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## Editorial.

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BIBLE.

Such is the high esteem in which Thomas Jefferson is held as a statesman that the Government of the United States has gathered together all of his writings and published them, with but few exceptions. Among the exceptions is what is known as the Jefferson Bible. Sometime back Congress passed a resolution to have this published and placed in the archives, along with his other volumes. But there was serious objections raised to this on the ground that the Government had no right to publish any book whose teachings tend to complicate the questions of Church and State, and such was the force of the criticisms that Congress reconsidered its action and declined to do anything further with reference to the matter. However, the publicity given to the so-called Jefferson Bible is such that a leading firm of publishers has gotten hold of a copy of it, and from motives purely mercenary, has published it and is sending out flaming advertisements of its merit as a book produced by Mr. Jefferson. The history of this so-called Bible is very simple, and we here give it in the author's own language. In 1803 Mr. Jefferson wrote as follows to his daughter: "A promise made to a friend some years ago, but evaded only lately, has placed my religious creed on paper. I have thought it just that my family, by possessing this, should be able to estimate the libels published against me on this, as on every other subject." It is a well known fact that Mr. Jefferson was a skeptic in matters of religion, not to say an infidel. Hence, he was often severely criticised by the religious press and by leading ministers of the gospel on account of his religious views. His resentment to these criticisms crops out in the above quotation. The "religious creed" to which he makes reference is found in the preface of his "Bible," in which he draws a comparison between the moral teachings of Jesus and those of other great teachers and philosophers, pointing out the superiority of the former over those of the latter. Then follows his "Bible," arranged under the head of "The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth." The volume is now lying before us as we write, and we have gone through it from beginning to end so that we might write this editorial intelligently and truthfully. And we wish to say that it is nothing more than a garbled compilation of such portions of the four gospels as suited Mr. Jefferson's views and fancies. These portions he rewrites with no change in the texts whatever, and with neither word nor comment. But he carefully and studiously leaves out all references made to the divinity of Christ's character, and not one of the miracles is quoted or even referred to. In fact, every supernatural element in the gospel narrative is eliminated. That part having to do with his supernatural birth is omitted, and at the close the account of his crucifixion is reproduced, but no intimation of his resurrection and ascension is even indirectly mentioned. In fact, Mr. Jefferson

makes Christ out an eminently good man and a great moral and religious teacher, but nothing more. In doing this, he uses only that part of the gospels touching upon Christ's humanity, carefully setting aside all the remainder. Hence, the volume is a small one, as more than half of the story of the life of Jesus, as recorded by the Evangelists, is ignored. The portions he retains and reproduces he denominates "a more beautiful morsel of ethics I have never seen." But we can truthfully add to this the statement that a more irreverent and profane handling of the story of the life of Jesus can hardly be conceived of. Such a volume has no place in a Christian home, for it is a libel on the gospel, in that it emasculates and misrepresents the life and teachings of Christ. It leaves more of the story of the gospels out of it than it puts into it. Therefore, let no mercenary publishing firm beguile you into having anything to do with the so-called Jefferson Bible. You can buy a cheap edition of the gospels and, by tearing out all of them pertaining to the divine character of Christ, make just as good a "Bible" as the one made by Mr. Jefferson.

### THE MINISTER'S OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE YOUNG.

No one has a better opportunity for inspiring young men and women with a desire for an education than the minister of the gospel. He goes in and out among the people all over the country, and he meets the boys and the girls of the different households. In almost every family he will form the acquaintance of some bright young fellow, or some prepossessing young girl whose after life can be made a blessing to the whole community if they are placed in any one of our good schools and are properly educated. Many fathers of such children can be induced by the arguments and influences of the minister to put forth special effort to get their children into our schools where these advantages will make fine men and women out of them. We remember when once traveling a circuit, we happened in a home far out in the country where there was a boy of fine physique and splendid mind, but he was utterly without training. He was just an overgrown, rough country boy. We interested him in the subject of education, and by and got him into the notion of going to one of our schools. He went and continued to go until he graduated. He became an eminent minister, and to-day he is the President of one of our great institutions of learning. We had the pleasure of meeting him at the recent General Conference, and what a splendid man he is! If we never did anything else in the world, we did something in giving this man to the work of the Church, otherwise he would have grown up untutored and unknown. There are just such boys as this scattered throughout the charges of all our Texas Methodism who can be inspired to take up the work of education and become factors in the work of the Church. We doubt not but that there is scarcely a preacher in this State who can not find a boy or a girl in his charge who can be induced to go

to our schools, if he will put the right effort forth in encouraging them. Try it, brethren, and next fall will see all our schools crowded with our stalwart Methodist boys and girls. It is our duty to do this work, and until it is done we will not see the golden age of Texas Methodism.

### A GOOD TYPE OF SUMMER RELIGION NEEDED.

In most communities there is a disposition, in the heated term, to grow lax and indifferent in the discharge of religious duties; and this fact makes the summer season a hard one on the preachers. The nights are short and warm, and when the prayer-meeting time approaches it is an easy matter to persuade oneself that he ought to retire early and get a good night's rest instead of attending the prayer service. And while he is listening to that plausible temptation, scores of other Church members are holding the same arguments, and the result is that the pastor finds only a handful of the very faithful ones when he enters the chapel for the midweek service. Nevertheless, he has taken some suitable subject under prayerful consideration, arranged many appropriate Scripture passages adapted specially to the spiritual needs of his people, but they are not there to get the benefit of his earnest preparation. Empty benches confront him and he is often discouraged because of what seems to him a lack of interest and appreciation upon the part of his membership. And the same applies to the Sunday service to a certain degree. When the holy day comes round, a man has no trouble to convince himself that he has had a hard week and needs a day of rest. So instead of getting up at the usual hour and making preparation for the public duties of the day, he sleeps late, lounges about and takes his ease until it is too late to attend Sunday-school, and when the hour for worship approaches he concludes that the weather is really too hot to go to Church. So he spends the day listlessly and to no religious advantage. As a matter of fact, a great many people do the same thing, and the public services are poorly attended. Yet the pastor has made hard preparation and is expected to preach two good sermons for the benefit of his people. Such a course of conduct is most discouraging to the faithful minister of the gospel. If it is the duty of the preacher to be at prayer service and at his morning and night services on Sunday, prepared to speak out of God's Word to the people, they ought to be present also to attend upon what he has to say, and to participate in the public worship. A good type of summer religion is badly needed all over this country.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" does not mean poverty in material things, but in one's sense of utter incompleteness and self-emptiness. Not until this experience becomes dominant in the heart is there any ground for hope to a title in "the kingdom of heaven." The realization of deep spiritual poverty brings the heart within reach of the heavenly kingdom.

### CHRIST'S STYLE OF PREACHING.

What a wonderful preacher was our Lord, Jesus Christ! Truly, never was a man of voice in his public speaking of the most musical and bewitching character. He never failed to get the very best of the attention of his auditors, whether they were many or few. And these good men, whose sermons were crowned with people eager to look upon his face and anxious to feel the touch of his hand. Little children flocked about him and rejoiced in his amiable manner of dealing with them. But aside from these qualities to attract and lead the people, he had a great loving heart, which he overflowed with sympathy for the fallen, the down-trodden and the unfortunate. And, recognized in him a friend, a brother upon whom they could lean in the hour of distress and poverty. He had no showy harshness, no cutting sarcasms, no stern lecture, but words of comfort, instruction and heavenly cheer. Then, too, he thought to them a special message and the spirit of it in simple language out of his own warm heart into their waiting hearts. He used no technical terms, no doubtful chains of speech, no abstruse arguments, but he gathered up the essence of truth, compressed it into perspicuous words and delivered it in power and demonstration. He never read a manuscript, but opened his mouth and taught the people. Often he gathered from the familiar incidents about him beautiful figures of speech, put his thoughts into mind-pictures, and made his perceptions of truth so simple and beautiful that they abide to-day as the highest expression of art. Take the parable of the Prodigal Son, or of the Good Samaritan, and they will live forever, not only because of their truth, but also for their intrinsic worth as the creations of genius. The most of his utterances are epigrammatic, sententious and wonderful, if direct in their purpose and aim. They drive straight to the heart and the conscience and make men feel their need of God. Yet he dealt in the deepest things, and he so simplified them that even a child can understand them. He brought God so close to mankind and made him appear so good, so loving, so benignant, so fatherly that men could not resist the desire to fall into his arms and worship him. The world has never known the equal of Christ as a public teacher and speaker. He had the clearest apprehensions of truth, the simplest forms of speech, the loftiest themes and the sublimest eloquence that ever thrilled the listening ear and the throbbing heart of the world. He was the model preacher of all ages and of all generations. Yet he never wrote one word of his public discourses, so far as we know, he never adopted the arts of any style of oration, he simply opened his lips and, out of the depths of his wisdom, preached salvation to the people. And during his short ministry of three years, he left gospel subject-matter enough upon the human heart and mind to employ the pens and tongues of all ministers till the final consummation of all things. "He spoke as never man spake."

# PROHIBITION IN TEXAS

But few things could be more encouraging to the friends of temperance and the advocates of good morals generally than the present healthy sentiment existing in this State in favor of local option, and the rapid strides made by prohibition within the past two years.

The local option law which a few years ago was so extremely unpopular with the masses that scarcely could a representative man be found with moral courage enough to advocate its adoption is now in force in about one-half the counties in this State, with a strong probability that within a few years it will cover the entire State. A review of some of the causes for this recently rapid growth of public sentiment in favor of the local option law must be of value at this particular time. Why has prohibition recently carried in so many counties which have heretofore been conceded to be against the adoption of the law? The chief reason in my opinion lies in the fact that the law has been enforced and the people even outside the county seats of the law, take the first opportunity to widen and broaden its territory; and so county after county has fallen into the prohibition column—until still others to follow. It has been practically demonstrated that the law will "prohibit," and does prohibit, and the people seeing this, makes it impossible for the old time and once effective argument against prohibition that "it will not prohibit" to be of much force now in a prohibition campaign. The local option law in Texas has passed through its trial stage; no law prohibitory in its character can reach a state of complete enforcement immediately upon its enactment. The law must be tried; its beneficial effects, if any, must be seen and advertised; its weak points must be strengthened. It has been so with the local option law. It had to be demonstrated that it would prohibit the sale of whisky. Its enemies have attacked its every supposable weak point; it has been carried before the appellate courts on every conceivable point to test its validity and even its constitutionality, until the courts have settled almost every question that can be raised relative thereto, and that in favor of the validity of the law, until now the question of the constitutionality of the law has been carried by appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States where the question will be decided, and if in favor of the law, its enforcement thereafter will be even easier than in the past.

There are two essential agencies necessary to decently enforce the local option law: First, the officers must be willing to do their duty undilutingly; second, the citizenship composing the juries of the county must be willing to let the law be enforced. The best officers in the State could not command a respectable observance of the law while the juries seek worthless and frivolous excuses to write verdicts of "not guilty." Neither can the best citizenship in the State get the law enforced while the officers (and I mean the Sheriff and County Attorney) shut their eyes to keep from seeing what they ought to see, and then say in seemingly great seriousness to the people that they don't know of any violations of the law. Its virtue depends upon its enforcement; its future existence depends upon its enforcement and its adoption in other counties depends to a great extent upon whether or it is enforced in localities where the law has been previously adopted.

It is much easier to secure public respect for the law when the people want it and the officers are willing for them to have it enforced. As the law grows more popular and public opinion more favorable to it the officers of the law will be more alert to carry out its provisions, which means a continued victory for prohibition until the saloon, with all its immoral surroundings and kindred influences, will be a thing of the past.

It is highly important just now that every county which has the law now in force should see to it that when a second election is ordered on the question, that the county again go for prohibition, for the reason that if it should not carry at the second election, its failure to do so would be heralded through every county which would or might soon have such an election and be converted into the argument that where the law had been in force the people had at the first opportunity repudiated it at the ballot box. The force of such an argument can readily be seen, because there are some people yet, and a few Church members, who doubt the propriety of experimenting with a law the purpose of which is to shut off liquor selling.

In conclusion I desire to notice the recent public statement from the wholesale liquor dealers in this State, that if the sentiment in favor of local option continues to spread they will likely leave the State, taking from our borders vast amounts of money and leaving among us thousands of persons without money and without employment. This statement, artful in its conception, only shows the extremity to which they realize they are most surely coming. Our resources are certainly sufficient that we can do without their wealth, and if their employes are incapacitated for and worthy of other and more honorable and uplifting employment, then certainly our State is large enough and will furnish work enough for all to labor who have that desire ranking in their bosom. Besides for every person left idle by their leaving can reasonably be expected a ruined home, an orphan child or a young man with a ruined character as the direct result of their remaining. So, then, which is preferable, the two conditions?

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NEWMAN PHILLIPS  
Cooper, Texas.

**PROHIBITION A SUCCESS.**  
We, the undersigned citizens of Breckenridge, Stephens County, Texas, desiring to bend our unequalled indorsement to the cause of prohibition, unhesitatingly declare that prohibition is and has been a decided and complete success (even more so perhaps, than any other law upon the statute-books) for the past five years. The following facts as to the pro and anti vote at each election (brought on each time by anti) signify the amount of respect the people had for the law and for the manner in which it was enforced. We firmly believe that the law is adequate and is and has and can be rigidly enforced wherever the officers do their duty backed up by the moral sentiment of the people.

Pastor Baptist Church: Baxter G. Lightly, pastor Christian Church; J. Y. Philley, pastor Cumberland Presbyterian Church; E. V. Cox, pastor M. E. Church, South; E. D. Daventon, editor Democrat; W. C. Veale, County Judge; J. L. Davis, Jr., District and County Clerk; Jno. D. Hopson, County Attorney; W. P. Love, Sheriff; T. W. Hodges, County Treasurer; J. C. Curry, County Assessor; J. M. Hood, Constable Precinct No. 1; H. B. Furr, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1; J. W. Crudgington, ex-County Judge; R. L. McFall, cashier Stephens County Bank; S. W. Brown, land agent; J. A. Meaders, merchant; J. B. Lucius, merchant; W. J. Haynes, druggist; W. W. Philley, barber; W. S. Haynes, postmaster; J. W. Ritchie, M. D.; Chas. S. Hale, M. D.; B. E. Jones, M. D.; P. F. Covington, mechanic; J. A. Thompson, mechanic; J. B. Meaders, merchant; C. M. Caldwell, school teacher; C. B. Brown, Everyman; Jno. Black, merchant; W. J. Moran, real estate; S. S. Morris, druggist; W. W. Linn, contractor; E. W. Miller, blacksmith; Ed Taylor, cold drinks; E. H. Webb, photographer; B. B. Walker, B. S. Walker, hardware merchants; G. N. Price, hotel; R. A. Morton, Star Hotel; J. M. Ward, stockman.

First election held in Precinct No. 1, Breckenridge, Stephens County, was February 1, 1890; pro, 192; anti, 42.  
Second election, January 27, 1891; pro, 73; anti, 61.

Third election, March 14, 1892; pro, 111; anti, 90.

Fourth election, March 9, 1895; pro, 153; anti, 44.

Fifth election, January 3, 1897; pro, 122; anti, 66.

All except the first election has been brought on by the anti. Some are anti who unreluctantly signed above statement. Three out of the eight precincts have never voted on the question. Reason, sentiment too high. Last year (a complete and accurate account was published in the Advocate) a Mr. ——— from Eastland County, came here and opened a "blind tiger" on Friday at 8 a. m., and was drunk dry by Saturday at 5 p. m.; was on the road Sunday for more liquor; arrived Monday evening in time to sleep in jail, and by the time he paid himself out was completely "broken up" financially, and was in jail longer than has been any one for five years.

Some of our present citizens tried the "blind tiger," but were among the first to advise Mr. ——— that (first) we had a good set of officers, and (second) that the sentiment of the people was too high.

Not long since a drummer came in town with something like one dollar's worth of whisky, and it cost him \$9 to get out—empty—a fine.

This paper is already long, but I wish I had time to detail the weeping mothers and wives and sisters, sor-

rowing fathers, husbands and sons; the \$200 it cost the county, etc., for Mr. ——— to run his joint thirty-six hours. If the anti think it won't prohibit, let one of them come here and try it.  
E. V. COX.  
Breckenridge, Texas.

## BUTTON SUNDAY AT ROCK ISLAND PRISON IN 1864.—SOME INCIDENTS OF PRISON LIFE DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

No. 1.

On the 23d of November, 1863, the Twenty-Ninth Mississippi Regiment (Gen. Walthall's Brigade) was surrounded on Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, Tenn., and nearly all killed, wounded or captured. There was, however, only a fragment of the regiment present, as there were a great many bare-footed men who had been sent back to the wagon camp off of the mountain. There were fifteen of Company F, to which I belonged, besides the Captain and two Lieutenants, in the fight. Two of our boys had their brains shot out. Lieut. Spencer and Corporal Walden were shot through the lungs. Walden died the next day and Lieut. Spencer three days after the battle, at Nashville, Tenn. Of the remaining privates, five were slightly wounded. We were taken to Rock Island, Ill.; reached there December 7. It was cold for a Southern reb. in more ways than one. Many of us were nearly naked and bare-footed, and without blankets. And then our reception by the authorities was not very cordial. The ceremony of reception consisted in getting our names, height, complexion, and in searching our pockets for knives, greenbacks, gold and silver, etc. Their object, they said, in taking these things from us was not to rob us, but to take care of them for us while we were their guests. Well, they were not burdened with our cash, as the most of us were scarce of change at that time; only some few had a little Confederate money, which they did not care to bother. As the weather was too cold to talk about now, I will slip over our ice-bound environments until the month of May, 1864, with this passing remark: After a month of severe weather had passed, the authorities issued clothing and blankets to the destitute. To some they issued dark blue military coats, dazzling with eagle brass buttons. This brings me to my story.

Every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock we were called into line for inspection. But on a certain Sunday in May we were called into line on the main avenue through the prison. "Something up, boys?" "Yes; maybe Abe is coming to see us." But some rebs. were sharp enough to guess at what was up, and cut off and hid all the eagle buttons they had. When the guards and officers appeared they had an extra force, some of them armed with bow-baskets. "Are they going to carry us out in those baskets?" "No; they are half-bushel baskets. They only want to measure us." But we soon found out what was up. The inspection commenced at the end of the line—a regular button inspection. They cut every button off of the coats they had issued to us, and then cut the tails off just below the waist seam. Talk about your "cut-away coats!" We had them in style. But the inspection extended to every coat and vest in the line, and every eagle button was taken. Fortunately for myself, I had a staff officer's overcoat that had been given me in the winter, in exchange for my own when I had the smallpox. It was adorned with New York State buttons, so they let me pass, and I was, therefore, a conspicuous object from that on, both on account of my brass-buttoned coat and its size and length—coming down to my heels. It was rather warm for a summer suit, and remarkable in contrast of length with the new-style cut-aways.

Well, that evening I walked through the prison grounds to see what was going on. I would meet some man with a six-inch peg in place of every button taken off. Then I would see another with tin-can bottoms as a substitute for lost buttons, even on the tails of the cut-aways. It was an interesting study in psychology. You may bind a man hand and foot, and gag him so he can not speak, but as long as he can breathe the spirit bids defiance to all material environments designed by heartless tyranny to crush out vital principles which are as dear as life itself.

Those who had thus adorned themselves with substitutes for buttons—and they were numerous—indicating unity of spirit without concert prearranged, made themselves conspicuous in the presence of Yankee officers and guards all that evening and for several days following.

J. M. DUNN.  
Bolivar, Texas.

A boiling indignation against sin is no good if it stops short of making steam to do good work.—Ram's Horn.

## LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES—No. 3

On the morning of the 18th of October, just before going ashore at Manila, officers who came out to meet their wives and children on board the Warren brought the sad news of two massacres that the Ninth Infantry had recently suffered down in Samar—the one on September 28, the other on the 10th of October. Knowing that soon I would be ordered down into that hostile country to join my regiment, the news did not cause any pleasant sensations. In fact, that night I dreamed about "bolo rushes" and all sorts of bloody things, and in my waking moments found myself "sighing for the flesh pots of Egypt," and there came over me a slight feeling that if I were back at Huntsville, Texas, preaching to peaceful school teachers and putting my old friend, Prof. H. C. Pritchett, to sleep with a sermon on baptism, I would not much object. But also, the die was cast, I was now the sworn servant of Uncle Sam, and there was no turning back.

Dressed in the regulation kaki field uniform—required out here of all officers of the army by order of Gen. Chaffee—and in company with my abiding friend, Chaplain Stull, I proceeded forthwith, as soon as going ashore, to report at the headquarters of the Division of the Philippines. In a few minutes I received my order, which was to the effect that I should proceed by the first available transport to Calbayog, Samar, and report in person to the commanding officer of the Ninth Infantry, and by telegraph to the General commanding the Sixth Separate Brigade of the Department of the Visayas. The "first available transport" was due to leave Manila in about five days, so my time in the first city of the Philippines was very short. Of my impressions of the city, etc., I have already written.

I went aboard the Sumner, the handsomest and most expensively equipped and appointed transport in the Government service, October 22. For some reason unknown to me the ship did not sail till two days later. We had a most delightful trip down through the hundreds of verdant islands to Calbayog, Samar, which is 350 miles southeast from Manila, situated in latitude 12 degrees north and longitude 124 degrees 45 minutes east from Greenwich. There were no ladies on board the Sumner, and those that had been down in this section had all gone back to Manila or to pacified parts of the Philippines. Besides myself and Chaplain Stull, who was going down to join his regiment on the island of Leyte, several surgeons and some officers in charge of a battalion of the Twelfth Infantry on "hurry up" orders to Samar, constituted our passenger list.

