conscience the Need of the Church," A. J. Anderson. 11 a. m., preaching, by W. T. Melugin. 2 p. m., prayer service, conducted by J. B. Gregory. 2:15 p. m., "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," by Mrs. E. L. Shettles. 3:25 p. m., "Woman's Home Missionary Society," by Mrs. H. M. Whaling. 3:55 p. m., "The Relation of the Pastor to the Woman's Missionary Societies," C. L. Farrington. 4:20 p. m., "How to Develop a Spirit of Liberality Among the People," J. P. Skinner. J. C. Cameron; discussion. 7:30 p. m., preaching, by H. M. Whaling.

Thursday, March 20—8:30 a. m., prayer service, conducted by N. D. Wood. 8:45 a. m., "Missions in the Texas Conference," "Our Weak Charges," J. M. Adams; "Our Foreign-Born Population," E. L. Shettles; discussion. 10:30 a. m., "The Pastor as a Leader," R. W. Adams. 11 a. m., preaching, by F. O. Favre. 3 p. m., prayer service, conducted by J. C. Cameron. 3:15 p. m., "How to Secure the Assessments in Full on a Circuit," H. T. Hart. 3:35 p. m., "Assessments in Full on the Huntsville District," discussion, led by C. A. Hooper. 4:15 p. m., "Sunday-schools and Missions," C. U. McLarty. 7:30 p. m., preaching, by W. W. Horner.

CHAS. A. HOOPER, P. E.

### BRO. KIDD'S REPORT.

Bro. Kidd says the East Texas Conference minutes "report me with total members last year, 422." That's the way it is in the Statistical Secretary's table; that's the way it is in Bro. Kidd's report, which I have on file. The tables and his report also have "Removals, 129," and it seems to me that is right, as part of the charge was cut off and put on West Palestine last year. If it is not, the minutes are not to blame. The editor and printers could do no more than follow copy.

J. T. SMITH.

Tyler, Texas.

### PREACHERS' MEETING AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute of Weatherford District was held in Gordon February 19 and 20. The presiding elder, Zoa B. Morris, and eleven of the pastors of the district were present. So far as could be learned, the work throughout the district is prospering, and there is hope of another year of success. Bro. Morris completed his quadrennium as presiding elder this year. Under his intelligent leadership the Church has lost nothing, but is going forward in her great work.

The institute was intensely missionary. Various vital phases of missionary work were discussed typically, as per program of the presiding elder, by Bros. Slover, Huskabo, White, Caperton, Cox and the traveling was of a high type. Bro. G. S. Wyatt, of First Church, Weatherford, preached the opening sermon from Acts 13:2, 2. This sermon was clear, strong and convincing.

Dr. Horace Bishop, Northwest Texas Conference Missionary Secretary, was present and preached an edifying sermon at 11 a. m. February 20, but his masterly deep his intelligent leadership the Church has lost nothing, but is going forward in her great work.

Bro. King, superannuate member of the Southwest Missouri Conference, was present, and by invitation spoke wisely of this common interest of our Methodism.

Bro. Frank Reedy, from the Publishing House, Dallas, Texas, was mingling among the brethren, reminding us we should read good books, and that they were for sale at Dallas. Reedy made a good speech on missions, also. We were all delighted to have these visiting brethren come among us, and we enjoyed their labors immensely.

The pastors of the district are planning for their revival work. Some have taken their collections, and are making other material progress. Bro. Slover has had one meeting with ten or twelve conversions. Bro. Cox has a new church under way.

The coming of these consecrated servants of God both of the visitors and members of the district, among us was a great blessing to me and my people.

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### MISSOURI LETTER.

It now appears that I made a great mistake in thinking that the St. Louis Advocate had ceased its unscrupulous warfare upon one of our Bishops. The issue of February 5 contained an anonymous attack upon him that for coarseness, scurrility and mendacity outranks anything I ever saw in a Methodist paper. A coward who dares not show himself in the light, skulks behind a nom de plume to represent the Bishop as a low buffoon and to insult a whole conference by insinuating that the preachers laughed because they had to. The use of tobacco, whisky and beer drinking and polygamy are put in the same category and justified by arguments which falsely pretend to be warranted by the Bishop's remarks, while the Bishop is represented as a mainstay of whisky-drinking Church members. And this low product of a diseased and polluted imagination is given to the Church by an editor who poses as the special champion of purity and decency and who in the next issue of his paper published the fact that the boys—his "New Century Knights"—in voting to express their ideal of true manhood, give him the second place—next to Washington and above Moody, Wesley and Marvin.

The Church in Missouri has no control over the St. Louis Advocate, and should not be considered responsible for such trash. The editor owes his position not to the choice of his brethren, but to the fact that he was able to invest \$22,500 in the paper. Some years ago the Committee on Books and Periodicals of the Southwest Missouri Conference suggested that the paper did not in all things interpret the mind and heart of the Church, to which Dr. Palmore loftily replied that it was the business of the paper "to interpret the mind and heart of God." If since then he has ever indulged the slightest doubt of his infallibility as the interpreter of the mind and heart of God, he has not allowed us to find it out. Free discussion in the columns of the St. Louis Advocate is unknown, and the paper has degenerated into the personal organ of an editor who does not know how to deal fairly with his brethren.

C. H. BRIGGS.

Fayette, Mo.

### IN SESSION AT HILLSBORO NEXT WEEK.

The Mission Board of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet in semi-annual session at Hillsboro next week, March 4-6. An extensive program will be rendered. A new and interesting feature of the occasion will be the presence and the taking part in the discussions of so many representative women of the two Woman's Missionary Societies of the Conference. Royal entertainment will be furnished by the good people of Hillsboro.

JNO. R. NELSON, Sec.

### President Monroe's "Progress."

In Dr. Edward Everett Hale's "Memoirs of a Hundred Years," now appearing as a serial in The Outlook, he tells an amusing story about Monroe's visit to Harvard in 1847.

The President, as soon as he was President, the same man who "never was in trade and knew nothing about it," arrayed himself to see the commercial States, and even to cross to the new-born West and show himself to the people who were creating a nation there. In my boyhood, this journey of his, which began on the 1st day of May, 1817, and did not end until October of the same year, was called "The President's Progress." Washington's similar journey in 1791 was always called "Washington's Progress." There is a little touch of burlesque when one reads that President Monroe arrayed himself in the old buff and blue of the Revolution, with an old-fashioned three-cornered soldier's hat. There is just a touch of absurdity about this, because his military exploits were, of his whole life, the enterprises which his friends would have most gladly forgotten.

There is a good Harvard tradition which I may put in print without hurting anybody. At a meeting of the little college faculty in the year 1817, it was announced that "Blank," a spirited senior, must be "suspended." I suppose his marks were not high enough, or his attendance at chapel had been irregular. Dear, courteous, kindly Dr. Kirkland, who was the President, was supposed to be dozing in his chair as the march of college government went forward; but at this proposal to suspend "Blank" he roused to life and activity. "Send away 'Blank' when Mr. Monroe is coming! Who will command my Harvard Washington Corps when the President visits the college?" The Harvard Washington Corps was the military establishment of the college boys at that time. Dr. Kirkland could put his foot down when he chose. And so it chanced that "Blank" was retained in college and that the Harvard Washington Corps, which he commanded, presented arms at the proper time and in the proper way to the President of the United States. And so it happened that, fifty years after, Harvard University received a very important and very expensive new building from an alumnus who on that day commanded the Harvard Washington Corps.

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### RESOLUTIONS.

Again the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference has been bereaved by the death of Mrs. Thos. Blanchard, who for many years has been Secretary of the Georgetown District. We have lost one of our most useful members. She was faithful in attendance on every annual meeting of the society, and by her earnest, effective participation became well known all over the conference; and to know her was to love her. She was an earnest, intelligent worker in the cause of foreign missions, and we shall sadly miss her.

Her health had been declining for several months before she left us. On the 9th of January she quietly and sweetly passed away.

As executive officers of our society, we resolve—

1. That in the death of Mrs. Blanchard we have sustained a great loss, and our hearts are filled with sorrow; but, through the shadow of our tears, we will endeavor to see a divine hand that "doeth all things well."

2. That we thank God for her life of service in promoting the extension of Christ's kingdom over all the earth, and shall strive more earnestly and zealously to carry on the work she so much loved.

3. That we extend our sympathy to her bereaved family, and pray that grace and comfort may be given them by Him who was once "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

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