I went ashore at Calbayog October 28, reporting to Col. Robe. I was cordially received by him and the other officers stationed at this place. Every courtesy and hospitality has been extended to me both by the officers and the men of this post. When some weeks later Col. Robe was ordered away from here and the command of the post fell to Maj. Irvine, that fine and genial officer invited me to occupy with him the best and largest room in the officers' quarters. I have found him a most delightful room-mate, and one that was very much interested in my work. He is a Georgian, and his father, now dead, was for many years a prominent Presbyterian minister of that State. Maj. Irvine had been on departmental duty at Washington immediately before coming out here. He had also completed a tour of service in Porto Rico. He is a most interesting conversationalist, having traveled much in Europe and other parts of the world. In fact, all the officers of our mess have traveled extensively and seen much hard service in Cuba, China and the Philippines. The conversations at the table and after dinner in the evening are most interesting. Our Colonel is a veteran of the Civil War and has forty years of military service to his credit. Others have campaigned many years against the Indians in the West, while even the youngest has fought in three countries—Cuba, the Philippines and China.

My first military duty was officiating at the funeral of a young soldier, who died here in the hospital of typhoid fever the day after I arrived. He had been in many fights in the islands, had also gone through the China campaign, and had but one more month to serve before his term of enlistment expired. He had heard the whistling bullets on no less than twenty different battle-fields, and yet had to succumb to the invisible but no less powerful and insidious germ of disease. I have buried two others from this hospital, who died of the same disease, not to mention those killed and dying of wounds, of which I shall speak in another connection.

Calbayog is a town of about 30,000 population, situated at the elbow of a crescent-shaped bay. It spreads out fan-like, and extends back to a circle

of high mountains. The town is skirted around by beautiful groves of coconut and banana palms, while within are many shade trees of tropical growth. The view toward the sea is splendid. At the entrance to the bay rise precipitously innumerable small islands, which, in the distance, appear as sentinels appointed to guard the many approaches to the harbor. The houses of the town are mostly "nipa" shacks, such as the readers of the Advocate have seen illustrated in the magazines. The most pretentious structures are the Catholic Church and the tribunal building occupied as officers' quarters. The former is a large and ancient edifice, built of stone and shaped in the form of a Latin cross. In the rear and joined to the church is a large convent. This is occupied as barracks by the soldiers, while the church is used for storing commissary supplies. The priest officiating at this place has until recently been under arrest, charged with aiding the insurgents and being an all-round "bad hombre." Within the church images abound in every niche and corner. Near the altar is one that I would mention particularly. It is a life-sized image of Christ suspended upon a cross. It is so realistic, with its gaping wounds and blood-stains, as to be ghastly and repulsive. But, as if not satisfied with the effect which the image alone produces upon the simple-minded Filipino, it is made to nod and make signs in answer to the prayers of the faithful. The means by which this is accomplished is a secreted string, which is attached to the head from behind, and extending through a small hole in the cross runs down the reverse side, completely hidden from view. The priest, or his accomplice, by pulling on this string, causes the drooping and thorn-crowned head to rise from its breast and then descending, making thereby a nod, and signifying that the request of some supplicant had been granted. What a sacrilege! What a travesty on religion! This is only one of the many artful tricks practiced by the priests in these islands. I simply mention this as one that I have seen with my own eyes. The status and attitude of the Catholic Church in the Philippines presents an intricate problem in the pacification of the islands.

The Ninth Infantry has perhaps seen the hardest service during the past three years of any of the regiments of the army. The Ninth took a prominent part in the famous charge up San Juan Hill, Cuba, and was present at the raising of the American flag over Santiago; participated in the siege and capture of the Philippine capital, Tarlac; did much hard campaigning before going to China; was in the hottest of the fire at Tien-tsin, losing her gallant Colonel, Liscom, and over one hundred men, and was the first after the Japanese to enter Peking. When, in the summer of 1901, the regiment returned to Manila, she was ordered down to Samar, where the insurgents under the redoubtable Gen. Lukban had strongly organized and were prosecuting the war with great cruelty.

On September 28 occurred at Balangiga, on the southern coast of Samar, the famous massacre of Company C, Ninth Infantry, accounts of which have been published in all the leading papers of the United States. For treachery and cruelty on the one hand, and for superb daring and heroism on the other, it rivals the memorable massacre of the Alamo of 1836. Capt. Connell, Lieut. Bumpass and Surgeon Griswold, together with seventy-three men, were stationed at Balangiga. The soldiers were quartered in the convent and the officers in a small room leading from the convent upstairs into the church. The church building proper was not used for military purposes, but was left to the Padre and his people for worship. The Padre, the Presidente, the principales and the people of the town appeared most friendly. Just a week before the massacre occurred the Padre had gone off on a visit to a neighboring town. It is probable that he had received knowledge of the approaching affair—perhaps had helped to plan it—and in order to save himself from any suspicion or blame that might in future be attached to himself, had decided to be absent during the massacre. Capt. Connell had been using a lot of "hombres" around the town to clean off the grass on the plaza and about the quarters of the men. For this purpose the "hombres" used their bolos. They were required, however, in the evening when quitting work to deposit their bolos in a tent under guard. The evening before the fatal massacre Capt. Connell had complained to the Presidente that he needed more "hombres" for working around the quarters and the town. The Presidente smiled, bowed low, and said, "Si, Senor, manana por la manana." So, very early on the promised morning, the Presidente and his chief policeman appeared with a large number of fresh "hombres" from the country, with their bolos, ready to cut grass and weeds

for the "Commander" number of others had during the night and tall grass near by. No that the men were all the officers asleep, early in the morning, ammunition were sleeping quarters. Seen signal by the pulling of the church's bolo men made a upon our men, while in the church rush killed the three men could get to a horrible manner, most daring and hot of the soldiers manag guns. There were of them left and many, very wounded. In ground, beating back hundred savages and hundred of them. Men leave the place, fire to the buildings, one of their wounded small boats at the men were about to and heavily laden, twenty miles distant treatment. Private the way, was a son of living, I believe, and who was held by his comrades of C, hered that they had flag, and volunteered ers to go back and back, lowered the s which so many had and got in their wounded and dying, and night, against a tide, they rowed, I about 5 o'clock in the was stationed and troops. Unfortunat Wingo and several their boat got cut ers. Two of his com some days after on Basey and Balangiga pieces by bolo some others are never been heard supposed that they dered by the savage our men, including fifty killed and m the survivors of C their faces, heads scars—unsightly reminders of the pain of the most bloody curred in the Philip can occupation.

On October 16 River, just 12 miles bayog, where Lieut tachment of 36 men infantry, were stat other bloody affair to that of Balangiga in its results. The near the river, but a high hill covered bushes. At daylig of the 10th, while eating breakfast, a rushed suddenly do on the camp. The men, but fortunat the detachment ha by, which they us feet, for when the dead "hombres" w many other wound subsequently is not

The difficulties be overcome by ou fully waging war great. There are in the hands of island, but they ha men. While we troops stationed in country is mounta covered with tall woods and underb cessant rains the ceedingly marshy, cally no roads exte few trails, and th all sorts of danger pit-falls. In the s are many potome seats in addition t grasses whose top poison oak. Frequ in from a two or having their feet. in a frightful co laid up in the hos weeks before the this the Insurrect fight in the open conceal themselves the trails, and if th along a small deta and they themsel us, to spring sudder cut with their dea a flash, disappear dozen insurgent r themselves upon t and, as our men fire into them tw and then run awa So without givi marchig upon th mountains, the G

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tains. The town is skirted by beautiful groves of coco-palms, while within the shade of tropical trees...

infantry has perhaps seen service during the past few years...

er 28 occurred at Balinsagay, on the southern coast of Samar...

for the "Commandante." A large number of others had been brought in during the night...

On October the 10th, on the Gandara River, just 12 miles distant from Galbagog...

The difficulties and hardships to be overcome by our troops in successfully waging war in Samar are very great...

our brigade has kept all the while the ports of the island thoroughly blockaded...

Now, as my letter is growing a little long, I must close. In my next I will give an account of my Christmas experience...

District Conferences

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

The Houston District Conference met in Bay City June 19 and 21. For dispatch of business it was unequalled...

Delegates to the Annual Conference: H. W. Gillette, M. D. Fields, J. S. Swope, John Ilfrey.

Alternates: A. P. Norman, B. F. Stuart.

No interest of the Church has flourished very greatly, and none is greatly lagging. We expect an average year...

The W. H. M. Society held their district meeting with us, and had part of the second day's session.

Bros. Willis, Ingram, Shettles and Hay preached. They magnified the spiritual side of the work in their sermons.

Clyde B. Garrett, Sec. Richmond, Texas.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT.

The District Conference for Gatesville District met at Gatesville June 25, 1902...

The attendance was good, and all of the pastors were present, but a few of them were a little late getting upon the ground.

The Missionary Institute of the district was held the day before, and many good papers were read, speeches delivered and prayers heard...

From the reports of the pastors it was learned that the district was on the "up grade" along all lines. The spiritual and financial interest of the district is more than average...

The licenses of all local preachers were renewed, Samuel P. Gilmore granted license to preach, and Rev. Charles W. Macune recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial...

The conference adopted a strong paper in opposition to any material changes in the boundaries of the district, and against any manner of absorption of this district, which is one

of the oldest, this being its twenty-ninth annual session. Dr. Horace Bishop and Rev. M. K. Little represented the educational interests of the Church...

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: James M. Robertson, Meridian; M. L. Ayers, Gatesville; S. H. Lumpkin, Meridian; Rev. Charles W. Macune, Copetas Cove.

Alternates: C. M. Stribling, Pidoche; Rev. W. P. Davis, Jonesboro.

This was one of the most spiritual sessions we have ever had. There was not one word said by any one to mar the pleasure or spirituality of the session...

Our preachers are all in good health, fully alive to all of the interests committed to them, and are determined to make this one of the best years of their lives...

The next session of the conference will be held at Meridian, and though early to do so, yet we extend the good will and earnest invitation to be with us at that time...

Whereas, According to time-honored Methodism, Rev. J. G. Putman, with the close of this conference year, must be assigned to some other charge...

Whereas, As presiding elder of Gatesville District for the past four years, he has by his great preaching ability, most tender love and sweet-spirited disposition...

Resolved, By the pastors and members of the Gatesville District: 1. That our relations with Rev. J. G. Putman for the past four years have made us all love him most dearly...

Resolved, By the pastors and members of the Gatesville District: 2. That, wherever his lot may be cast in the providence of God, we assure Bro. Putman that we shall always remember him with the greatest of pleasure and most tender brotherly love...

Resolved, By the pastors and members of the Gatesville District: 3. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Texas Christian Advocate, with a request for their publication...

Many were the touching and sweet words spoken by the pastors and others on this paper, amid sobs and many tears, and it could be easily seen how he was loved...

James M. Robertson, Sec. Meridian, Texas.

BONHAM DISTRICT.

The sixteenth session of the Bonham District Conference has just closed at South Bonham. All the pastors and a large per cent of the delegates were present...

The South Bonham people, under the leadership of Rev. T. W. Lovell pastor, did everything necessary for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors. This scribe never heard of a single complaint or criticism...

Reports from the charges show, in

between the parsonage and church and lighted with electricity for the night services. A barrel filled with ice water and furnished with plenty of dip-pers was free for everybody.

The church was well filled at all the business sessions. The preaching services were attended with the power of the Spirit.

Dr. J. R. Allen, the first presiding elder of this district, spent one day with us. He made a fine speech for the University, and preached a splendid sermon. Dr. Hoops of Sherman represented the Conference Board of Missions in an able sermon...

Rev. C. T. Tally was recommended for admission into the traveling connection of the North Texas Conference. J. W. Morris, a Georgetown student was licensed to preach.

Rev. T. R. Pierce is closing up his fourth year on this district. He is much loved by the people and preaches very appropriate resolutions were passed commending his administration and high Christian character.

Rev. Zoro B. Pirtle has been Secretary seven years in succession, and has never received a criticism from the Annual Conference on his record.

We have W. J. Blodgett, W. R. Bayless and Zoro B. Pirtle closing up their fourth years in their charges. There will be moving at the Annual Conference in this district.

G. F. Boyd, Editor, Texas.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

The Austin District Conference met with the Twenty-fourth Street Church, Austin, Texas, June 27, 1902. Rev. E. S. Smith, P. E., presiding. W. Wood-ton was made Secretary.

All the pastors were present but two, and they were unavoidably absent. Two local preachers answered to roll call. With the exception of Prof. John E. Pritchett of Central Institute, San Marcos, and Rev. J. B. Cochran, presiding elder of the Brenham District, there were no visitors present.

The reports from the various charges show but little change from last year. A prodigious and disastrous drought prevails over the entire district, and the prospects are very gloomy for a crop of either corn or cotton this year.

The preaching was decidedly spiritual, though the audiences were small. Bro. Porter, the pastor, was untiring in his efforts to make everybody comfortable, and succeeded admirably.

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Delegates to the Annual Conference: A. M. Hill, N. A. Rector, J. W. Robbins, L. L. Hogue.

One young man, a student in the State University, was licensed to preach, and one recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial into the traveling connection.

Smithville was selected as the place for the next session of the conference. The District Conference memorialized the Texas and West Texas Conferences to permit Carmine, an appointment in the Brenham District of the Texas Conference, but in the bounds of the ceded territory, to remain in the Texas Conference.

A MEMBER

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

The Corsicana District Conference met in the Methodist Church at Mexia, Texas, at 10:30 a. m., June 25, 1902.

Rev. E. A. Bailey, presiding elder, was on hand, and presided over the conference. He preached to us in the opening session a sermon of wonderful power on Phil. 2:8-11. So the conference started off in a high spiritual state of mind, and was pleasant, if not profitable, throughout.

Rev. J. C. Minniss preached a rare sermon on proving true in every test. He came to us by transfer last year. He is a young man of excellent attainments and studious habits, and will be heard from in the near future.

Rev. J. W. Adkisson, D. D., President Blooming Grove Training School, also preached, and though he was last, he was by no means least. His sermon made a profound impression.

Dr. R. S. Hyer, Regent Southwestern University, and Dr. Adkisson gave us fine addresses on education.

Rev. E. W. Solomon was a prominent figure in the conference. He spoke often, could be heard distinctly from any part of the house, and said something nearly every time he spoke. Many other good speeches were made.

All the traveling preachers but two (one pastor and one supernumerary), eight local preachers and twenty-five laymen were present. Reports from the charges show, in

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general satisfaction on the part of patients and people, and the doctor is in fact satisfied.

As this is the first time that ever in the history of the world, a man has been elected to the office of President of the United States, and a resolution of respect to him was adopted by a united assembly, we have heard a very interesting and touching remark that Bro. Bailey was the best preacher in the North Texas Conference, and many other words of praise for the same thing, but for the purpose of brevity we will not quote them.

Bro. Anderson, our first pastor, was a great help, and a great blessing to us. He, as well as the other city pastors, are in good repute, and have had encouraging gains to their Churches this year.

Two young men were licensed to preach, eleven local preachers were recommended, and recommended for admission on trial into the traveling connection, and two for admission on trial.

Under the proper lead I should have mentioned that Bro. A. C. Johnson and Mrs. M. S. Hill, daughters of the Women's Home Mission and Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, respectively, gave us very interesting talks regarding their work.

The conference adjourned at 11:00 a. m., June 27, in the midst of the great rain for which we all have been so long praying.

The presiding elder called us to meet again, and led by Dr. Anderson, the conference adjourned in God's name. So the conference adjourned, praying for rain, and hoping that God would have called our way. Well, maybe so. What of it?

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES

LLANO DISTRICT.

The Llano District Conference convened in the Methodist Church in Kerrville June 27. Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, presiding elder, presiding. Bro. Biggs was just up from a severe spell of illness, but, though still somewhat weak, handled the business of the session splendidly. His sermon on Sunday morning was spoken of very highly by all who heard it.

All the preachers of the district were present, and a goodly number of laymen.

The conference was interesting, pleasant and profitable, and was well entertained by the people of Kerrville.

The reports from the different churches were encouraging in many respects, though the drought has interfered materially with the financial report of the district.

San Saba was selected as the place for holding the next conference.

The following were elected as delegates to the Annual Conference:

- ALONZO REES, J. D. WEAR, J. L. CARPENTER, L. CROWNOVER.

- Alternates: Rev. C. W. Gostain, B. F. Langford.

Bro. Jas. Walker Black, son of Rev. M. A. Black, and L. B. Newberry were recommended for admission into the traveling connection.

The subjects of missions, Sunday schools and Christian education with special reference to our Church schools were all thoroughly discussed.

The circulation of our Church papers on the district was diligently inquired into, and the following resolutions introduced and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the preachers and laymen of the Llano District, express our appreciation of the splendid work being done by the Texas Christian Advocate, and shall do our best to co-operate with its able editor and publisher in extending its circulation until every Methodist family on the district takes our paper.

Resolved, That we, as Texans, appreciate the work done for Methodism in Texas by the new editor of our general organ, and that we extend to Bro. Winston our best wishes in his field of labor, and will try to put the Nashville Advocate in the homes of our people.

- F. H. C. ELLIOTT, J. J. RAPE, M. A. BLACK.

On Saturday afternoon the conference adjourned.

F. H. C. ELLIOTT, Sec.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

The thirty-first session of the Huntsville District Conference met with the good people of Dodge Wednesday morning, June 26, 1902. Rev. Chas. A. Hooper, presiding elder, in the chair, and Chas. U. McLarty, Secretary.

Prof. E. R. Williams, A. M., principal of Alexander Collegiate Institute, of Jacksonville, Texas, was present and addressed us in behalf of that school. Rev. J. B. Sears, Missionary Secretary of the Texas Conference and trustee of Chappell Hill Female College, was present, spoke in behalf of said school, and preached a helpful missionary sermon.

Delegates to the Annual Conference: W. W. ABICKES, PROF. H. C. PRITCHETT, PROF. R. O. ALLEN, GEO. L. CONOLY.

- Alternates: D. H. Price, W. O. Hightower.

Thomas Edgar Bledsoe, of Cold Springs Circuit, was licensed to preach the gospel.

The licenses of the following local preachers were renewed: John H. Disharoon, W. O. Hightower and H. D. Huddleston.

Rev. E. L. Shettle raised a collection for the memorial window which is being placed in the new church at Bryan in memory of Rev. H. V. Philpott, D. D.

Upon nomination of presiding elder, the following committee was elected on license to preach, to serve in the interim of conference: J. M. Adams, F. O. Favre, A. J. Anderson and C. L. Farrington.

The next conference meets in Conroe. Throughout the conference a fine spiritual glow prevailed. Many thought it the best District Conference that they had ever attended. There were several conversions.

Dodge entertained us royally. The attendance of the citizens was largely interfered with by the good rain which was so badly needed.

Bro. Hooper is an excellent presiding officer, fair and impartial. He plans and works his plan. Bro. Cameron makes an admirable host. He looks after every one, is quick to detect a want and to supply it. He is in high favor with his people.

The Committee on Missions, after

stating that the spirit of missions had grown, recommended a new departure, namely, the employment of a District Conference Missionary Evangelist by our Board of Missions, whose duty it should be to travel throughout the bounds of the district, preaching and scattering literature, thus cultivating the spirit of missions and doing actual missionary work.

The Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church thought that there is too little spirituality among our members, caused by neglecting family altars, prayer-meeting, attendance upon public worship, private prayer, Bible reading and good books and papers generally. Also, by doing that which is contrary to the teachings of the Bible, such as dram-drinking, card-playing, dancing and other sinful amusements. As a remedy, they recommended that the preachers preach on the great vital and fundamental doctrines of our beloved Methodism, attendance upon all the ordinances of the Church, family prayer and the reading of the Bible and good literature.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reminded us that the Sunday-school is not one of the institutions of the Church, but rather the Church assembled for Bible study and instruction. They recommended the observance of Decision Day and the formation of study circles in every charge.

On literature, the committee was glad that new subscribers had been obtained for the Texas Christian Advocate. This indicates that the paper is growing in favor with our people, and that our preachers appreciate the need of having such a valuable assistant in their work. We most heartily endorse the Texas Christian Advocate, under the editorship of Dr. G. C. Rankin, and urge upon all our pastors the importance of never growing weary in their efforts to extend its circulation.

The Epworth League Committee thought that interest in this department of Church work had decreased, the reason assigned being lack of interest upon the part of the young people, the want of a leader, and in part to a want of appreciation on part of pastors.

On Bible cause little has been done and nothing to be done. It was recommended that depositories be established at Huntsville, Navasota, Bryan and Conroe.

On financial system, it was found that the plan was in general use, and wherever used they generally succeeded.

This is enough to show that all of the committees were thorough in their work. The discussions were of a high order and instructive. We all resolved to be more faithful, and left with our heads filled with thoughts and our hearts filled with love to God, one another and the poor, lost souls, and with a determination to conquer the district for Christ.

CHAS. U. McLARTY, Sec. Madisonville, Texas.

ABILENE DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ELSE.

The Abilene District Sunday-school and Epworth League Conferences met June 2-5. The place of meeting was Anson, sixteen miles from the nearest railroad point, and yet the conference was a great success. Fully seventy-five people were in attendance from abroad. The conference would have been larger still but for the fact that prohibition elections were pending in two counties, and several pastors and laymen stayed at home to work and vote for prohibition. Most of those who attended the conference went all the way by private conveyance. Many traveled as far as fifty miles, and one delegation of seven drove eighty miles to get to the conference. There was singing, praying and preaching, but most of the time was given to the discussion of practical matters, methods, difficulties and results connected with our Sunday-school and League work. The full conference had the right of way. The Holy Spirit fell upon us, and we returned to our homes with faith strengthened, zeal rekindled and a stronger purpose to be faithful to Christ and loyal to Methodism.

On account of the large area of the district, the League Conference decided last year that it would thereafter meet in connection with the Sunday-school Conference, but in the five years that I have worked in this district I have not heard a single person question the utility of these conferences, nor a suggestion from any source that it would be best for them to cease. It is certainly an inspiration to see so many Methodists, mostly young people, come together in a single district, at considerable expense and even hardship to themselves, to try to learn to serve our Lord with greater effectiveness.

Prohibition is making rapid strides in this part of the State. Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford, Taylor, Jones, Fisher, Scurry and Mitchell Counties, which include much more than half the population of the Abilene District, are prohibition counties. Jones has never

in its history had a saloon. Its prohibition vote is about eight to one. Scurry County has had prohibition for nine years, and in the last election its vote was five to one. And it prohibits in this county—prohibits liquor selling and all other crimes. Stephens County has been dry for ten years, and at its last term of District Court there was only one case of any kind pending (a divorce case), and the Grand Jury did not return a single bill. In Eastland County twelve months ago, with open saloons, the Grand Jury returned about a hundred and fifty indictments. At its recent sitting it returned only eight indictments—six felonies and two misdemeanors. In its report the Grand Jury said: "We find that the prohibition law is very strictly enforced in all parts of the county." What these West Texans undertake is usually accomplished. Who talks of the "wild and woolly West?"

The District Conference met at Merkel June 27-29. This scribe was elected Secretary. The attendance was moderately good. Two pastors were not present and sent no reports. Notwithstanding distressing crop conditions, the pastors think the district will make a full report on collections, as it did last year. A warm spiritual atmosphere pervaded the conference. The pastors enter upon their revival campaigns with eagerness and hope. Already there have been several glorious revivals.

Our presiding elder, E. A. Smith, was in the chair—vigorous, frank, alert and courteous as usual. The following local preachers had their licenses renewed: J. P. Hollaway, G. E. Fritz, W. J. H. Ellis, E. J. Franklin, F. T. Johnson, W. C. Hart, I. N. Anderson, T. L. Blanton and J. M. Wood. Alton T. White, Columbus Alonzo Bickley and Wm. V. George were granted license to preach. Ed J. Franklin was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. Ed J. Franklin, A. D. Livingstone, Wm. J. H. Ellis and Isaac N. Anderson were recommended for deacon's orders. J. M. Burkheart, an elder from the Baptist Church, was received as a local preacher and recommended to the Annual Conference for recognition of orders.

The delegates to the Annual Conference are: H. A. TILLET, C. W. SIMPSON, REV. J. T. TRICE, S. A. FORRESTER.

The alternates are: J. H. Bass, W. B. Crockett, H. S. Abbott.

The Advocate was endorsed, as follows: Resolved, That we fully endorse the Texas Christian Advocate, and will make special effort to extend its circulation during our summer campaign.

The following resolutions were adopted and the Secretary instructed to publish them in the Advocate:

Whereas, Some of our pastors and local preachers habitually fail to attend the District Conference and the District Sunday-school and League Conferences; and

Whereas, Some pastors fail to send reports of their charges, thereby ignoring the law of the Church and the authority of the presiding elder; and

Whereas, We believe the action of these pastors and local preachers is hurtful to the Church in this district; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we condemn such a course as being hurtful to the Church, and especially to pastoral charges where these preachers live, because they fail to get the inspiration of these large gatherings and set an example of insubordination to their people, thereby teaching them to be careless and indifferent to their religious obligations.

2 That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the absent pastors and to local preachers who have not attended any of the aforesaid conferences during the past two years.

The President of the conference raised the question, "Should a District Conference embrace a Sunday?" After full and free discussion, the question was unanimously decided in the affirmative.

The conference adjourned on Monday evening.

The next conference will go to Stamford. E. HIGHTOWER, Sec. Cisco, Texas.

A GERMAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Western District Conference of the German Mission Conference met under a tent in the Elm Creek charge, near Seguin, on the 19th of June, with the presiding elder, Bro. H. W. Weise, in the chair.

All the preachers of the district were present save two, and all the local preachers were not present except one, who lived only a few miles away. The lay representation was fair, some delegates coming quite a long distance.

The usual routine work was done with dispatch, and yet not with undue haste. Our brethren took a vital interest in the matters under consideration, and many were the speeches made. Our presiding elder had arranged two special programs, one on missions and the other on Sunday-schools, and gave to each subject one whole afternoon session. The papers read on these subjects were well prepared, and had a fine effect on the audience. All of them will be published in our German paper, so that all may read them.

The other interests of the Church, especially the cause of education and Epworth League work, got due attention.

The reports of the preachers showed many hopeful signs. We are expanding. In all of the charges will be held either camp-meetings or protracted meetings during the summer months.

Four promising young men—all prospective itinerant preachers—were given license to preach. Two have been students at Georgetown, and will continue their courses, and the other two are married men—able and consecrated.

Bro. J. B. Sears, who has already conquered all hearts in the German work, was a welcome visitor, and gave us a very inspiring address on missions.

Despite the drought and much urgent work in the fields, the local congregation turned out well and loyally, and sympathetically treated us. Many were at the mourners' bench, and we had a gracious time spiritually as well as socially.

The District League Conference was held the day just preceding the District Conference, and was well attended. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. Moerner, President; A. E. Reeter, Vice-President; C. A. Lehmburg, Secretary and Treasurer.

The next conference will be held in New Fountain. C. A. LEHMBERG, Sec.

PAPERS ADOPTED BY THE TYLER DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The following copies of papers adopted by the Tyler District Conference were ordered forwarded to the Advocate for publication. They are forwarded apart from the regular report of the proceedings of the conference, that they may have the additional weight of a separate communication. H. E. URQUHART, Secretary. Murchison, Texas.

Mob Law Condemned.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, offer this for your consideration:

We note with alarm the growing disposition on the part of some of our people to take the law in their own hands in dealing with a class of criminals whose crime shall be nameless. We deeply deplore this tendency. Our law is adequate and should always be permitted to take its course. Mob law is irresponsible. It knows no limit. Let the good people sanction it, either by endorsing it or by just letting it go unrebuked, and it soon comes to the conclusion that not only for this nameless crime, but for any crime the mob chooses to punish in this summary way, it is justified in immediately conveying its bloody court, and without Judge jury or trial, inflicting the most fiendish and merciless death conceivable. Therefore, be it

Resolved 1. That while we deprecate with unspeakable horror the awful crime which usually affords the excuse of the lyncher and is usually the occasion of his crime, we would call upon our people to remember God's Word says: "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

2. We deplore the fact and condemn the crime of lynching wherever and for whatever reason invoked. Two wrongs never make a right.

3. We urge upon our people their solemn duty to discourage the crime of lynching in any and every possible way. Let us uphold the dignity and majesty of our law, as upon its final enforcement every good thing in our fair land depends.

Respectfully submitted, L. M. FOWLER, J. B. TURRENTINE, A. G. SCRUGGS.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance.

To the District Conference, Malakoff, Texas:

The Sabbath in the beginning was set apart for holy purposes. Its being given a place in the decalogue proves that the obligation to keep it is eternally binding. It is a day for holy ex-

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ercise, and should be given to prayer, meditation, searching the Scriptures, reading good books and attending on public worship. The habit of Sunday visiting, attending all-day Sunday singings, going on excursions, to unwellings, celebrations, etc., is for pleasure.

Resolved, That, as preachers and laymen, we use our influence against such desecrations, and insist on a proper observance of the Sabbath day. F. A. DOWNS, A. G. SCRUGGS.

Report of Committee on Books and Periodicals.

To the President and Members of Tyler District Conference:

Methodism was born in a college. Fostered and nourished by the Holy Spirit, it was rocked in the cradle of learning. The men who organized it, wrote its hymns, promulgated and defended its doctrines, framed its shibboleths and gave caste and tone to its terminology, were men of ripe scholarship and the persistent advocates of the highest mental as well as moral and spiritual culture.

While they bore the loving message of salvation to the ignorant, they were the uncompromising foes of ignorance. To banish mental darkness they established schools, wrote voluminously, taught diligently and preached faithfully. They believed in a sound, healthy literature. We are their successors in name only, unless we, too, prove ourselves to be faithful advocates and liberal patrons of a press that is pouring forth a literature that enlightens the mind, raises the ideal of Christian manhood, furnishes food for healthy thought, and stimulates to more faithful service to Christ and humanity.

Your committee takes pleasure in commending the products of our Church press to the most favorable consideration of our ministers and laymen. We challenge comparison with the output of any other press in the world.

The contributors to our periodicals are men of scholarship, of piety and of consecrated learning. They have equipped themselves for leadership in thought, and are entitled to a respectful hearing. They give us light on many topics and provoke sound, healthful thought, and if we are wise we will avail ourselves of the service so generously, lovingly proffered. Many of their utterances, in well-chosen words, are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Our Reviews, the Christian and Texas Christian Advocates, our missionary and Sunday-school literature, ought to be found in every Methodist home, and where there is financial ability there ought to be in every family a library of books from our Publishing House. L. M. FOWLER, D. H. CONNALLY, KNOX HENDERSON, C. H. SMITH.

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I have had my Sewing Machine a year and like it splendidly. It sews just as well as it did the day I received it. MRS. KITTIE BIGERSTAFF, Trenton, Texas.

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# PROCEEDINGS GENERAL CONFERENCE

SIXTEENTH DAY.

Saturday, May 24, 1902.

(Continued from last week)

D. C. Kelley: Years ago, when I was connected with the Board of Missions, a number of women's missionary societies had been formed. Five were organized before they were authorized by the General Conference. A woman had been started to the mission field before the General Conference had authorized it. It occurred on the fact that I got Bishop McTyeire on our side, and he authorized the woman to go. I have watched the minutia of the organization of women's missionary societies. From my experience as pastor, I am sure that I had rather have fifty or one hundred women that I can lay my hands on any time, and I have been able to do it. My Monday mornings were spent in writing notes when I knew in less than twenty-four hours every woman would respond to the call that I made. Therefore, I am willing to say that the order of deaconesses, which is now proposed, is the next best thing, and the very best thing is the report of the minority; so that I go for that minority report.

L. P. Little: I do not know how correct Dr. Lamar is in regard to the sentiment of Southern women. I wish to say this: That the Louisville Conference memorialized this General Conference in favor of establishing the order of Deaconesses, and I do know that that movement was largely inspired by the consecrated wife of a North Georgia preacher transferred to the Louisville Conference. Our women are in favor of it. Anybody who has ever had an opportunity to consider or witness any of the effects of this question cannot doubt that it is Methodist, that it is Godly, that it is sensible, I am convinced that there are many people in my town, many poor, many hungry, many sick, that I do not visit, and I feel that I have taken a large step towards performing my duty as a Christian when I have got an agent to visit the sick and succor the fatherless and the widow, and therefore I am in favor of this measure.

J. H. McLean: I think we have all studied this question, and I believe we are now up against the two reports, and I believe the Conference will adopt one or the other; and if we are to adopt one or the other, I hope we will adopt the minority, which gives our ladies the fairest and fullest test, and I hope they will vindicate the wisdom of the body in giving them a fair test to show the virtue and the value of this organization.

J. B. McGehee: As I have to speak on a postal card (five minutes), I begin by saying first, that I am opposed to any other restrictive rule in the Church. We have one. I think that will do. In the second place, I am opposed to establishing a hennery in the Church for hatching out female preachers.

The Bishop: The Chair must rule that language out of order. (Applause.)

J. B. McGehee: I proceed. There is much of sentiment in this movement. These petitions and memorials come up under the influence of sentiment. It is difficult to resist the presence and force of duty and godliness. I was a member of this committee, and I saw the influence of the presence of charming and consecrated women; and I am free to say that as early as possible, when I saw the effect it was taking, that I drew up the sweetest, nicest, longest, most significant resolution, thanking the ladies, and promising that we would have them before us again. We are now seeking to set up an altar here. We are seeking to do what we are already doing, and which we will cease to do if we set up a permanent order here. There is no demand for it throughout the Church. Nine-tenths of our women are opposed to it.

W. P. Lovejoy: I desire to call attention to one view. If you draw the

line between two or three good women, well trained as they may be for the work to which they are set apart, and all the balance of the women of a great Church of five hundred thousand members, you say to the balance of the women of the Church practically, this work is organized and in the hands of women especially set apart for it—and what will be the effect of that? That side of our woman's nature which is the sweetest and tenderest you put the hand of repression upon. You say to these good women you must find a development of your higher and better nature somewhere else than here. There is no school of training under heaven that is comparable to the school of suffering in which a good woman may learn to do the duty that belongs to Christian women.

A Delegate: Which item in the report restricts the work among the poor to Deaconesses alone?

W. P. Lovejoy: The very fact that you organize this work and commit it into the hands of two or three women, itself restricts it to them.

T. T. Flahburne: The very objection that the brother raises is an argument that we need organization. I think what we as a Church are suffering from to-day is the fact that we have allowed secret orders of this country to organize and do the work the Church ought to do. I have been engaged in some work of this kind for twelve years and I have been attempting to establish a hospital in our city to meet the demands that I believed our Church should meet. We have ladies in our Church who have been doing the work of Deaconesses, but they have not had the endorsement of the Church. I am to-day President of a hospital. We have a number of ladies there. We have a training school where we are training them for that work. I do hope that you will pass the minority report and give us these workers that we so much need to do the work that the ungodly institutions are doing. In our town there is one order that spends thousands of dollars a year relieving the sick and contributing to the poor. Yet they had a meeting there some time ago, and one of their leaders got up and denounced the Church of God, and said he did not believe in the religion of Jesus Christ simply because the Church of God was not meeting the needs of humanity along this line. This went out as a charge against Christianity as a whole. I do hope we will meet this demand that is upon us.

On motion of M. J. Cofer the previous question was called.

The Bishop: The motion is on the adoption of the minority report.

J. M. Mason: The chairman of the Committee on Revisals is opposed to the report, and as I understand it has appointed Dr. Briggs to represent the report.

C. H. Briggs: There appeared before our committee when this matter was considered one of these trained workers laboring in one of our strongest Churches. Her grace, refinement, beauty, deep and tender sympathy touched all our hearts, but no plea of that kind was needed to lead us to recognize the need of these workers in many of our cities. We are all one, I think, at that point. The only difference among us is a mere difference of detail in regard to this work. The plea has been made here that we must have the minority report in order to train the workers. If the brethren will turn to paragraph 266 of the Discipline they can read that the Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and maintain a Bible and training school under its auspices, control and management for the education of missionary and other Christian workers. That institution is located in my district, and it is open for any and all who wish to prepare for work in their home or foreign fields. We have already in our Discipline in reference to the Woman's Home Missionary Society the declaration that the object of

this society shall be, among other things, to provide for religious instruction for the ignorant and destitute, and otherwise aid the cause of Christ. The majority report proposes adding to this section, "Any auxiliary society may, on the advice of the preacher in charge, and the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference, employ trained women to assist the pastor and work under his direction, or any such worker may be employed by the district or Conference with the consent of the presiding elder and the preacher in charge of the Church with which he may work. The difference between the majority and the minority report is that the majority authorizes and recognizes this kind of work and leaves the women at their liberty, while the minority report circumscribes the matter more and leaves less responsibility with the women as to matters of detail.

The vote was taken upon the adoption of the minority report, and the report was adopted. Ayes, 139; nays, 38.

W. F. Vandiver: I want to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Trustees having in charge the funds of the permanent Superannuate Fund be and they are hereby instructed to require of the Treasurer, who shall handle these funds, to give bond in a guarantee company in a sum of not less than \$10,000 for the faithful performance of his duty."

The resolution was adopted.

J. M. Barcus: I have a question of personal privilege to which I rise, which I think you will all recognize in a moment. I rise at this point because I want to present the matter before we get in a worse scattered condition than we are now. We have had serving us during this General Conference five young gentlemen who have acted as pages for the Conference. I understand there is no provision made for them, and I think we ought to do something in recognition of their services more than the passage of a resolution.

J. W. Black: Here is a paper on that very matter.

J. M. Barcus: This resolution authorizes the Committee of Arrangements to pay the boys. I don't want that as a substitute to what I am saying. I think we ought to pay them ourselves. I think we ought to take up a collection for that purpose at this point. We can give 25 cents apiece, something like that, more or less, and it will be sufficient to pay these boys something for their services, and I hope we will have a collection right now.

The suggestion was adopted by the Conference, and a collection was taken for the purpose mentioned.

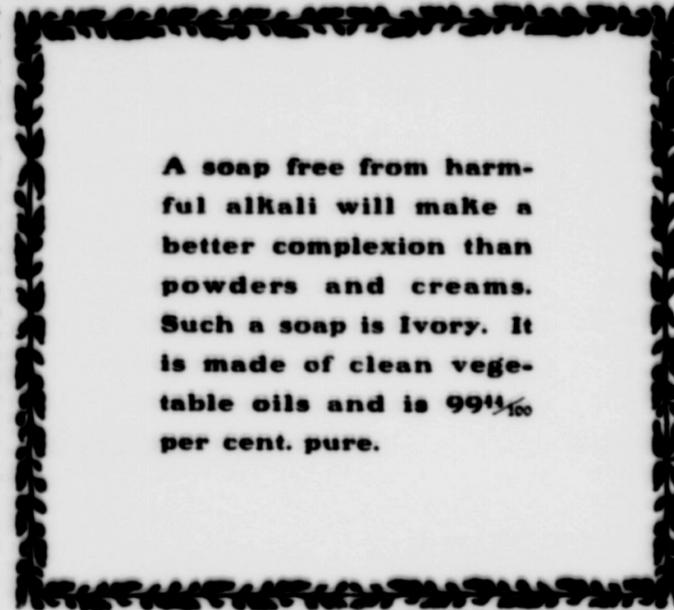
B. M. Burgher: Brother Smith left this morning without making provision for paying certain expenses. There are delegates here who are boarding in private families, whose expenses have not been paid and they need the money because they are going home. I therefore move that the Conference order Brother Everett of Barbee & Smith, to pay these expenses, or k'd by the local committee, so these brethren may have this matter settled before they leave.

The motion prevailed.

J. M. Barcus: I would like to make a motion in reference to this fund that has been collected, that it be turned over to Brother Burgher to be distributed among the five pages.

The motion prevailed.

J. W. Heldt: I wish to make announcement to those brethren who came to Dallas over the "Katy" who have M., K. and T. tickets from Shreveport to Dallas. On to-morrow that railroad will change its schedule so as to miss the connection going east at Shreveport. It has, therefore, been arranged by that road that the M., K. and T. tickets that brought us over shall be honored on the T. and P. road. The conductors will be notified to take up the tickets on the T. and P. road as if they were on the M., K. and T. Railroad. That will be done on Monday and Tuesday, and only those two days. The train leaves at 8:30 in



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the morning and gets to Shreveport at 2:05 in the afternoon.

T. S. Garrison: I move that the Publishing House be instructed to give each one of these pages a Bible for his services. We did that at Baltimore, and Texas wants to keep up.

J. J. Tigert: I move to amend that by saying "suitably inscribed."

T. S. Garrison: I accept that.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted, and at 12:50 p. m., after the Doxology had been sung and the benediction had been pronounced by Bishop Duncan, the Conference adjourned until this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pursuant to the adjournment of the morning session the Conference met at the First Methodist Church at 3:30 p. m. for the ordination of the newly elected Bishops, E. E. Hoss and A. Coke Smith, Bishop Wilson presiding. The Bishop read the Collect, and announced hymn 223:

"How rich Thy bounty, Kings of Kings, Thy favor how divine."

After the singing of this hymn Dr. J. Anderson led in prayer.

Bishop Duncan read the first Scripture lesson from the 20th chapter of the Acts.

Bishop Hendrix read the second Scripture lesson from the 21st chapter of St. John, beginning with the 15th verse, after which Bishop Wilson announced the 229th hymn:

"Jesus, the truth and power divine, Send forth these messengers of Thine."

Bishop Granbery then preached from the text the 21st, 22nd and 23rd verses of the third chapter of Corinthians.

After the sermon E. E. Hoss and A. Coke Smith were presented for ordination, and the ordination ceremonies were performed by Bishops Wilson, Hargrove and Candler.

At 5 p. m. the congregation was dismissed with the Doxology, and the benediction by Bishop Granbery.

## SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Monday, May 26, 1902.

Pursuant to adjournment of Saturday, the Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Tarboux, of the Brazil Mission, who read the Scripture lesson from the 10th chapter of St. Matthew, and announced the 140th hymn:

"Mighty God, while angels bless thee, May a mortal lip thy name?"

After the singing of this hymn the Conference was led in prayer by Dr. Tarboux.

The minutes of the two sessions of Saturday were read and approved, and Bishop Hoss took the chair.

Collins Denny: Item No. 4, of Report No. 4, of the Committee on Missions was passed the other day, and it contains a matter that I fear will lead to a legal entanglement. I would

like to move a reconsideration of the last two items in report No. 4, of the Committee on Missions.

Paul Whitehead: The committee gave that matter careful consideration. That report contains a matter of very great importance in the field, and I see no reason for our considering the matter.

W. C. Black: I move to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The Bishop: Dr. Denny is recognized.

Collins Denny: A few days ago the attention of the Conference was called to the fact by several of the legal members of the body, that to appoint one Book Agent would work a forfeiture of the charter of the Publishing House, and upon that objection alone, as I understand, the motion was lost. The Board of Missions is a separate corporation, incorporated by the State of Tennessee. The Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is a corporation. Each of these corporations has certain duties and privileges assigned to it by the charter. This resolution which we adopted here the other day, without any discussion, simply on the reading of it, unnoticed by a number of us, who had the matter in mind, and were expecting to call attention to it at the time, calls for the management and control of a part of the work of that Publishing House, which was working under one charter by another corporation. If what Judge Little and others said the other day about the forfeiture of the charter be true, so far as I can see, it will result in a forfeiture of the

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Many people are brought up to believe that coffee is a necessity of life, and the strong hold that the drug has on the system makes it hard to loosen its grip even when one realizes its injurious effects.

A lady in Baraboo, writes:—"I had used coffee for years; it seemed one of the necessities of life. A few months ago, my health, which had been slowly failing, became more impaired, and I knew that unless relief came from some source, I would soon be a physical wreck. I was weak and nervous, had such sick headaches, no ambition, and felt tired of life. My husband was also losing his health. He was troubled so much with indigestion that at times he could eat only a few mouthfuls of dry bread.

We concluded that coffee was slowly poisoning us and stopped it and used hot water. We felt somewhat better, but it wasn't satisfactory. Finally, we saw Postum Coffee advertised, and bought a package. I followed directions for making carefully, allowing it to boil twenty minutes after it came to the boiling point, and added cream, which turned it to the loveliest rich looking and tasting drink I ever saw served at any table, and we have used Postum ever since. I gained five pounds in weight in as many weeks, and now feel well and strong in every respect. My headaches have gone, and I am a new woman. My husband's indigestion has left, and he can now eat anything. It is sold by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich."

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S. B. Adams: I would not like, by my silence, to be understood as acquiescing in the statement that the election of one Book Agent would forfeit a charter granted by a Legislature. It may be that under the charter we might be compelled to elect two, but the election of one would have made him a perfectly good de facto officer, and therefore I do not see any danger in forfeiting the charter.

The report referred to was read. B. F. Lipscomb moved to lay the motion of Collins Denny on the table and the motion prevailed—ayes, 69; noes, 63.

J. O. Willson: I have a resolution I would like to offer.

The Secretary here read as follows:

Our church at Goliad, Texas, and also the parsonage of the same congregation, were entirely destroyed by the storm of Sunday, the 19th of May. The church was regarded as worth \$2500, and the parsonage, \$1500. It is vastly important that our people generally come promptly to the aid of these suffering brethren. Let our kindly disposed people, therefore, as early as a day as possible, send to P. H. Whisner, Cor. Sec., 705 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky., their liberal contributions.

- A. W. WILSON.
J. C. GRANBERY.
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P. H. Whisner: I was informed the other day by Brother Scott, who said he would write to the pastor of the Church at Goliad and get full information in regard to the matter for publication in the Daily Advocate. The information has not reached me yet, but will be published in the Advocate.

J. D. Scott: I have the information. The Bishop: That can come later. The resolution of J. O. Willson was adopted.

The Secretary: Here is a resolution signed by P. H. Whisner and others, which I will read:

Resolved, That the General Conference of 1906 shall meet on the first Monday in May, at 9 o'clock a. m.

- P. H. WHISNER.
J. B. McGEHEE.
S. B. TURENTINE.
FRANK A. CRITZ.
C. W. CARTER.
J. P. McFERRIN.
J. D. SIMPSON.
J. S. FRAZER.
J. F. G. FINLEY.

B. F. Lipscomb: I move to amend by making it Thursday instead of Monday. The reason of this is apparent. I hope we will meet on Thursday, so that we may not be compelled to travel on Sunday in order to be there.

P. H. Whisner: I do not insist upon Monday, but I do insist upon not traveling on Sunday. If we decide to meet Monday, we can have the whole week in which to get to the Conference, and Sunday on which to worship together. I am certain we ought not to meet on Wednesday. If you prefer not to meet on Monday, I hope you will vote for the substitute to meet on Thursday.

The substitute offered by B. F. Lipscomb was adopted.

At this point the Secretary presented to the pages a Bible each, which

was ordered by the Conference to be presented them in recognition of their services.

James Buttrick: There have been two gavels presented to this General Conference already. I would like for the Conference to have a third one. This comes from headquarters. About 15 years ago I visited my native home, where I was born and raised—Epworth, England. While I was there a relative of mine told me they had been rearranging the old church, and in doing so, had taken out an old oak beam, and naturally the Methodists all wanted a bit of that old beam from the church in which the Wesleys worshipped. Therefore they took it to the mill and had it cut up into strips. I was presented with some of the pieces. I have had it all the time until I was elected to this General Conference, and I thought I would have it glued up and made into a gavel. If the wood of which this gavel was made could speak its mind, it could tell this Conference that it was present when Sommerville Wesley preached his first sermon in St. Andrew's Church, Epworth, England, over 200 years ago, and that it was in its place for 30 years, and was present at every service that that Godly man conducted. It could tell you also that it was present when John Wesley preached his first sermon there about 175 years ago, and that it was present at every service he conducted for about three years. It could tell you, also, that it was present that memorable Sabbath day morning when the minister then of that Church objected to John Wesley joining in the morning service, and it was announced that John Wesley would stand on his father's tombstone and preached to the people outside, and that it was present when John Wesley preached that sermon from the text, "The Kingdom of Heaven is not meat and drink, but righteousness and joy and peace in the Holy Ghost." It is now present at this General Conference, and if it could speak its mind, it would say that it was desirous of resting in the archives of this General Conference. I therefore take great pleasure in presenting it, Mr. President, and I am glad that you are in the chair—a new Bishop and a new gavel. (Applause.)

The Bishop: The gavel is all right, but I am not so sure about the Bishop. Nothing better could come to our modern Methodism than that we should keep close to the traditions of Epworth, and I pray God we may never go far away from them, and I pray that the spirit which animated John Wesley and Susannah Wesley and the other Wesleys of early Methodism, may still abide with us.

James Buttrick: Will you please read the inscription on the gavel? They went by the record, and they trace the fact that the church had never been disturbed for 800 years.

The Bishop (reading): "Made from a beam over 800 years old, taken from the church in which Wesley worshipped at Epworth, England; presented to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by James Buttrick." If the English would just send us some more Methodists like Brother Buttrick, we would rather have them than the gavel.

The roll of standing and special committees was called for reports, but none were submitted.

J. J. Tigert: In order that we may have our register formally completed, I move that all of the committees be discharged, with thanks.

The motion prevailed. The Bishop: We will take up the calendar.

The Secretary: The first bill is Report No. 9, of the Committee on Itinerary, which is a review of the records of the several Annual Conferences. It is a very long document, and has been printed in the paper, and I move that it be adopted without reading.

The motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

The Secretary read next Report No. 6 of Committee on Finance.

A Delegate: I move its adoption.

T. L. Mellen: The report is a long one, and at this late hour we are in

no condition to give it the consideration it ought to have and I move an indefinite postponement of it.

W. F. Barclay: This paper received careful consideration by the Finance Committee and was adopted by a unanimous vote. This proposes that five officers, the Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Secretary of the Board of Bishops, the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension and the Secretary of the Board of Education and the Book Editor shall come together in June and figure out the basis of assessments. All the Boards will determine the amount they assess just as now. The plan is perfectly simple and easily worked, and was published in the Advocate a week ago.

E. C. Reeves: I move to lay on the table the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The motion prevailed.

The Bishop: The original report is before the house.

Horace Bishop: I am amazed that there was unanimity on that report. There is absolutely nothing more delusive than the per capita basis of assessment unless it be the salaries of the traveling preachers. I know a place where there is a Church where one man and his family pay \$300 a year (his family consisting of four), and \$50 a year for other collections. Now that gets a big per capita, doesn't it? Then, again, this matter is unconstitutional.

J. J. Tigert: I raise the point of order that questions of constitutionality have to be decided not by Brother Bishop, but by the College of Bishops.

The Bishop: The question of constitutionality is not up for discussion just now except as Brother Bishop may bring it up.

Horace Bishop: It is contrary to the constitution of the Mission Board is what I mean.

B. F. Lipscomb: I think this is a common-sense, equitable and fair paper towards all interests concerned. How can we get at the disposition of people to pay better than by the amount that they do pay. So we take their contributions for the support of the ministry, and then we take the membership, and we get at the average from these two. As it is now, the Board of Missions will take one basis and the Board of Church Extension another. This proposes a uniform basis, calculated upon contributions for the support of the ministry on one hand and the membership on the other.

On motion, the previous question was called.

J. O. Willson: I would like to ask Brother Barclay, how will this affect the control of the domestic mission fund by the conference?

W. F. Barclay: Not at all. The paper was again read.

W. F. Barclay: I wish, in reference to the point raised by Brother Bishop that this is a violation of the constitution of the Board of Missions, that it is not a violation, but is an amendment of the constitution, and if you adopt this paper it changes the reading of that constitution to conform to this action. And just the same in reference to the other board.

The Bishop: The Chair would like for Brother Barclay to state whether this paper, if adopted, will operate towards the undoing of assessments al-

ready made by the Boards of Missions, Church Extension and Education for the current quadrennium.

W. F. Barclay: My impression is that it will have that effect—not to change the total amounts assessed by them for these various objects, but it will operate to change that apportionment as between the conferences. It seems to me that would be the result. If there is any other question any one desires to ask, I would like to answer it.

C. H. Briggs: Has any calculation been made to see how it will work out with different conferences as compared with the present plan?

W. F. Barclay: I worked the plan over carefully, and find that in a great majority of the conferences the difference is not large. I believe, however,

that questions of this sort ought to be settled upon principle, and not in reference to the way in which it may affect any individual conference. I have carefully avoided mentioning any person the result in reference to his own conference.

J. M. Barcus: Has this question been considered? Some of the conferences, owing to their territory, may raise a great deal more domestic missionary money than other conferences, yet according to your rule they will have to raise the same amount of domestic missionary money in proportion to their membership.

W. F. Barclay: This bill provides carefully for all such cases. It utilizes the various boards to make the consideration any hardship that may

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# PROCEEDINGS GENERAL CONFERENCE

SIXTEENTH DAY.

Saturday, May 24, 1902.

(Continued from last week.)

D. C. Kelley: Years ago, when I was connected with the Board of Missions, a number of women's missionary societies had been formed. Five were organized before they were authorized by the General Conference. A woman had been started to the mission field before the General Conference had authorized it. It occurred from the fact that I got Bishop McTyeire on our side, and he authorized the woman to go. I have watched the minutia of the organization of women's missionary societies. From my experience as pastor, I am sure that I had rather have fifty or one hundred women that I can lay my hands on any time, and I have been able to do it. My Monday mornings were spent in writing notes when I knew in less than twenty-four hours every woman would respond to the call that I made. Therefore, I am willing to say that the order of deaconesses, which is now proposed, is the next best thing, and the very best thing is the report of the minority; so that I go for that minority report.

L. P. Little: I do not know how correct Dr. Lamar is in regard to the sentiment of Southern women. I wish to say this: That the Louisville Conference memorialized this General Conference in favor of establishing the order of Deaconesses, and I do know that that movement was largely inspired by the consecrated wife of a North Georgia preacher transferred to the Louisville Conference. Our women are in favor of it. Anybody who has ever had an opportunity to consider or witness any of the effects of this question cannot doubt that it is Methodist; that it is Godly, that it is sensible. I am convinced that there are many people in my town, many poor, many hungry, many sick, that I do not visit, and I feel that I have taken a large step towards performing my duty as a Christian when I have got an agent to visit the sick and succor the fatherless and the widow, and therefore I am in favor of this measure.

J. H. McLean: I think we have all studied this question, and I believe we are now up against the two reports, and I believe the Conference will adopt one or the other; and if we are to adopt one or the other, I hope we will adopt the minority, which gives our ladies the fairest and fullest test, and I hope they will vindicate the wisdom of the body in giving them a fair test to show the virtue and the value of this organization.

J. D. McGeehee: As I have to speak on a postal card (five minutes), I begin by saying first, that I am opposed to any other restrictive rule in the Church. We have one. I think that will do. In the second place, I am opposed to establishing a hennery in the Church for hatching out female preachers.

The Bishop: The Chair must rule that language out of order. (Applause.)

J. B. McGeehee: I proceed. There is much of sentiment in this movement. These petitions and memorials come up under the influence of sentiment. It is difficult to resist the presence and force of duty and godliness. I was a member of this committee, and I saw the influence of the presence of charming and consecrated women; and I am free to say that as early as possible, when I saw the effect it was taking, that I drew up the sweetest, nicest, longest, most significant resolution, thanking the ladies, and promising that we would have them before us again. We are now seeking to set up an altar here. We are seeking to do what we are already doing, and which we will cease to do if we set up a permanent order here. There is no demand for it throughout the Church. Nine-tenths of our women are opposed to it.

W. F. Lovejoy: I desire to call attention to one view. If you draw the

line between two or three good women, well trained as they may be for the work to which they are set apart, and all the balance of the women of a great Church of five hundred thousand members, you say to the balance of the women of the Church practically, this work is organized and in the hands of women especially set apart for it—and what will be the effect of that? That side of our woman's nature which is the sweetest and tenderest you put the hand of repression upon. You say to these good women you must find a development of your higher and better nature somewhere else than here. There is no school of training under heaven that is comparable to the school of suffering in which a good woman may learn to do the duty that belongs to Christian women.

A Delegate: Which item in the report restricts the work among the poor to Deaconesses alone?

W. P. Lovejoy: The very fact that you organize this work and commit it into the hands of two or three women, itself restricts it to them.

T. T. Flahburne: The very objection that the brother raises is an argument that we need organization. I think what we as a Church are suffering from to-day is the fact that we have allowed secret orders of this country to organize and do the work the Church ought to do. I have been engaged in some work of this kind for twelve years and I have been attempting to establish a hospital in our city to meet the demands that I believed our Church should meet. We have ladies in our Church who have been doing the work of Deaconesses, but they have not had the endorsement of the Church. I am to-day President of a hospital. We have a number of ladies there. We have a training school where we are training them for that work. I do hope that you will pass the minority report and give these workers that we so much need to do the work that the ungodly institutions are doing. In our town there is one order that spends thousands of dollars a year relieving the sick and contributing to the poor. Yet they had a meeting there sometime ago, and one of their leaders got up and denounced the Church of God, and said he did not believe in the religion of Jesus Christ simply because the Church of God was not meeting the needs of humanity along this line. This went out as a charge against Christianity as a whole. I do hope we will meet this demand that is upon us.

On motion of M. J. Cofer the previous question was called.

The Bishop: The motion is on the adoption of the minority report.

J. M. Mason: The chairman of the Committee on Revisals is opposed to the report, and as I understand it has appointed Dr. Briggs to represent the report.

C. H. Briggs: There appeared before our committee when this matter was considered one of these trained workers laboring in one of our strongest Churches. Her grace, refinement, beauty, deep and tender sympathy touched all our hearts, but no plea of that kind was needed to lead us to recognize the need of these workers in many of our cities. We are all one, I think, at that point. The only difference among us is a mere difference of detail in regard to this work. The plea has been made here that we must have the minority report in order to train the workers. If the brethren will turn to paragraph 266 of the Discipline they can read that the Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and maintain a Bible and training school under its auspices, control and management for the education of missionary and other Christian workers. That institution is located in my district, and it is open for any and all who wish to prepare for work in their home or foreign fields. We have already in our Discipline in reference to the Woman's Home Missionary Society the declaration that the object of

this society shall be, among other things, to provide for religious instruction for the ignorant and destitute, and otherwise aid the cause of Christ. The majority report proposes adding to this section, "Any auxiliary society may, on the advice of the preacher in charge, and the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference, employ trained women to assist the pastor and work under his direction, or any such worker may be employed by the district or Conference with the consent of the presiding elder and the preacher in charge of the Church with which he may work. The difference between the majority and the minority report is that the majority authorizes and recognizes this kind of work and leaves the women at their liberty, while the minority report circumscribes the matter more and leaves less responsibility with the women as to matters of detail.

The vote was taken upon the adoption of the minority report, and the report was adopted. Ayes, 130; nays, 38.

W. F. Vandiver: I want to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Trustees having in charge the funds of the permanent Superannuate Fund be and they are hereby instructed to require of the Treasurer, who shall handle these funds, to give bond in a guarantee company in a sum of not less than \$10,000 for the faithful performance of his duty."

The resolution was adopted.

J. M. Barcus: I have a question of personal privilege to which I rise, which I think you will all recognize in a moment. I rise at this point because I want to present the matter before we get in a worse scattered condition than we are now. We have had serving us during this General Conference five young gentlemen who have acted as pages for the Conference. I understand there is no provision made for them, and I think we ought to do something in recognition of their services more than the passage of a resolution.

J. W. Black: Here is a paper on that very matter.

J. M. Barcus: This resolution authorizes the Committee of Arrangements to pay the boys. I don't want that as a substitute to what I am saying. I think we ought to pay them ourselves. I think we ought to take up a collection for that purpose at this point. We can give 25 cents apiece, something like that, more or less, and it will be sufficient to pay these boys something for their services, and I hope we will have a collection right now.

The suggestion was adopted by the Conference, and a collection was taken for the purpose mentioned.

B. M. Burgher: Brother Smith left this morning without making provision for paying certain expenses. There are delegates here who are boarding in private families, whose expenses have not been paid and they need the money because they are going home. I therefore move that the Conference order Brother Everett of Barbee & Smith, to pay these expenses, or to be paid by the local committee, so these brethren may have this matter settled before they leave.

The motion prevailed.

J. M. Barcus: I would like to make a motion in reference to this fund that has been collected, that it be turned over to Brother Burgher to be distributed among the five pages.

The motion prevailed.

J. W. Heidt: I wish to make announcement to those brethren who came to Dallas over the "Katy," who have M. K. and T. tickets from Shreveport to Dallas. On to-morrow that railroad will change its schedule so as to miss the connection going east at Shreveport. It has, therefore, been arranged by that road that the M. K. and T. tickets that brought us over shall be honored on the T. and P. road. The conductors will be notified to take up the tickets on the T. and P. road as if they were on the M. K. and T. Railroad. That will be done on Monday and Tuesday, and only those two days. The train leaves at 3:30 in



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the morning and gets to Shreveport at 3:05 in the afternoon.

T. S. Garrison: I move that the Publishing House be instructed to give each one of these pages a Bible for his services. We did that at Baltimore, and Texas wants to keep up.

J. J. Tigert: I move to amend that by saying "suitably inscribed."

T. S. Garrison: I accept that.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted, and at 12:50 p. m. after the Doxology had been sung and the benediction had been pronounced by Bishop Duncan, the Conference adjourned until this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pursuant to the adjournment of the morning session the Conference met at the First Methodist Church at 3:30 p. m. for the ordination of the newly elected Bishops, E. E. Hoss and A. Coke Smith, Bishop Wilson presiding. The Bishop read the Collect, and announced hymn 223:

"How rich Thy bounty, Kings of Kings,  
Thy favor how divine."

After the singing of this hymn Dr. J. Anderson led in prayer.

Bishop Duncan read the first Scripture lesson from the 20th chapter of the Acts.

Bishop Hendrix read the second Scripture lesson from the 21st chapter of St. John, beginning with the 15th verse, after which Bishop Wilson announced the 229th hymn:

"Jesus, the truth and power divine,  
Send forth these messengers of Thine."

Bishop Granbery then preached from the text the 21st, 22nd and 23rd verses of the third chapter of Corinthians.

After the sermon E. E. Hoss and A. Coke Smith were presented for ordination, and the ordination ceremonies were performed by Bishops Wilson, Hargrove and Candler.

At 5 p. m. the congregation was dismissed with the Doxology, and the benediction by Bishop Granbery.

## SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Monday, May 26, 1902.

Pursuant to adjournment of Saturday, the Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Duncan in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Tarbox, of the Brazil Mission, who read the Scripture lesson from the 16th chapter of St. Matthew, and announced the 146th hymn:

"Mighty God, while angels bless thee,  
May a mortal lip thy name?"

After the singing of this hymn the Conference was led in prayer by Dr. Tarbox.

The minutes of the two sessions of Saturday were read and approved, and Bishop Hoss took the chair.

Collins Denny: Item No. 4, of Report No. 4, of the Committee on Missions was passed the other day, and it contains a matter that I fear will lead to a legal entanglement. I would

like to move a reconsideration of the last two items in report No. 4, of the Committee on Missions.

Paul Whitehead: The committee gave that matter careful consideration. That report contains a matter of very great importance in the field, and I see no reason for our considering the matter.

W. C. Black: I move to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The Bishop: Dr. Denny is recognized.

Collins Denny: A few days ago the attention of the Conference was called to the fact by several of the legal members of the body, that to appoint one Book Agent would work a forfeiture of the charter of the Publishing House, and upon that objection alone, as I understand, the motion was lost. The Board of Missions is a separate corporation, incorporated by the State of Tennessee. The Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is a corporation. Each of these corporations has certain duties and privileges assigned to it by the charter. This resolution which we adopted here the other day, without any discussion, simply on the reading of it, unnoticed by a number of us, who had the matter in mind, and were expecting to call attention to it at the time, calls for the management and control of a part of the work of that Publishing House, which was working under one charter by another corporation. If what Judge Little and others said the other day about the forfeiture of the charter be true, so far as I can see, it will result in a forfeiture of the

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**A Poisonous Drug Still Freely Used.**

Many people are brought up to believe that coffee is a necessity of life, and the strong hold that the drug has on the system makes it hard to loosen its grip even when one realizes its injurious effects.

A lady in Baraboo, writes:—"I had used coffee for years; it seemed one of the necessities of life. A few months ago, my health, which had been slowly failing, became more impaired, and I knew that unless relief came from some source, I would soon be a physical wreck. I was weak and nervous, had such sick headaches, no ambition, and felt tired of life. My husband was also losing his health. He was troubled so much with indigestion that at times he could eat only a few mouthfuls of dry bread.

We concluded that coffee was slowly poisoning us and stopped it and used hot water. We felt somewhat better, but it wasn't satisfactory. Finally, we saw Postum Coffee advertised, and bought a package. I followed directions for making carefully, allowing it to boil twenty minutes after it came to the boiling point, and added cream, which turned it to the loveliest rich looking and tasting drink I ever saw served at any table, and we have used Postum ever since. I gained five pounds in weight in as many weeks, and now feel well and strong in every respect. My headaches have gone, and I am a new woman. My husband's indigestion has left him, and he can now eat anything." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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S. B. Adams: I would not like, by my silence, to be understood as acquiescing in the statement that the election of one Book Agent would forfeit a charter granted by a Legislature. It may be that under the charter we might be compelled to elect two, but the election of one would have made him a perfectly good de facto officer, and therefore I do not see any danger in forfeiting the charter.

The report referred to was read. B. F. Lipscomb moved to lay the motion of Collins Denny on the table and the motion prevailed—ayes, 69; noes, 63.

J. O. Willson: I have a resolution I would like to offer. The Secretary here read as follows:

Our church at Goliad, Texas, and also the parsonage of the same congregation, were entirely destroyed by the storm of Sunday, the 19th of May. The church was regarded as worth \$2500, and the parsonage, \$1500. It is vastly important that our people generally come promptly to the aid of these suffering brethren. Let our kindly disposed people, therefore, at as early a day as possible, send to P. H. Whisner, Cor. Sec., 705 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky., their liberal contributions.

- A. W. WILSON. J. C. GRANBERY. W. W. DUNCAN. C. B. GALLOWAY. E. R. HENDRIX. W. A. CANDLER. H. C. MORRISON. E. E. HOSS. A. COKE SMITH.

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P. H. Whisner: I was informed the other day by Brother Scott, who said he would write to the pastor of the Church at Goliad and get full information in regard to the matter for publication in the Daily Advocate. The information has not reached me yet, but will be published in the Advocate.

J. D. Scott: I have the information. The Bishop: That can come later. The resolution of J. O. Willson was adopted.

The Secretary: Here is a resolution signed by P. H. Whisner and others, which I will read.

Resolved, That the General Conference of 1906 shall meet on the first Monday in May, at 9 o'clock a. m.

- P. H. WHISNER. J. B. McGEHEE. S. B. TURRENTINE. FRANK A. CRITZ. C. W. CARTER. J. P. McFERRIN. J. D. SIMPSON. J. S. FRAZER. J. F. G. FINLEY.

B. F. Lipscomb: I move to amend by making it Thursday instead of Monday. The reason of this is apparent. I hope we will meet on Thursday, so that we may not be compelled to travel on Sunday in order to be there.

P. H. Whisner: I do not insist upon Monday, but I do insist upon not traveling on Sunday. If we decide to meet Monday, we can have the whole week in which to get to the Conference, and Sunday on which to worship together. I am certain we ought not to meet on Wednesday. If you prefer not to meet on Monday, I hope you will vote for the substitute to meet on Thursday.

The substitute offered by B. F. Lipscomb was adopted.

At this point the Secretary presented to the pages a Bible each, which

was ordered by the Conference to be presented them in recognition of their services.

James Buttrick: There have been two gavels presented to this General Conference already. I would like for the Conference to have a third one. This comes from headquarters. About 15 years ago I visited my native home, where I was born and raised—Epworth, England. While I was there a relative of mine told me they had been rearranging the old church, and in doing so, had taken out an old oak beam, and naturally the Methodists all wanted a bit of that old beam from the church in which the Wesleys worshipped. Therefore they took it to the mill and had it cut up into strips. I was presented with some of the pieces. I have had it all the time until I was elected to this General Conference, and I thought I would have it glued up and made into a gavel. If the wood of which this gavel was made could speak its mind, it could tell this Conference that it was present when Somerville Wesley preached his first sermon in St. Andrew's Church, Epworth, England, over 200 years ago, and that it was in its place for 39 years, and was present at every service that that Godly man conducted. It could tell you also that it was present when John Wesley preached his first sermon there about 175 years ago, and that it was present at every service he conducted for about three years. It could tell you, also, that it was present that memorable Sabbath day morning when the minister then of that Church objected to John Wesley joining in the morning service, and it was announced that John Wesley would stand on his father's tombstone and preached to the people outside, and that it was present when John Wesley preached that sermon from the text, "The Kingdom of Heaven is not meat and drink, but righteousness and joy and peace in the Holy Ghost." It is now present at this General Conference, and if it could speak its mind, it would say that it was desirous of resting in the archives of this General Conference. I therefore take great pleasure in presenting it, Mr. President, and I am glad that you are in the chair—a new Bishop and a new gavel. (Applause.)

The Bishop: The gavel is all right, but I am not so sure about the Bishop. Nothing better could come to our modern Methodism than that we should keep close to the traditions of Epworth, and I pray God we may never go far away from them, and I pray that the spirit which animated John Wesley and Susannah Wesley and the other Wesleys of early Methodism, may still abide with us.

James Buttrick: Will you please read the inscription on the gavel? They went by the record, and they trace the fact that the church had never been disturbed for 800 years.

The Bishop (reading): "Made from a beam over 800 years old, taken from the church in which Wesley worshipped at Epworth, England; presented to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by James Buttrick." If the English would just send us some more Methodists like Brother Buttrick, we would rather have them than the gavel.

The roll of standing and special committees was called for reports, but none were submitted.

J. J. Tigert: In order that we may have our register formally completed, I move that all of the committees be discharged, with thanks.

The motion prevailed. The Bishop: We will take up the calendar.

The Secretary: The first bill is Report No. 9, of the Committee on Itinerancy, which is a review of the records of the several Annual Conferences. It is a very long document, and has been printed in the paper, and I move that it be adopted without reading.

The motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

The Secretary read next Report No. 6 of Committee on Finance.

A Delegate: I move its adoption.

T. L. Mellen: The report is a long one, and at this late hour we are in

no condition to give it the consideration it ought to have and I move an indefinite postponement of it.

W. F. Barclay: This paper received careful consideration by the Finance Committee and was adopted by a unanimous vote. This proposes that five officers, the Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Secretary of the Board of Bishops, the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension and the Secretary of the Board of Education and the Book Editor shall come together in June and figure out the basis of assessments. All the Boards will determine the amount they assess just as now. The plan is perfectly simple and easily worked, and was published in the Advocate a week ago.

E. C. Reeves: I move to lay on the table the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The motion prevailed.

The Bishop: The original report is before the house.

Horace Bishop: I am amazed that there was unanimity on that report. There is absolutely nothing more desolative than the per capita basis of assessment unless it be the salaries of the traveling preachers. I know a place where there is a Church where one man and his family pay \$300 a year (his family consisting of four), and \$50 a year for other collections. Now that gets a big per capita, doesn't it? Then, again, this matter is unconstitutional.

J. J. Tigert: I raise the point of order that questions of constitutionality have to be decided not by Brother Bishop, but by the College of Bishops.

The Bishop: The question of constitutionality is not up for discussion just now except as Brother Bishop may bring it up.

Horace Bishop: It is contrary to the constitution of the Mission Board is what I mean.

B. F. Lipscomb: I think this is a common-sense, equitable and fair paper towards all interests concerned. How can we get at the disposition of people to pay better than by the amount that they do pay. So we take their contributions for the support of the ministry, and then we take the membership, and we get at the average from these two. As it is now, the Board of Missions will take one basis and the Board of Church Extension another. This proposes a uniform basis, calculated upon contributions for the support of the ministry on one hand and the membership on the other.

On motion, the previous question was called.

J. O. Willson: I would like to ask Brother Barclay, how will this affect the control of the domestic mission fund by the conference?

W. F. Barclay: Not at all. The paper was again read.

W. F. Barclay: I wish, in reference to the point raised by Brother Bishop that this is a violation of the constitution of the Board of Missions, that it is not a violation, but is an amendment of the constitution, and if you adopt this paper it changes the reading of that constitution to conform to this action. And just the same in reference to the other board.

The Bishop: The Chair would like for Brother Barclay to state whether this paper, if adopted, will operate towards the undoing of assessments already made by the Boards of Missions, Church Extension and Education for the current quadrennium.

W. F. Barclay: My impression is that it will have that effect—not to change the total amounts assessed by them for these various objects, but it will operate to change that apportionment as between the conferences. It seems to me that would be the result. If there is any other question any one desires to ask, I would like to answer it.

C. H. Briggs: Has any calculation been made to see how it will work out with different conferences as compared with the present plan?

W. F. Barclay: I worked the plan over carefully, and find that in a great majority of the conferences the difference is not large. I believe, however,

that questions of this sort ought to be settled upon principle, and not in reference to the way in which it may affect any individual conference. I have carefully avoided showing or mentioning to any person the result in reference to his own conference.

J. M. Boreas: Has this question been considered? Some of the conferences, owing to their territory must raise a great deal more domestic missionary money than other conferences, yet according to your rule they will have to raise the same amount of domestic missionary money in proportion to their membership.

W. F. Barclay: This bill provides carefully for all such cases. It equalizes the various boards to their own consideration any hardship that may be involved.

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We are in receipt of a short communication from Bishop Fitzgerald, which appears in another column. With it he sends a private note, as an old editor, in which he kindly says: "Your Advocate refreshes and strengthens my soul weekly." May the Lord deal gently with this noble servant of the Church. The Advocate will always have a good place for anything he feels able to write to it.

The entire Church press has dropped all controversy touching the differences that so agitated many of the editors prior to and during the General Conference. There is nothing akin to an ugly spirit in any of their writings, and no correspondent is having anything to say about it. This is what we expected. When our Church settles a thing it is settled, and we are all brethren with the same end in view, though in the absence of General Conference action, we sometimes differ as to means. But when this great law-making body acts, there is no further agitation. We congratulate all concerned.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

With this issue we finish the proceedings of the General Conference. We published these because we were requested to do so from many sources, and because further we wanted our people to become familiar with the methods and work of our General Conference, which is our only law-making body. While many things in these proceedings have been especially interesting to a large number of our preachers, yet from the many expressions we have received, the average readers of the Advocate have found much that is instructive and entertaining. The preachers mostly took the Daily Advocate, or the Daily News, and read these proceedings largely in these papers, and many of these preachers attended the General Conference and witnessed the business while in progress. But not so with hundreds of our readers. As a matter of course we have not been able to publish the programs of District Conferences, League district meetings and the like, on account of the General Conference matter; but the proceedings of all District Conferences we have published in full and will continue to do so. But now we are through with the General Conference, and the Advocate will fall back into its regular work. All delayed communications will get a hearing just as rapidly as we can reach them. Anything that the brethren may want to say of interest to the readers is now invited to these columns.

THE TEXANS ADMONISHED.

In another column we reproduce an article from the Central Christian Advocate, published at Kansas City—one of the organs of the Methodist Episcopal Church—and we thank our confere for the note of warning. Let all our preachers and laymen read the article and take due warning. The liquor interest in Texas has been dealt some tremendous blows of late, and it is not the sort of foe to submit quietly to this sort of temporary defeat. That the whisky element, headed by the infamous old breweries, intend to put forth special effort to recover their lost ground in Texas, can not be doubted. They will spare neither money nor labor to accomplish their end. First, they will begin with the incoming Legislature to get our local option laws crippled so as to have easier sailing in these county campaigns. They will attempt very adroitly to use their great money accumulations to this end. If it is possible, they will pay their way through the Legislature. They have an idea that legislators in Texas can be bought, but in this we think they will fail in most instances. But they will not hesitate to go as far in that direction as they deem prudent. The promoters of the liquor interests have neither conscience nor honesty in matters of opposition to any form of prohibition. In the second place, they will endeavor to sow down Texas with literature misrepresenting the status of local option in the communities where it already prevails. This they have now inaugurated. Last Sunday's News contained a half-triple column of stuff of this character, which appeared as a news article, whereas it was a paid advertisement, pure and simple. And it was a tissue of misrepresentations and bald lies from beginning to end. But this is the game of the liquorites. So, if you will watch the Sunday dailies from this on, you will see matter of this sort published in prominent places. We have no idea that these dailies would permit anybody to reply to these falsehoods unless paid for as advertising rates. But we want to put the opponents of bar-rooms on their guard. Do not let the excitement of local option victories blind you to the fact that the liquor dealers are secretly at work to undo all our local option victories. Be on the alert, and keep none but Americans on picket duty!

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. A. J. Weeks, of the San Antonio District, Texas Conference, writes that he has just closed an interesting session of his District Conference in which much good was accomplished.
Bro. E. H. Casey announces the marriage of Rev. G. E. Holley and Miss Etta Shoff, of Sulphur Bluff, some weeks ago, and begs pardon of him and his friends for not announcing it sooner.
Doctor Sid Bass, of Terrell, spent last Monday in the city, and he paid the Advocate a pleasant visit. He is the Texas lay member of the Book Committee and he is much interested in our Branch House.
Rev. D. L. Coale, who was forced to give up his work at Grand Prairie a while back, on account of ill health, is now located in Oak Cliff. All correspondents will address him at Dallas (Oak Cliff) for the next few months.
We had a pleasant call last week from Rev. E. H. Casey, presiding elder of the Sulphur Springs District. His District Conference had just adjourned, and he reports it a very religious gathering, and that most excellent work was done.
In a card from Rev. J. E. Harrison he says: "I can not refrain from giving expression to my hearty appreciation of your utterances on 'Modern Criticism and Old Testament Preaching,' 'The World Striving to Capture Our Women,' and 'The Evils of Pulpit Plagiarism.'"
Rev. Atticus Webb and family, of Sanger, have recently passed through serious affliction. Their little boy of 5 years died, and immediately after this bereavement Bro. Webb himself was stricken down with typhoid fever, from

which he is still suffering. Let the brethren remember him and his household in prayer.

Rev. Sam'l J. Rucker writes us that Prof. Thos. E. Kennedy, of Midlothian, Texas, has been elected President of Granbury College, and that the school will be under the immediate management of Prof. J. M. Fletcher.

Our old friend, Leon Sonfield, was in the city last week attending upon the State Bar Association, and we had a few moments of pleasant conversation with him. He is now practicing his profession at Beaumont, and is meeting with success.

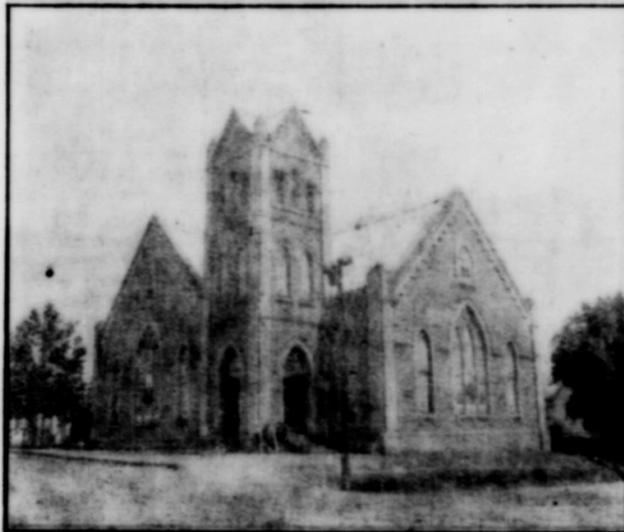
We learn that S. W. Stanfield has been elected President of Weatherford College. The management have

CHURCH NEWS.

Bishop Candler has appointed Rev. Dr. C. E. Dowman presiding elder in place of Dr. R. J. Bigham, recently elected Book Agent. At present Dr. Dowman is at the head of Emory College.

Rev. W. B. Murrah, D. D., of Millsaps College, has been appointed by the Bishops to represent us as fraternal messenger before the next General Conference of the Canadian Methodist Church. This is a good appointment, and it will give satisfaction both to our people and to the Canadians.

Bishop E. E. Hoss is making full proof of his bishopric. He has plunged into the District Conferences like an old hand at the business, and the brethren are giving him any amount of service. He began in Tennessee.



M. E. Church, South, Crockett, Texas.

Rev. Ellis Smith, Pastor.

Rev. Ellis Smith, A. B., the pastor of our Church at Crockett, Texas, is a leader among the younger men of his conference. He is a native of Texas and is in the thirty-third year of his age. He is a grandson of Rev. Littleton Fowler, one of the pioneers of Texas Methodism, and the first presiding elder in the State. Bro. Smith graduated at Southwestern University, where he took high rank, winning the orator's medal in the junior year. He is in his second year at Crockett, where his work has been singularly successful. He has received sixty-five members into the Church, and by energy and perseverance built the second best Church building in East Texas Conference. A good preacher, painstaking pastor, and possessing indomitable energy, his friends expect great things of him.

decided to correlate the college with the Southwestern University, so this adds another high-class training school to the list.

Rev. A. J. Foster, of Malakoff, is visiting in the city, and was in the office Tuesday to see us. He states he has thirteen nephews who are Methodist ministers.

Rev. S. P. Ulrich, of Cochran and Caruth, was in to see us last week. He is suffering slightly from a throat affection, but will be all right in a few weeks and back in his pulpit with his accustomed efficiency. He is one of our strong and useful young men.

Rev. F. B. Carroll, D. D., of Georgetown, spent some time in the city last week and brightened up this office with a brotherly visit. He is canvassing in the interest of Southwestern University and he ought to get more than a hundred new boys for the institution from North Texas.

Uncle Buck Hughes, as is his custom, called the past week and sat with us for a season. It always makes one feel better to be with him and hear him talk. Though he is now retired and has recently passed through the deep waters, nevertheless he is sweet in spirit and lovable in disposition and character.

We take the following personal from the Daily Gazette, published at Charleston, West Virginia:

Rev. Sam C. Littlepage, of the Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is here visiting the Littlepage family of Two Mile. He is now pastor of the Church at Alvarado, a thriving town in the agricultural section of Texas. He has been in the ministry in Texas since 1858, his first charge being Waco, the geographical center of the State, which was then but a small place, but which is now one of the cities of Texas. He has seen Texas grow from a border State to one of the densely populated sections of the Union, now in the heart of civilization.

near his old home, and now he will soon invade the Indian Territory and hold a number within the scope of his first Annual Conference.

Hiwassee College has recently conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. James A. Burrow, of the Midland Methodist. The young man will wear the honor well, as he is first-class in all particulars.

GIDDINGS' HALL, SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Prof. Stephen H. Moore, President of the Fitting School of Southwestern University, is to have charge of Giddings' Hall during the next school year. Young men attending the University can board in this hall for ten dollars per month, including fuel and lights. The purpose of the hall is not to make money by boarding the students, but to aid young men who are seeking a good education. The very best provision is, therefore, made for students residing in the hall for the amount of money they spend—it all goes into their own living.

Last year Prof. Moore made great improvements upon the hall and premises, making the place pleasant and attractive. Through the greater part of the year the hall was crowded with students, and some had to be turned away. The conduct of the young men residing in the hall was in every way orderly and commendable.

Prof. Moore has proved himself thoroughly competent and trustworthy for the large responsibility which the management of the hall imposes upon him. He is a diligent student himself, setting an ideal example in this respect to those under him, a good disciplinarian, conscientious in the discharge of his duties both to his patrons and to the University, and an exemplary Christian gentleman. We have no man in the State better equipped for the presidency of our chief training school and to preside over the daily life of a large student body.

Parents putting their sons under his care may be certain that Prof. Moore will give them faithful oversight and wise government. Besides Prof. Moore

one or two other professors of the University will reside in the hall; also Rev. F. B. Carroll and Mrs. Carroll and Retta, their little girl, and Mrs. Phelps and daughter. Altogether there will be a good element of social and family life in the hall, with daily religious devotions.

Parents desiring to send their sons to the Southwestern University and wishing them to reside in Giddings' Hall, should correspond with Prof. Stephen H. Moore, Georgetown, Texas, before the opening of the school in September.

FROM BISHOP FITZGERALD.

I had just finished a note to a beloved brother in Texas—a minister of the gospel belonging to one of our Annual Conferences who is on the superannuate roll. He has for years been a sufferer from bodily disease and debility—one of a company not small, scattered over the Church, who are fighting the good fight of faith and will go up to their rest and reward through great tribulations. In my letter to my afflicted brother I had said: "Hold fast your faith. The Lord in his own best way can turn your troubles into blessings. He knoweth them that are his." Just then, in a religious newspaper, my eye fell upon this poem on "Answered Prayer." It touched me graciously. It will carry a message to some one among your readers who needs it. I do not know who is its author, but the secret of the Lord was with him—or her—when it was written. O. P. FITZGERALD. Nashville, Tenn.

Answered Prayer.

I asked for bread; God gave a stone instead. Yet while I followed there my weary head, The angels made a ladder of my dreams, Which upward to celestial mountains led, And when I woke beneath the morning's beams, Around my resting-place fresh manna lay; And, praising God, I went upon my way, For I was fed. I asked for strength; for with the moon-tide boat I fainted, while the reapers, singing sweet, Went forward with the sheaves I could not bear. Then came the Master with his blood-stained feet, And lifted me with sympathetic care, And when his arms I leaned on all was done; And I stood with the rest at set of sun, My task complete. I asked for light; around me closed the night, No guiding star met my bewildered sight, For storm-clouds gathered in a tempest's roar, Yet in the lightning's blazing, roaring light, I saw the way before me, straight and clear. What though his leading pillar was of fire, And not the sunbeam of my heart's desire? My path was bright.

God answers prayer; sometimes when hearts are weak, He gives the very gifts believers seek, But often faith must learn a deeper rest, And trust God's silence when he does not speak; For he whose name is Love will send the best, Stars may burn out, nor mountain walls endure, But God is true—his promises are sure To those who seek.

REVIEW NOTICES.

The July Review of Reviews is before us. The special features of this number are a group of articles concerning the coal strike—"Anthracite Coal Mines and Mining," by Rosamond D. Rhone illustrated; "A General View of the Coal Strike," by Talcott Williams; and "The Anthracite Carrying Railways," by H. T. Newcomb, editor of the Railway World; a character sketch of Woodrow Wilson, the new President of Princeton, by Robert Bridges, with a photograph of President Wilson taken especially for the Review of Reviews soon after his election in June; interesting comments by W. T. Stead on "The South African Peace, the Coronation, and the British Outlook," "West Point and Its Centenary" (with illustrations), by Col. Samuel E. Tillman; "Solving the Labor Problem of the Wheat Belts," by William R. Draper; "The Emperors Dowager's System of Modern Colleges for China," by Robert E. Lewis, and a particularly well-informed article on the retiring French Premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, and his successor, M. Combes, by Othon Guericq. The editor's department, "The Progress of the World," deals with such topics as the South African Peace, our own problem in the Philippines, the Cuban crisis, the Bahman canal, the coal strike, the work of Congress, the shipping trust, the crop prospects, and current American politics.

The frontispiece of The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine for July is a half-tone reproduction of Forester's fine portrait of Susanna Wesley, the "Mother of Methodism." The first article, dealing with Venice, is by Ans Dillard Hinde, one of the Christian Endeavorers who was left stranded on the shores of the Adriatic by the failure of the Paris agents. "A Tragedy of the Burns Country" takes up the recent powerful story by George Douglas (Brown), entitled "The House With the Green Shutters." Pictures of Ochiltree, in Ayrshire, the author's birthplace, accompany the article. Those who have read the story will find the criticism of particular value, as it is written by one who has an immediate acquaintance with the persons and places. The Famous Hymn Writers Series is represented by Philip Doddridge, whom Wesley considered the type of a courteous Christian gentleman, and whose "Oh, Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice," "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve," and other masterpieces, are dear to every

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John Wesley" takes up the story of "The
Holy Club," out of which Methodism
sprang. Valuable fresh matter and illus-
trations make the installment of particu-
lar interest.

The July number of the Atlantic
Monthly comes to us with a full table of
contents. In the list are long articles on
"Certain Aspects of America," by H.
D. Sedgwick, Jr.; "Fresh Leaves from
Emerson's Diary," "Two Years of Leg-
islation in Porto Rico," "The Negro;
Another View," and many others of
equal merit. The one we have read with
most interest is "Fresh Leaves from Em-
erson's Diary." Though we differ from
Emerson in his view of religion, never-
theless there is a flavor in all of his lit-
erary writings that we relish very much.
We relish this contribution the more be-
cause the extracts from his Diary have
never before been published, and they are
new and fresh. They describe with great
frankness the walks, talks and excu-
rions of Emerson with his young neigh-
bor, William Ellery Channing, who him-
self was a man of fine literary attain-
ment. These "talks" open up the inner
heart of the man and we are permitted
to see him as he actually lived in his
private and confidential friendships of
life.

The July number of the Popular Science
Monthly contains a number of most in-
teresting and instructive articles. Among
them is one on the "Natural History of
the Sacramento Salmon," by Clousley
Rutter. To any one interested in the na-
ture and habits of this branch of the
finny tribe, this article, from one so well
versed in such matters, is of rare value.
Another article of scientific value is "The
Panama Route for a Ship Canal," by
Prof. William H. Burr. Along with it is
a map showing all the points of interest
and the advantages to this country on
account of the completion of this great
enterprise are explicitly pointed out from
the standpoint of a scientist. But the ar-
ticle which we have read with greatest
interest is the one on "The Antillean
Volcanoes," by Dr. W. J. McGee. This
gives the history and the explanation and
the results of the great volcanic eruptions
which recently took place on the
Island of Martinique in the French West
Indies. Every scientific phase of this
subject is treated accurately.

WAKE UP, TEXAS.

In more than one particular Texas
is in the vanguard of our greatest
commonwealths. It is a capital of
Southern Methodism. We wonder if
our brethren in the ministry, in our
own and other Churches, realize the
fight which the whisky interests
throughout the country are prepar-
ing to put up on the temperance
forces in Texas? We call their wide-
awake attention to a few facts.

The Wine and Spirit Gazette, the
leading journal of the liquor trade, in
its issue of June 16, says of the United
States Brewers' Association and its an-
nual convention in Saratoga, June
11-12:

"As usual, the most interesting part
of the proceedings of the convention
was had behind closed doors. To that
class of proceedings belongs the dis-
cussion of the means used in having
the Spanish War tax taken off beer;
further, the steps that are to be taken
to combat the inroads that prohibition
and local option are making in Texas
and Louisiana. . . . The treas-
urer, Mr. Hermann F. Scharmann, re-
ported the present financial condition
of the association as follows:

Table with financial data: Money collected, inclusive of a balance of \$65,606.40, total \$99,665 57, Expense 42,169 99

Balance on hand, \$56,496 58
"As the income will be largely in-
creased this year by reason of the in-
creased assessment, the brewers will
probably have a fund of \$100,000 or
more with which to fight local option
and prohibition."

That is to say, the brewers of the
country outside Texas will put up
\$100,000 to fight prohibition in Texas
and Louisiana this ensuing year.

The National Wholesale Liquor
Dealers' Association met in Pittsburg,
Pa., June 11-12. Of the meeting the
Wine and Spirit Gazette of June 16
says:

"The convention devoted considerable
time to the proposed establish-
ment of a bureau having for its ob-
ject the protection of the interests of
the trade against adverse legislation
in the various States, especially in
Texas and Louisiana. The matter
was finally given into the hands of a
committee with power to act. A bu-
reau is to be established with sep-
arate officers, forming a ring within
a ring. After a heated debate, a reso-
lution was passed binding the mem-
bers for a period of three years to
make annual contributions for the
maintenance of this bureau."

Do our Christian brethren and sisters
in Texas and Louisiana fully
comprehend all that these official
proclamations imply? They imply that
a hundred thousand dollars will be
poured into those States immediately
to fight prohibitory legislation. Votes
will be bought; a subtle bureau will
buy the editorial columns of certain
country and city newspapers; possi-
bly a priest will find his church purse
padded with bank notes as, in the
name of "personal liberty," he decries
the protection of the home against its
most deadly foe; possibly some Pro-
testant clergyman may be tempted to

take the thirty pieces of silver and af-
firm that sumptuary laws are a fail-
ure.

Added to the pressure brought by
the liquor forces outside these States
will be the secret work of the organ-
ized liquor forces in these States; for
this exhortation is given in this same
issue of the Wine and Spirit Gazette:
". . . . The example set by the
retailers of Ohio could well be taken
heed of by the liquor dealers of other
States. Sticks when taken singly
may be easily broken, but when sev-
eral are united the breaking of them
is a different thing. Thus the liquor
interests, united as one man, would
present a good front to State, and National
Legislatures, when such equit-
able demands as the . . . press-
ing needs of the trade might be grant-
ed for the asking."

"Might be granted for the asking?"
The preachers of Texas can attend to
it that their congregations are
aroused to this crisis. Begin at the
beginning. Show the fallacies of the
liquor position. Educate. Agitate.
Legislate. Annihilate. The saloon
must go.—Central Christian Advocate.

HOW TO INCREASE INTEREST IN MISSIONS.

By Rev. Mark R. Chapman, D. D.

A man once came to Mohammed and
asked what monument he should erect
to the memory of his dead friend, and
he received this brief answer: "Dig a
well." Those who have traversed the
deserts of Arabia and Palestine would
understand the significance of this re-
ply. Weary travelers and thirsty
flocks are even yet refreshed by water
from the wells dug centuries ago by
men who did not measure the far-
reaching virtue of their deeds. To
find a well whose waters are ever cool
and stimulating in the scorching heat
of a barren wilderness is salvation, in-
deed, for a famishing wayfarer.

Every Christian should help to "dig
a well" of salvation in heathen lands,
and that the water of life may flow
freely, and that thirsty souls may draw
it with joy. As in the desert, the waters
might flow under the sands forever,
and men would perish, as if it were
not there, without the friendly wells
through which it finds its way to suc-
cor them, so we should open wells of
salvation in the wilderness of heathen-
dom, that the "parched ground may
become a pool and the thirsty land
springs of water."

One of the most serious and impor-
tant questions to be brought before
our Church is to determine the best
methods of enlarging our missionary
funds and developing our work in
foreign fields. While we are very glad
that our missionary collections are in-
creasing and that several of our con-
ferences are paying their assessments
in full yet, as a matter of fact the
large proportion of our membership
give nothing to the cause of missions.
"One cent in ten days" is the present
average contribution of the member-
ship of the Christian Churches
throughout the world for the conver-
sion of a thousand million of heathens.
In our own Southern Methodism the
average is still lower, and our million
and a half of members only pay about
one cent every twenty-three days for
the evangelization of the world. About
twenty-one million dollars have been
spent by the various Churches in the
United States in seventy-five years to
Christianize the world, while in a
single year the American people spend
between forty and fifty times as much
on fermented and distilled liquors.

While the great object of missionary
work is to save men from sin and
bring them to Christ, as a matter of
fact Christianity is the only religion
in the world that civilizes man and
takes him from poverty and degrada-
tion. Poverty is the conspicuous fea-
ture of heathenism, and the miserable
millions who live like beasts in Asia
and Africa, where the light of the gos-
pel has never shone, suffer with hun-
ger, nakedness and bestiality beyond
our powers of conception. How can
Christian men and women who love
God and believe in the Scriptures have
so little conscience on the subject of
missions, and think that a mere pit-
tance is all that God requires of them?
The last command our Lord gave was
for us to "Go and teach all nations."
How are we to reach the large number
of our people who have little interest
in this most important work of the
Church?

I am afraid that many of our pastors
do not press this subject upon their
people as they should. If all the busi-
ness men of our Churches realized what
mission work is doing, and what it
would accomplish if there was a strong
financial backing behind it, very great
results would follow. The first impor-
tant matter is, therefore, for the pas-
tors to preach earnest missionary ser-
mons and to tell their people the mar-
velous results of missionary work. A
stream rises no higher than its source,
and ordinarily the measure of the pas-
tor's interest in the world-field deter-
mines the level of his people's earnest-
ness and enthusiasm. He ought to be

American Board and of the Baptist
Missionary Union in Boston, and a
plan was arranged for a series of simul-
taneous missionary meetings through-
out the State. The prosecution was
vigorously taken in hand, and through
circulars, letters, pamphlets and news-
paper articles, ample and careful pre-
paration was made, and on the Sunday
selected, which opened the long-ex-
pected week, there was a very general
exchange of pulpits for the preaching
of special missionary sermons. This
was followed up on Tuesday, Wednes-
day, Thursday and Friday evenings by
a great variety of meetings, all bear-
ing on the one theme. There was a
large attendance and great enthusiasm
at all the meetings the denominations
joining their forces together, and
throughout the State there was more
interest taken by outsiders in mis-
sionary work and more said about it
than ever before in that section. It
seems to me that such a plan occa-
sionally carried out would be of very
great value and importance, and would
indoctrinate not only our people, but
the other Churches, in the fundamental
principles of missions, and strengthen
the bonds of interdenominational
comity.

Christ says: "I, if I be lifted up, will
draw all men unto me." He is the
magnet, and heathen nations are the
cold iron. They will never move until
Christ is brought into juxtaposition.
It is the duty of the Christian Churches
to carry this heavenly magnet into all
the world, and where they send recon-
quering hands to spy out the land
they should send conquering armies.
The watchword of Christianity is al-
ways "Forward."

We should also see to it that the
local country press receives missionary
information. There is not a town of
any size in the United States that has
not its weekly paper, especially con-
cerned with the personal affairs of the
families of the community. With the
wonderful growth of missions, there
are very few places where people are
not interested in some one or more
missionaries, either directly or indi-
rectly, through friends. This interest
would be greatly developed by sending
to these papers items in regard to the
work of those missionaries in whom,
for whatever reason, their communities
are specially interested.

A few years ago, an exceedingly in-
teresting and successful co-operative
plan was carried out by several denom-
inations in the State of Massachusetts.
The Secretary of the New England
Conference Missionary Board of the
M. E. Church, with the indorsement
of the members of that board,
interviewed the Secretaries of the

Disfigured Skin
Wasted muscles and decaying bones.
What havoc!
Scrofula, let alone, is capable of all that,
and more.
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pepsia, catarrh, and general debility.
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## PROCEEDINGS GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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be worked upon any particular conference by reason of the operation of this matter, and to give relief, but not according to the method heretofore of taking it off one and piling it on to the other.

J. W. Boswell: I would like to ask if this is a proposition to establish another board to be sustained at the expense of the Church?

W. F. Barclay: This brother, under the guise of a question, has injected an argument on this subject, and I don't know that I am bound to answer such a question, but I will say that all of the members of that board except one reside in Nashville. All they will have to do will be to go to the Publishing House or some other convenient place and make these calculations. One of them resides in Louisville, and from time immemorial has had a free pass over the L. & N. Railroad; so I don't see that there is one cent of expense on the Church in the organization of this board.

J. W. Boswell: I rise to a question of privilege. Brother Barclay has impugned my motive. He says I rose under a guise. I did not.

W. F. Barclay: I regret very much I used the language if it has made that impression on Brother Boswell. I did think it meant a sort of argument, and I knew that argument was out of order.

The motion to adopt the report of the Finance Committee prevailed—ayes, 59; noes, 57.

C. E. Dowman: I raise the point that no quorum is voted.

The Bishop: The question is raised that no quorum is voting.

C. E. Dowman: I withdraw it.

W. L. Nelms: I have a short paper I want to introduce.

T. L. Mellen: Isn't Brother Nelms out of order when a call of the house has been asked for?

The Bishop: The motion was withdrawn.

Anson West: If he withdraws it, I renew it.

W. C. Black: What motion was withdrawn?

The Bishop: The call of the house. The Chair recognizes Brother Nelms.

The Secretary here read the resolution offered by W. L. Nelms.

"Resolved, That the new legislation passed at this General Conference relative to local preachers shall not take effect until after the ensuing sessions of the Annual Conferences."

E. C. Reeves: A point of order: The resolution suggests that the law shall become at different times and at different places, which cannot be.

The Bishop: The point is well taken. Will Bro. Nelms state whether that resolution does provide for the law going into operation at different times and different places?

W. L. Nelms: It says, "After the ensuing session of the Annual Conferences."

James Campbell: I move to amend by making Sept. 1st.

W. L. Nelms: I accept that.

Bishop A. Coke Smith took the chair.

J. E. Wright: I have a substitute to offer.

The Secretary read as follows:

"Resolved, That changes made by this General Conference in the laws of the Church go into effect immediately after the issuance of the new Discipline."

James Campbell: They will be in effect any way, without that motion.

The Bishop: As I understand it, they go into effect immediately upon the adjournment of the Conference unless otherwise ordered.

On motion of J. S. Hutchinson the substitute offered by J. E. Wright was laid on the table.

The original resolution, with the accepted amendment, was read.

J. H. McGehee moved to lay the resolution on the table, but the motion did not prevail.

On motion of J. J. Tigert the resolution as amended was adopted.

G. C. Rankin: I have a little mat-

ter to bring before the Conference. I will not detain you even with a speech. Our Secretary, Dr. Tigert, has rendered us very efficient service. We want to show to him some little expression of our appreciation. I beg leave, in the name of the brethren, to present him this package I hold in my hand, with the request that he take the contents and invest them in such way as that he will ever hereafter carry a memento of this session of the General Conference and our appreciation of his most excellent services. (Applause.)

J. J. Tigert: I certainly very greatly appreciate the kindness of the brethren. It takes me by surprise, because in one way or another it has fallen out that I have been the Secretary of every Methodist body I have belonged to, I believe, in one capacity or another, for about 29 years, and this is the first time that it ever occurred to anybody that the Secretary deserved any sort of recognition for his services. I am not sure it is deserved now. I am certainly very grateful to the brethren, as I am also to this competent corps of assistants who have labored night and day with me. I am sure we have rendered the service with great cheerfulness, and we are glad to do it, and I thank you personally for your kindness in the matter.

On motion of F. A. Kritiz the Conference agreed that the expenses of delegates should be paid as long as they were necessarily detained in the city.

W. F. Barclay: The Committee on Church Extension has four bills that have not been considered at all, and the most important one under the rearrangement of the calendar has been made the last instead of the first. I ask permission to take that up in place of the one that comes now.

J. H. McLean: I move permission be granted.

Paul Whitehead: I beg you not to disturb the order of this sifted calendar. If you enter into this matter of changing it you will be deluged with these motions.

The Conference refused to take up the report suggested by W. F. Barclay out of its order.

Report No. 1 of Committee on Church Extension was read and adopted.

T. F. Fishburne: I move to reconsider the vote by which we declined the bill Brother Barclay requested. That bill is a most important one. It refers to the question of insurance upon our Church property, and I am sure there is not a preacher or layman who will not admit we have not given the attention to this matter we should.

During the last quadrennium, I understand, we lost about \$75,000 on this account, and I hope you will reconsider the matter.

On motion of J. M. Barcus, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

E. C. Reeves: As one of the 59 who voted in favor of that legislation we passed awhile ago, and being very doubtful in my mind about it now, and as it was only passed by a majority of two, I move to reconsider—the two resolutions of Report No. 6 of the Finance Committee.

A. M. Williams: If that motion is insisted on I shall call for a quorum.

On motion of W. H. Winton, the motion of E. C. Reeves to reconsider, was laid on the table.

T. L. Mellen: On behalf of myself and Dr. Black and Dr. Bishop I desire to enter a protest against the action just taken by which that report was adopted.

The Bishop: This goes to the record. What is the next item on the calendar?

The Secretary read Report No. 2 of Committee on Education.

F. A. Kritiz: I move to adopt it as a whole.

J. H. McGehee: That report is far-reaching; that may affect hundreds of schools called secondary schools. It will affect the distribution of the money raised in the different Confer-

ences for that work. I hope you will not adopt the report. I move to lay it on the table.

The Bishop: It is moved and seconded that the motion to adopt this report be laid on the table.

Anson West: I raise the point that there is no quorum present. It is no use to be legislating upon important matters in the confusion we are in now, and it is unlawful, too. I insist on a call of the roll.

The Secretary: It can be indicated as well by having the whole membership rise as by calling the roll.

J. D. Hammond: If Dr. West will withdraw that motion and let us explain I think we can satisfy his mind.

Anson West: There is no quorum, and we are not doing lawful business and I will not withdraw it.

B. M. Burgher: One of our delegates left Friday and his traveling expenses were paid, and the alternate has taken his place and presents a bill for expenses to and from the Conference. The alternate took his seat Saturday.

Paul Whitehead: I move we pay the per diem of the alternate, but not his traveling expenses.

John W. Heidt, of the North Georgia Conference, was seated in place of W. F. Glenn.

W. W. Smith: I move that a copy of the Daily Advocate of to-morrow be sent to each member of the Conference.

The motion prevailed.

Anson West: I insist on my call of the house.

E. W. Alderson: Please let me bring this in. It is simply this: That without adopting any report that this Conference adopts the report blanks submitted by a certain committee—it is Report No. 6 of the Committee on Itinerary.

A Delegate: I move as an additional item that the item for the superannuated fund be inserted.

E. W. Alderson: I accept that.

At this point the Secretary made a count of the delegates present and it was ascertained that 142 were in their seats.

The Bishop: A quorum is present.

The Secretary read the following resolution, offered by C. H. Briggs and T. L. Mellen:

"Whereas, The number voting on Report No. 6, Committee on Finance, providing for a change in assessing the benevolent collections upon the Annual Conferences, was less than a quorum of this body; therefore,

"Resolved, That the plan adopted be not carried into effect."

J. J. Tigert: I move to lay on the table.

The motion prevailed—ayes, 69; noes, 56.

Anson West: I call attention to the fact that no quorum is voting.

The Bishop: That does not make any difference.

W. H. Winton: I move to strike out that portion of the report that has reference to secondary schools.

J. D. Hammond: It does not mean that any secondary schools we now have will be in any way hurt, or that we should withdraw any support that is properly being given them. It is perfectly proper that our Annual Conferences assist these schools, such as the school in London for the "Mountain Whites," as they are called, and other institutions of importance in the Church work occupying the same places as our colleges. They are to all intents and purposes missionary institutions which do work that colleges cannot do. On the other hand, there is a tendency throughout the Church to build large numbers of district high schools, which draw off the Conference Fund from the established institutions of the Church and dissipate these funds, and these institutions are not permanent. We have wasted enough money on these institutions. What we want is the moral support of the General Conference during the coming quadrennium, to seek, under the advice of the Annual Conference Boards of Education, to concentrate our money where it will be permanent. We want to enter upon the work of endowing our institutions.

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W. H. Winton: I agree with Dr. Hammond in regard to wasting money on schools that are not doing efficient work. There is an item in that report that recommends that the Annual Conferences concentrate the collections within these Conferences upon the acknowledged colleges within their bounds, and there is no provision made for protecting the secondary schools in the bounds. Our secondary schools come into close contact with the masses of the people. The colleges are a hundred or two hundred miles off, but these schools are in the district, and the people know something about them. If we proceed upon this basis of discouraging and continuing to circumscribe these schools and their usefulness we will find in the end that we have succeeded in building up our institutions, but that they are built up that they may simply be empty of the very boys and girls we are seeking to save. It has been said that it is necessary for us to keep in close contact with the poor. By what means are we going to accomplish that better than by the maintenance of these schools that come in close contact with them? The law says our schools shall be graded upon a standard of scholarship, and yet the Commissioner of Education has said that unless a school has five thousand dollars per year outside of its tuition fees it cannot be recognized as a college. The law provides no such thing, and I stand here to say that when the Board proceeds upon that basis it is outside the law.

W. T. J. Sullivan: I would like to present a question to Dr. Hammond by presenting a case from the North Mississippi College; that college is allied to the Mississippi College in connection with the Mississippi Conference. It has also a female school and a high school. We have been endeavoring for years to build up that female school at Grenada. We have been dividing our collections between the two institutions, and the institution for the girls cannot live on its small fees for tuition. We have been making contributions. We propose to add to our building \$10,000. We have in hand only \$6,000. We will have to go in debt \$4,000 to get our \$10,000 building. What I want to ask is, Will the adoption of this measure estop us from going forward with the contributions to our female school and building it up and developing, and after awhile get an endowment fund?

J. D. Hammond: This plan does not contemplate injury to any such school as Bro. Sullivan has mentioned. This simply advises that where all things are equal, where it is seen to be the thing to do, the collections should be concentrated on such institutions as are mentioned, whether they be colleges or secondary schools.

I. D. Wall: I heartily endorse everything Bro. Winton has said, because I am President of the Board of Trustees of one of these schools. I heartily endorse what Dr. Hammond says, because I am a member of

the Board of Trustees of Centenary College. I think there is a misapprehension as to the scope of the resolution. The resolution is that as a Church we should not seek so much to establish secondary schools as to properly care for such as have proven themselves worthy.

J. D. Hammond: I should not object to changing the matter in this way—that we seek to concentrate our collections on our colleges and such secondary schools as are deemed proper to have these collections by the Annual Conferences.

J. H. McGehee: I would be perfectly willing for things to stand just as they are. In the first place, these colleges that are nearly up to the one that has been called a college—not quite—are doing fine work, and they ought not to be disturbed—should not, must not. I hope the Conference will not enact any legislation which will discourage these institutions and humiliating these institutions that can not quite measure up to the standard, but are reaching the masses of the people.

J. O. Willson: I move the pending question.

The Bishop: The motion before us is the motion of Brother Winton to strike out the section concerning secondary schools, and on that the pending question has been called for.

The pending question was ordered.

The motion to strike out did not prevail.

I. D. Wall: I move that after the words "recognized colleges" be inserted the words "and secondary schools."

The motion prevailed.

B. F. Lipscomb: I move to amend the report by striking out section six, which authorizes the Board to increase the salary of the Secretary of Education. The present law provides that the salary shall not exceed \$2500. Section six authorizes the Board to pay a sum not exceeding \$3000. While I am in favor of paying generous salaries, I can see no reason for this authorized increase, especially in view of the fact that the Secretaries of some of the other most important boards only receive a salary of \$2500, and no proposition of this sort has come from these boards, and I don't think we ought to make an exception in this case.

W. F. McMurry: I understand that the connectional officers, as a rule, receive \$2000. Certainly this is little enough for any man who represents us in such a position. I therefore move the motion of Brother Lipscomb lie on the table.

A Delegate: Is it correct that the other connectional officers only receive \$2500?

B. F. Lipscomb: I have authority for it from the Secretary of Church Extension, who knows how much he gets. I know as a member of the Board of Missions that the salary of the Secretary is fixed at \$2500.

The motion to lay on the table the motion of B. F. Lipscomb did not prevail.

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Brady-Monroe.—At the parsonage in Centerville, Texas, June 25, 1902, Mr. J. C. Brady and Miss Zilla Monroe, of Jewett, Tex. D. W. Gardner officiating.

Richardson-Smith.—At the Methodist parsonage in Brandon, Texas, July 1, 1902, Mr. J. A. Richardson, of Milford, Ellis County, Texas, and Miss Effie Smith, of Hillsboro, Hill County, Tex. Rev. Mac M. Smith officiating.

Elledge-Morland.—At the bride's home, in Hallettsville, Texas, June 22, 1902, Mr. J. W. Elledge and Miss Maggie Morland, Rev. W. A. Dunn officiating.

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KEESE—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. J. A. Keesee, was born in South Carolina, November 20, 1827, and died in the triumph of a Christian's faith at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. M. Blackwell, in Caldwell County, Texas, January 27, 1902. He moved to this country from Arkansas in 1835. In 1845 he was married to Miss Elizabeth H. Huggs, of Tennessee. This union was blessed with six children, four of whom still survive. Their mother died in 1867. Twenty-three grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends, mourn the loss of this dear, good man, whom our Heavenly Father called from the labors of life to a happy reward in heaven. Converted in his youth, he lived to attain the ripe old age of 74 years; had been identified with the Church at Harrison's Chapel, Lockhart Circuit, nearly ever since the organization of the church at that place. It was his delight ever to be in company with his brethren, and did his part in sustaining the meetings. Uncle "Johnnie," for so he was familiarly known by that name, was the true and tried friend of the itinerant preachers—made them always welcome in his home. Friends he had many. Remember he had none. His life was a beautiful example of the scriptural injunction that we are to bear one another's burdens. He was diligent in business, succeeding about most men in farming. Never since he came to Texas, before the war, has he had to buy any corn or bacon. One year, when nearly everybody in his community failed to make corn, and corn was 25 per bushel, he sold his at half price. As a citizen, a parent and a Christian, J. A. Keesee was a model in many respects. Long live the memory of his worthy life. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." F. L. McGEHEE, P. C.

HOLLAND—Miss Zora May Holland departed this life May 21, 1902, near Justin, Texas. She would have been 18 years old the 20th of next November. Sister Hattie Lowe took her when about 2 years old. Sister Duncan found her only sister in the orphanage at Fort Worth some years after she and her daughter, Hattie Lowe, had taken Zora, and kept both of them till Zora's death. While in the orphanage, Zora was a sweet, good girl all of her life. About four years ago she professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, being a faithful member till her death. She was instrumental in the salvation of many. She was a zealous worker for the Lord. She was converted at a camp-meeting near Prairie Mount, on the Argyle Circuit. She was instrumental in the salvation of her sister. She was loved and appreciated by all who knew her. She was loved as a child by Sisters Lowe and Duncan, as well as others of the family. A large congregation attended her burial at Elizabethtown, Denton County, June 1, 1902. The writer, her pastor, and Rev. Mr. Seils performed the burial services. Rest, Zora, thy body, in peace, for thy soul is with your blessed Savior, waiting the coming of your sister and other loved ones to glory. D. T. HAYES, Pastor.

HIGHTOWER—Marie Pearl, little daughter of T. P. and Jennie M. Highmeyer, was born in Wylie, Texas, December 22, 1890, and died in the home of her grandparents, Rev. A. G. and M. J. May, at Pittsburg, Texas, April 12, 1902. Her stay with us was brief, but oh, how bright she made the home gladder. Her heart and love of parents and grandparents. We loved her so much! Little Marie was a beautiful child—very intelligent for her age. Her taking off was so sudden, so dreadful, it made it all the harder to breathe. Marie was in the mother that it seemed for some time that we would have to give her up, too. The babe, in perfect health, was playing near its mother, got hold of a tack with a large brass head, got the tack in its mouth. The mother attempted to remove it, but it passed into the child's windpipe, and almost instantly she was gone. Our best-loved ones are taken from us. "We bury them out of sight and say they are dead." They are only gone to live with Him who says, "I am he that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive forevermore," and "because I live ye shall live also." He takes our loved ones to the bright home above to lure us there. We shall see our little Marie again. There shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain." A. G. MAY.

WOOD—J. C. Wood, son of Felix and Louie Wood, was born in Mississippi, August 1, 1858. He attended school at Columbus, Miss., Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated from the Columbian University, D. C., in 1880. He came to Texas in 1885, and the greater part of his life was spent in teaching in different parts of the State, in which work he had abundant success. His first marriage was to Miss Joffe, daughter of Sidney and Ann Files, of Hill County, Texas. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Hallum, of Hill County, Texas, July 28, 1898. To this marriage were given six children, of whom five are living. His wife died January 1, 1902. His third marriage was to Mrs. Sallie Montgomery, in 1885, who still survives. Bro. Wood was from early in life a member of the M. E. Church, South, and was ever true to his Church, and his pastor always found a warm and welcome reception in his home. His youngest son is preparing for the ministry in the Church of his father. For several years Bro. Wood has been partially paralyzed. At his home in Ringgold, Texas, surrounded by his wife and children, he died March 20, 1902, and his remains were carried to his old home in Cherokee County, Texas, for interment. A. P. HIGHTOWER, Pastor, Ringgold, Texas.

DAVIS—Mrs. E. A. Davis, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Reynolds, was born February 14, 1828, in Jessamine County, Ky. She was married to Dr. A. B. Davis, January 5, 1842, in the State of her nativity. She departed this life peacefully at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. C. M. Livingston, in Cold Springs, Texas, May 2, 1902, after a very short illness, and was laid to rest beside her devoted husband, in Lampasas, Texas, May 3, 1902. Sister Davis was converted and joined the Methodist Church about 1845, and lived a devoted member of the same till the Master said "Come up higher." It may be truthfully said of her that she was a kind neighbor, a loving mother, a tender and devoted wife, a faithful member of the Church, and a devout Christian; patient under trial, always cheerful and hopeful in the midst of severe personal and family affliction, and triumphant in her faith. Before her death Sister Davis became homesick for heaven and got in a hurry to depart and be at peace, and so on May 2, 1902, she sweetly fell asleep on earth, surrounded by her loved ones below, to awake in glory, to be greeted by the welcoming shouts of the loved ones who had preceded her to the better land. What a meeting that must have been! May it be the happy lot of her friends and loved ones left behind to join her on the eternal shore. J. G. PUTMAN.

WATSON—John W. Watson was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., April 25, 1827; came to Texas in January, 1857, and on August 11 of the same year was married to Miss Velma Blair, and departed this life at his home near Auburn, Texas, May 2, 1902. For three days preceding his death he suffered intensely with either cholera or intestinal colic. Competent physicians did their best to save a precious life, loving hearts and willing hands ministered to every want, but all to no purpose. Death claimed his victim, leaving the survivors to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband, the Church a good and faithful member and the community an exemplary character. His early Church affiliation was with the A. R. Presbyterians. Soon after coming to Texas he united with the M. E. Church, South, of which he remained a consistent member to the day of his death. While we are unable to understand the providence which thus separates us from our loved ones, we have the assurance in John 17:24, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." His body was laid to rest in the Auburn Cemetery to await the resurrection morning. Peace be to his ashes and rest to his soul. J. J. CANAFAX.

HALLMAN—Francisco Hallman, son of Dr. I. and Fannie J. Hallman, was born at Dalton, Ga., December 2, 1840, and 12 years old he moved to Colorado, where he lived for six years and returned to his old home at Dalton, where he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1865. He came to Texas in 1885, and died at his home near Montague, April 20, 1902. This is the brief record of a beautiful and consistent Christian life, sweetly and bravely lived. From his mother's obituary we learn the secret of his life. She was a godly woman. He caught the inspiration of her devotion, and when the Master, and maintained it to the end of his way. He was a Christian gentleman. In every sphere he was a useful man. She who became his wife in 1861 waits in hope the resurrection morning, when she shall meet him again. His only regret when the time of his departure came was leaving her. We all miss him more than we can tell, but we comfort ourselves with the thought that his life was really a triumph, and a triumph that translation from the sorrows of this world to the joys of heaven. JOHN MOORE, Montague, Texas.

GUTHRIE—Sister M. L. Guthrie (nee McWhorter) was born December 12, 1832; was converted at the early age of 11 and united with the M. E. Church, South. She was united in holy wedlock to W. J. Guthrie in 1850; emigrated from Tennessee to Texas in 1852. On March 7, 1892, near Giltown, Jack County, Texas, her sweet life went out, in the full triumph of a living faith as she lay among the arms of the angels bore her spirit home to God and loved ones, to rest from labor and affliction, which she had borne for the Master patiently for years. When the end came, she finished her work with an earnest devotion to children to be faithful to God and meet her in heaven. She was the last of twelve children to go home to God. She leaves an aged husband and eight children with broken hearts. Truly a devoted, consecrated wife, mother and sister has left us. But she lives in sweet memory, and her works will follow her. HER FAMILY AND PASTOR.

SPEARMAN—Another good life has come from earth. Sister E. R. Spearman died in great peace at her home in Atlanta, Texas, May 14, 1902. She was born in Miller County, Ark., May 19, 1852; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early childhood; married to Bro. W. R. Spearman May 26, 1880. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn the loss. Her husband was a true friend. She was devoted to them as a true Christian wife and mother. For many years she was sadly afflicted and kept away from the church she loved, but at home she exemplified a Christian life in patience and suffering. She served her generation the best she could, and fell asleep in Jesus. A happy home is broken. Some hearts are sad. But she is happy. We would say to husband and children, don't grieve for her, but follow her as she followed Christ, and some good day, you'll meet her again, not in the invalid's chair, but in angel robes. C. A. TOWER.

GILMORE—Sister Annie C. Gilmore (nee Foster) was born June 5, 1861, and departed this life February 21, 1902. She leaves her husband, W. I. Gilmore, and two children, Tommie and Miss May, to mourn their loss. For many years she was an ideal home-maker, a true friend and a faithful Christian. That "pearl of great price" so shone in her life that the loss to loved ones, friends and Church seems irreparable. She, like her Master, "went about doing good." Her pathway was that one which shines more and more to the perfect day. Death to her was only a dream whose waking was full of glory and immortality. Sweetly she fell "asleep in Jesus-blessed sleep from which none ever wakes to weep." Meet her, loved ones; she is waiting for you. L. W. CARLETON, Graham, Texas.

LIVINGSTON—Mrs. M. C. Livingston (nee Starling) was born in Cherokee County, Ala., March 29, 1818; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in 1836. The same year she was married to Rev. C. M. Livingston, who in 1862 joined the North Alabama Conference. For fifteen years she shared with him the joys and adversities that fall to the lot of an itinerant preacher. She was the mother of nine boys and two girls. Both of her girls and two boys preceded her to the better world. Her release came on Easter Sabbath, March 29, 1902, at her home in Hopkins County, Texas. For seven years she had suffered greatly with cancer of the breast, but amid all her afflictions she was the sunshine of her home, always cheerful and hopeful. Her love for God and the Methodist Church knew no bounds. She was an affectionate mother, a faithful wife, a consecrated Christian. Husband and children can look through the mist of falling tears and behold by faith that bright throne "that walk with Him in white," for they are worthy and know that their mother's once weary feet now walk those glad aisles and wait the day of their coming. J. W. BLACKBURN, P. C., Blue Ridge, Texas.

CRANDALL—Dr. W. V. Crandall was born March 15, 1847. He was married in his early manhood to Miss Lydia Parker. She lived about twelve years. To them were born five children, three of whom still live to mourn their loss. He was married to Miss Effa Carlisle. To them were born two children, who still live. He emigrated to Texas in 1866 and settled in Cedar Hill, where he lived at the time of his death. He practiced medicine about twenty-five years. He went home June 11, 1902. He was buried in Little Bethel Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about 15 years old. Dr. Crandall was a good, Christian man. He died the Christian's death. He was an affectionate husband, a loving father and a good neighbor. He leaves many friends, but he leaves no one behind him. His relatives can not bring him back, but he is with us. May the promises of the Scriptures be the stay of the bereaved wife and children. J. R. ATCHLEY, Pastor.

STOCKMAN—Thomas P. Stockman was born in Perry County, Ala., July 5, 1822; moved with his mother, when about 15, to Smith County, Texas, and from there to Dallas, Texas, where he spent the rest of his days. He was married to Mrs. Victoria Judkins, January, 1852. He professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Speed's Chapel, in the ministry of the late Rev. J. R. Atchley, of the Texas Conference; departed this life May 22, 1902. He died as he lived—a good Christian. He was a man of few words, but his words were truly a pure Christian woman, and esteemed by all his neighbors. We feel that we lost one of our very best members. His death was somewhat sudden. The writer preached to him on Sunday and preached his funeral on the following day. He was a good old age, and one step son survive him. We invoke the blessings of God upon the bereaved family. M. L. DICKEY, P. C.

STEWART—Thomas Stewart was born in Alamance County, N. C., March 15, 1815. He emigrated to Arkansas in 1842, and from there to Dallas, Texas, in 1861. He died at his home, Mr. J. H. Stewart, in Cedar Hill, Texas, June 8, 1902. "Uncle Tommy," as every one called him, was a good man. He professed religion several years ago and joined the M. E. Church, South. He died in the triumph of a living faith, and his death was a cause to depart and be with Christ. "Uncle Tommy" will be missed by his relatives and many friends. He has gone home. May his Christian life and triumphant death be a means of grace to all. He lived to be a good old age, and has now gone to a life of eternal youth at God's right hand. He was buried in Little Bethel Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. J. R. ATCHLEY, P. C.

SAITAIN—Sister Esther J. Saitain was born April 24, 1829; was born into the kingdom of God and joined the M. E. Church, South, August 1851. On March 6, 1902, she fell asleep in Christ, and her gentle spirit went home to be a mansion above to join the blood-washed and glorified many loved ones who have gone before, to await the coming of her sainted father, husband and other loved ones who are left behind with broken hearts. Sister Saitain was truly a pure Christian woman. She loved her Church, and was indeed glad when they said "Let us go up to the house of God." At her home the preacher always met a smile and a hearty welcome to every comfort her faithful hands could give. But alas! there is now an empty chair; a little voice made silent; the little footfall is no longer heard—this is sad news. Stop! Let's look at the other side of the picture. How bright it becomes when we remember that the Master said, "of such is the kingdom of heaven." Would we call our darlings back again to earth and suffering? No, never. Our God is as just as he is wise, and doth all things well. Let praise be to his name. May his richest grace be upon all the loved ones of Little Howard N. Saitain, now gone from our midst. J. T. GRISWOLD, Pastor.

PORTERFIELD—Little Howard Nelms, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Porterfield, of Moody, Texas, died Sunday night, June 1, 1902. He was sick for a short time, his parents not thinking that he was dangerously ill. This bright-eyed babe was some 16 months old, and had become the center of attraction in the home. But alas! there is now an empty chair; a little voice made silent; the little footfall is no longer heard—this is sad news. Stop! Let's look at the other side of the picture. How bright it becomes when we remember that the Master said, "of such is the kingdom of heaven." Would we call our darlings back again to earth and suffering? No, never. Our God is as just as he is wise, and doth all things well. Let praise be to his name. May his richest grace be upon all the loved ones of Little Howard N. Nelms, now gone from our midst. J. T. GRISWOLD, Pastor.

HARRIS—God, in his impartiality, sent an angel of death into our midst and took from the home of Bro. and Sister J. P. Harris, of the Oakland community, their sweet little baby girl, Beulah, was about five weeks old at the time of her death, which occurred April 2, 1902. She remained in the home on earth just long enough to entwine herself about the hearts of father and mother, then God transferred the little bud from earth to the garden of Paradise above, to bloom throughout eternity. Dear parents, you can not bring her back, but you can go to her. May you make an unbroken family in that clime where separation never comes. T. M. KIRK, Cumby, Texas.

SMITH—Mrs. Fanny Smith, daughter of Samuel P. and Mary Brown, was born in Collin County, Texas, December 12, 1826, and died at her home, near Ringgold, Texas, January 8, 1902. Sister Smith was converted and joined the Church at 12 years of age, at Cottage Hill, Collin County, and ever after lived a most consistent Christian life. She was married by Rev. T. J. Sherwood, December 12, 1850. To this union seven children were born. Husband and two children preceded her to the glory world. Her presence is missed in the Church and in the home, that is left without father or mother. But heaven is made richer by her angelic presence, and our desires made stronger for a happy reunion "in that beautiful land." May He who careth for the orphan so direct the lives of those dear children that in the "sweet by and by" there may be an unbroken family in the home of the pure and blissful. A. P. HIGHTOWER, Belcher, Texas.

GILMORE—Mrs. Susan H. Gilmore (nee Lattimer) was born near Morgan, Bosque County, Texas, March 1, 1831, and after a few days of sickness passed to her reward at Georgetown, Texas, May 5, 1902. She was married to Mr. Sam F. Gilmore December 22, 1857, who at the time of her death was a student in Southwestern University, preparing himself for the itinerant ministry. Their happy union was blessed with one little girl, now about 2 years of age. Sister Gilmore was religious from a child, and lived a faithful member of the M. E. Church, South, till called home. Besides a heart-broken husband and the sweet little girl, she leaves a number of sorrowing relatives and friends to mourn her untimely death. May divine comfort suffice our brother, and may his purpose to become a faithful minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ be realized. A. O. EVANS, Pastor, Georgetown, Texas.

OGLES—Franklin House Ogles, son of H. C. and Josephine Ogles, was born in Montague County, Texas, August 25, 1881, and died in Stephenville, Texas, June 15, 1902. He was sick thirty-one days with typhoid fever, and was unconscious after the first few days of his illness, therefore he could not leave us any testimony as to his trust in the Lord. He was only 14 years old. His life was short, but he lived long enough, with his pleasant manners and affectionate heart, to entwine himself into the very hearts of his loved ones and friends, and home seems to be broken and empty because the loving son and affectionate brother has gone. May the bereaved ones find consolation and grace in Him who alone can bind up the broken heart. W. J. HEARON, Stephenville, Texas.

OLIVER—Sister Albert Oliver was born March 21, 1872; was converted at the age of 15, and lived a consistent Christian until her death. She joined the Methodist Church two years ago, to be with her husband. She was sick about three months, and departed this life June 17, 1902, at the age of 30 years, 2 months and 17 days. She died a triumphant death. While she suffered a great deal physically, she had no mental nor spiritual suffering. She talked much with her relatives, asking them to meet her in heaven, and was conscious to the last, and would repeat often, "Dear Savior, Dear Lord!" Her pastor, C. W. PERKINS, Staples, Texas.

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 Haskell, July 23, 24  
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 Quanah, Sat., Sun., Aug. 9, 10  
 Granite, at Granite, Sat., Sun., Aug. 16, 17  
 Crowell, at Margaret, Sat., Sun., Aug. 23, 24  
 Yeldell, Sat., Sun., Aug. 30, 31  
 Willow Vale, Sat., Sun., Sept. 6, 7  
 Mangrum, Thurs., Sept. 4

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 Legey, Sun. night and Mon., Sept. 14, 15  
 Eldorado, at Dryden, Sat., Sun., Sept. 21, 22  
 Seymour, Sat., Sun., Sept. 27, 28  
 Benjamin, Tues., Sept. 29, 30  
 Munday, Thurs., Oct. 7  
 Round Timbers, Sat., Sun., Oct. 4, 5  
 Throckmorton, Sat., Sun., Oct. 11, 12  
 Chillicothe, at Big Valley, Sat., Sun., Oct. 18, 19  
 Haskell cir., Sat., Sun., Nov. 1, 2  
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 Santa Anna, at Rockwood, July 12, 13  
 Blanket, at Turkey Peak, July 19, 20  
 Matador, at N. Griffith, July 19, 20  
 Claude, at Goodnight, July 26, 27  
 Plainview, July 26, 27  
 Wellington, at Clifford, Aug. 2, 3  
 Emma, at E., Aug. 2, 3  
 Memphis, at Union Hill, Aug. 2, 3  
 Canyon City, at Tulsa, Aug. 2, 3  
 Channing, Aug. 9, 10  
 Silverton, at Hastings, Aug. 9, 10  
 Dalhart, Aug. 11  
 Herford, at H., Aug. 16, 17  
 Floydada, at Lockney, Aug. 16, 17  
 Higgins, at Ochiltree, Aug. 16, 17  
 Lubbock, at L., Aug. 23, 24  
 Canadiah, at Miami, Aug. 23, 24  
 Stratford, Sept. 6, 7  
 Cantine, Sept. 13, 14  
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**Clarendon District—Third Round.**  
 Childress cir., at Camp Ground, 23 Sun. July  
 Paducah, at Union Corner, July 12, 13  
 Amarillo, July 19, 20  
 Matador, at N. Griffith, July 19, 20  
 Claude, at Goodnight, July 26, 27  
 Plainview, July 26, 27  
 Wellington, at Clifford, Aug. 2, 3  
 Emma, at E., Aug. 2, 3  
 Memphis, at Union Hill, Aug. 2, 3  
 Canyon City, at Tulsa, Aug. 2, 3  
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**Corleana District—Third Round.**  
 Dresden, July 12, 13  
 Barry, July 19, 20  
 Thornton, July 26, 27  
 Horn Hill, July 26, 27  
 Wortham, Aug. 2, 3  
 Armour, Aug. 2, 3  
 Boone, Aug. 9, 10  
 Kerens, Aug. 9, 10  
 Corleana cir., Aug. 23, 24  
 Hubbard, Aug. 23, 24  
 Eureka and Birdson, Aug. 23, 24  
 E. A. Bailey, P. E.

**Waco District—Third Round.**  
 Mount Calm, at New Hope, July 11  
 Abbott, at Bell Springs, July 12, 13  
 West, July 12, 13  
 Eddy, at Eddy, July 19, 20  
 Moody, July 19, 20  
 Foota, at Kirby, July 26, 27  
 Aquilla, at Elm Mott, Aug. 2, 3  
 Austin Avenue, Aug. 2, 3  
 Troy, at Childers, Aug. 9, 10  
 Bosqueville, at Bosque Camp Ground, Aug. 16, 17  
 Firth Street, Aug. 16, 17  
 Morgan, at Eulogy, Aug. 23, 24  
 Whitney, Aug. 23, 24  
 Riesel, Aug. 23, 24  
 H. R. Bolton, P. E.

**Georgetown District—Third Round.**  
 Salado, July 12, 13  
 Belton cir., July 19, 20  
 Granger, July 26, 27  
 Taylor, July 26, 27  
 Hutto, Aug. 2, 3  
 First Church, Aug. 2, 3  
 Florence, Aug. 9, 10  
 Bertram, Aug. 16, 17  
 Liberty Hill, Aug. 23, 24  
 Bartlett, Aug. 23, 24  
 Burnett cir., Aug. 23, 24  
 Burnett, Sept. 6, 7  
 Maxdale, Sept. 13, 14  
 Rodgers, Sept. 20, 21  
 W. L. Nelms, P. E.

**Fort Worth District—Third Round.**  
 Smithfield, at Haslet, July 12, 13  
 Mansfield, at Britton, July 19, 20  
 Azle, at Silver Creek, July 26, 27  
 Cuba, at Chappell Hill, Aug. 2, 3  
 Cleburne, Aug. 1 p. m., 3 p. m., Aug. 2, 3  
 Joshua, Aug. 2, 3  
 Bono, at George's Creek, Aug. 9, 10  
 Covington, at Philadelphia, Aug. 9, 10  
 Blum, at Kopperl, Aug. 23, 24  
 Kennedale, at Kennedale, Aug. 23, 24  
 Jas. Campbell, P. E.

**Weatherford District—Third Round.**  
 Aledo, at Benbrook, July 12, 13  
 Farmer, at True, July 19, 20  
 Graham cir., at Connor Creek, July 26, 27  
 Ellaville, at Gosseneck, July 26, 27  
 First Church, Aug. 2, 3  
 Ranger, at Necessity, Aug. 2, 3  
 Gordon and Strawn, at Strawn, Aug. 9, 10  
 Whitt and Bethesda, at B., Aug. 9, 10  
 Breckenridge, at Eollian, Aug. 16, 17  
 Santo, at Tarleton, Aug. 16, 17  
 Palo Pinto, Aug. 23, 24  
 Mineral Wells, Aug. 23, 24  
 John R. Morris, P. E.

**Waxahatche District—Third Round.**  
 Palmer, at Boyce, July 11, 12  
 Ferris, July 11, 12  
 Itaska, July 19, 20  
 Foreston, July 26, 27  
 Italy, July 26, 27  
 Bardwell, at Byrd, July 27, 28  
 Midlothian, Aug. 2, 3  
 Grandview, Aug. 2, 3  
 Big, Aug. 9, 10  
 Milford, at E., Aug. 16, 17  
 Alvarado, Aug. 23, 24  
 Alma, Aug. 23, 24  
 Ennis, Aug. 23, 24  
 W. L. Nelms, P. E.

**Greenville District—Third Round.**  
 Celeste and Lane, at Celeste, July 12, 13  
 Neola, at Meadow View, July 19, 20  
 Kavanagh, July 26, 27  
 Patrie, at Olive Branch, July 26, 27  
 Campbell, at Jacobia, July 26, 27  
 Commerce mts., at Smith's Chap., Aug. 2, 3  
 Commerce sta., Aug. 2, 3  
 Kingston, at White Rock, Aug. 9, 10  
 Lone Oak, at Twin Oaks, Aug. 16, 17  
 Leonard mts., at Grove Hill, Aug. 23, 24  
 Quinlan, at Union Valley, Aug. 23, 24  
 Greenville mts., at Concord, Sept. 6, 7  
 Wesley, Greenville, Sept. 13, 14  
 Leonard and Orange Grove, Sept. 13, 14  
 O. S. Thomas, P. E.

**Terrell District—Third Round.**  
 Terrell sta., July 12, 13  
 Reinhardt, at Pleasant Mound, July 19, 20  
 Kemp, at Wilson Chapel, July 26, 27  
 Garland, July 26, 27  
 Kaufman mts., at Pleasant Val., Aug. 2, 3  
 Boyse, Aug. 2, 3  
 Crandall, at Crandall, Aug. 16, 17  
 Terrell cir., at Eden, Aug. 23, 24  
 Kaufman sta., Aug. 23, 24  
 Fate, at Mt. Zion, Aug. 23, 24  
 Chisholm, at Bethel, Sept. 6, 7  
 Mabank, at Prairieville, Sept. 13, 14  
 J. M. Peterson, P. E.

**Waxahatche** Sept. 6, 7  
 O. F. Sennsbaugh, P. E.

**Dublin District—Third Round.**

Granbury, July 12, 13  
 Huckabay, at Oak Dale, July 19, 20  
 Morgan Mill, at Pleasant Grove, July 26, 27  
 Bluff Dale, at Post Oak, July 26, 27  
 Glen Rose, at Paluxy, July 26, 27  
 Hays, at Windom, Aug. 2, 3  
 Duffau, at Skipper's, Aug. 2, 3  
 Carleton, at Flat Rock, Aug. 9, 10  
 Proctor, at Providence, Aug. 16, 17  
 Green's Creek, at G. C., Aug. 16, 17  
 Iredell, at Lanham, Aug. 16, 17  
 Stephensville mts., at Shelly, Aug. 23, 24  
 Dublin, Aug. 23, 24  
 DeLeon, Aug. 23, 24  
 Desdimita, at Victor, Aug. 23, 24  
 Carbon mts., at Jewell, Aug. 23, 24  
 Carbon, at G., Sept. 6, 7  
 E. F. Boone, P. E.

**Abilene District—Third Round.**  
 Midland, July 12, 13  
 Gall, at Signal Mount, July 19, 20  
 Colorado mts., at Union, July 26, 27  
 Cisco, July 26, 27  
 Eula, at Clyde, July 26, 27  
 Baird, July 26, 27  
 Truby, at Midway, July 26, 27  
 Colorado sta., Aug. 2, 3  
 Snyder, at Dunn, Aug. 2, 3  
 Fairmont, at Elkin, Aug. 9, 10  
 Palsam, Aug. 16, 17  
 Big Springs, Aug. 16, 17  
 Roby, at Avalon, Aug. 23, 24  
 Buffalo Gap, at Elm Grove, Aug. 23, 24  
 Merkel, Aug. 23, 24  
 Sweetwater, Sept. 6, 7  
 Abilene, Sept. 13, 14  
 E. A. Smith, P. E.

**Gatesville District—Third Round.**  
 China Springs, July 12, 13  
 Valley Mills and Clifton, July 12, 13  
 Harmony, July 19, 20  
 Coryell City, at Creek, July 26, 27  
 Hamilton, July 26, 27  
 Evans, July 26, 27  
 Jonesboro, Aug. 2, 3  
 Bee House, Aug. 9, 10  
 Gatesville mts., Aug. 16, 17  
 Ogleby, Aug. 16, 17  
 J. G. Putman, P. E.

**West Texas Conference.**  
**Llano District—Third Round.**  
 Bandera, at Bandera, July 12, 13  
 Center Point sta., July 19, 20  
 Boerne cir., at Selma, July 26, 27  
 W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

**Llano District—Fourth Round.**  
 Llano sta., Aug. 2, 3  
 San Saba mts., at China, 2 p. m., Aug. 9  
 San Saba sta., at Hazel's Ch., Aug. 16, 17  
 Cherokee cir., at Hazel's Ch., Aug. 16, 17  
 Blanco cir., at Flat Creek, Aug. 23, 24  
 Johnson City cir., at Rock Vale, Aug. 23, 24  
 Willow City cir., at Walnut, Sept. 6, 7  
 Rock Springs mts., Sept. 20, 21  
 Kerrville mts., Sept. 27, 28  
 Engle and Medina cir., Oct. 4, 5  
 Center Point sta., Oct. 11, 12  
 Boerne mts., Oct. 18, 19  
 Kingsland mts., Oct. 25, 26  
 W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

**San Antonio District—Third Round.**  
 Laredo, July 11  
 Pearsall, second Sun. in July  
 Moore cir., July 19, 20  
 Bexar cir., 3d Sun. in July  
 Del Rio, July 26, 27  
 Eagle Pass, July 26, 27  
 Uvalde, July 26, 27  
 Utopia, 4th Sun. in July  
 Amphion, 1st Sun. in Aug  
 West End, Aug. 6  
 Prospect Hill, Aug. 7  
 Travis Park, Aug. 7  
 Sherman Street, 2d Sun. in Aug  
 South Heights, 3d Sun. in Aug  
 Comal, 7:30 p. m., 3d Sun. in Aug  
 Carrizo and Batesville, 4th Sun. in Aug  
 B. Harris, P. E.

**San Angelo District—Third Round.**  
 Junction and Menard, at Cooperas, July 12, 13  
 Theophilus Lee, P. E.

**Cuero District—Third Round.**  
 Nursery, 2d Sun. July  
 Cuero, 3d Sun. July  
 Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

**Beeville District—Third Round.**  
 Alice, July 12, 13  
 Oakville, at Lebanon, July 19, 20  
 Corpus Christi, July 26, 27  
 Bianconia, at Normanna, Aug. 2, 3  
 Joe F. Webb, P. E.

**San Marcos District—Third Round.**  
 Belmont cir., at Oak Forest, 2d Sun. July  
 San Marcos cir., at Long Branch, Aug. 2, 3  
 Kyle and Pleasant Grove, at P. E., 3d Sun. July  
 Gonzales sta., 1st Sun. Aug  
 Sterling Fisher, P. E.

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.**  
**Sulphur Springs District—Third Round.**  
 Cooper cir., at Cooper, July 12, 13  
 Cumby cir., at Gafford's Ch., July 19, 20  
 Cold Hill mts., at Divide, July 26, 27  
 Birthright, at Lone Star, Aug. 2, 3  
 County Line cir., at Pecan, Aug. 9, 10  
 Ben Franklin cir., at B. F., Aug. 16, 17  
 Sulphur Bluff cir., at Prairie Academy, Aug. 23, 24  
 Lake Creek cir., at Anderson Chapel, Aug. 23, 24  
 Como cir., at Harmony, Sept. 6, 7  
 Klondike mts., Sept. 13, 14  
 Belly Springs cir., at Shook's Chapel, Sept. 20, 21  
 E. H. Casey, P. E.

**Greenville District—Third Round.**  
 Celeste and Lane, at Celeste, July 12, 13  
 Neola, at Meadow View, July 19, 20  
 Kavanagh, July 26, 27  
 Patrie, at Olive Branch, July 26, 27  
 Campbell, at Jacobia, July 26, 27  
 Commerce mts., at Smith's Chap., Aug. 2, 3  
 Commerce sta., Aug. 2, 3  
 Kingston, at White Rock, Aug. 9, 10  
 Lone Oak, at Twin Oaks, Aug. 16, 17  
 Leonard mts., at Grove Hill, Aug. 23, 24  
 Quinlan, at Union Valley, Aug. 23, 24  
 Greenville mts., at Concord, Sept. 6, 7  
 Wesley, Greenville, Sept. 13, 14  
 Leonard and Orange Grove, Sept. 13, 14  
 O. S. Thomas, P. E.

**Terrell District—Third Round.**  
 Terrell sta., July 12, 13  
 Reinhardt, at Pleasant Mound, July 19, 20  
 Kemp, at Wilson Chapel, July 26, 27  
 Garland, July 26, 27  
 Kaufman mts., at Pleasant Val., Aug. 2, 3  
 Boyse, Aug. 2, 3  
 Crandall, at Crandall, Aug. 16, 17  
 Terrell cir., at Eden, Aug. 23, 24  
 Kaufman sta., Aug. 23, 24  
 Fate, at Mt. Zion, Aug. 23, 24  
 Chisholm, at Bethel, Sept. 6, 7  
 Mabank, at Prairieville, Sept. 13, 14  
 J. M. Peterson, P. E.

**Waxahatche** Sept. 6, 7  
 O. F. Sennsbaugh, P. E.

**Donham District—Third Round.**

Ector, 2d Sun. July  
 Ladonia, 3d Sun. July  
 Donham, 4th Sun. July  
 Honey Grove cir., 1st Sun. Aug  
 Bailey, 2d Sun. Aug  
 Hays, at Windom, 3d Sun. Aug  
 Petty, 4th Sun. Aug  
 Lantius, 5th Sun. Aug  
 Trenton and Marvin, 1st Sun. Sept  
 Honey Grove, 2d Sun. Sept  
 Brookston and High, 3d Sun. Sept  
 Goble, at Spanish Fort, 4th Sun. Sept  
 Randolph, 1st Sun. Oct  
 Fannin, 2d Sun. Oct  
 T. R. Pierce, P. E.

**Gainesville District—Third Round.**  
 Woodbine, at Spring Grove, July 12, 13  
 Burns, at Friendship, July 19, 20  
 North Gainesville, at Canada, July 26, 27  
 Sanger, at Bolivar, Aug. 2, 3  
 Montague, at Woodland, Aug. 9, 10  
 Greenwood, at Rush Creek, Aug. 16, 17  
 Rosston, at Rosston, Aug. 16, 17  
 Bricker, at Spanish Fort, Aug. 23, 24  
 Nocona, Aug. 23, 24  
 St. Jo, at Myra, Aug. 30, 31  
 Bonita, at Illinois Bend, Sept. 6, 7  
 Marysville, at Sivel's Bend, Sept. 13, 14  
 Roanoke and Ponder, Sept. 20, 21  
 Joe S. Sexton, P. E.

**Dallas District—Third Round.**  
 Dallas cir., at Maple Avenue, July 12, 13  
 Wheatland, at Wilmer, July 19, 20  
 Cedar Hill, at Duncanville, July 26, 27  
 Lancaster, at Hutchins, Aug. 2, 3  
 Oak Lawn, 8 p. m., Aug. 2, 3  
 Trinity, 8 p. m., Aug. 9, 10  
 Argyle, at Chin's Chapel, Aug. 16, 17  
 Lewisville, 8 p. m., Aug. 16, 17  
 Grand Prairie, at Bethel, Aug. 23, 24  
 First Church, 11 a. m., Aug. 23, 24  
 Bethel, at Prosper, Aug. 23, 24  
 Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth, Sept. 6, 7  
 Farmers Branch, Sept. 13, 14  
 I. W. Clark, P. E.

**McKinney District—Third Round.**  
 McKinney sta., July 12, 13  
 Bethel, at Prosper, July 19, 20  
 Nevada cir., at Bear Creek, July 26, 27  
 Union and Rossard, at R., Aug. 2, 3  
 Allen cir., at Lebanon, Aug. 9, 10  
 Princeton cir., at Byrthe's Ch., Aug. 16, 17  
 Plano sta., Aug. 23, 24  
 Elgin cir., at Richardson, Aug. 23, 24  
 Elm Ridge cir., at Pleasant Gr., Sept. 6, 7  
 Wylie cir., at Murphy, Sept. 13, 14  
 Weston cir., Sept. 20, 21  
 Copeville mts., Sept. 27, 28  
 Melissa, Oct. 4, 5  
 Frank A. Rosser, P. E.

**Bowls District—Third Round.**  
 Paradise, at Bethel, July 12, 13  
 Bridgeport, at Bridgeport, July 19, 20  
 Rhine, at Briar, July 26, 27  
 Boyd, at Boyd, July 26, 27  
 Alvord, at Rush Branch, July 26, 27  
 Frattland, at Spanish Fort, Aug. 2, 3  
 Chion, at Sand Flat, Aug. 2, 3  
 Crafton, at Valley View, Aug. 9, 10  
 Decatur sta., Aug. 9, 10  
 Decatur cir., at Sand Hill, Aug. 16, 17  
 Bryson, Aug. 16, 17  
 Jacksonville, Aug. 23, 24  
 Matagorda, Aug. 23, 24  
 P. O. Miller, P. E.

**Sherman District—Third Round.**  
 Pottsboro and Preston, 2d Sun. July  
 Travis Street, 3d Sun. July  
 Willow Street, 4th Sun. July  
 Howe, 4th Sun. July  
 Bells, 1st Sun. Aug  
 Collinsville, 2d Sun. Aug  
 Whitesboro, 3d Sun. Aug  
 Van Alstyne, 3d Sun. Aug  
 Pilot Grove, 3d Sun. Aug  
 Whitewright, 4th Sun. Aug  
 Gordonville, 4th Sun. Aug  
 Sherman cir., at Sand Hill, 1st Sun. Sept  
 Southmayd, 2d Sun. Sept  
 Tioga and Gunter, 3d Sun. Sept  
 J. A. Stafford, P. E.

**EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.**  
**San Augustine District—Third Round.**  
 Tenaha cir., at Concord, July 12, 13  
 Center cir., at Newburn, July 19, 20  
 Lufkin mts., at Wallace Chap., July 26, 27  
 Burke cir., at Stanley Creek, July 26, 27  
 Lufkin sta., Aug. 2, 3  
 Newcomb, at Fairview, Aug. 9, 10  
 Melrose cir., at Fairview, Aug. 9, 10  
 Appleby mts., at North Street, Aug. 16, 17  
 Center sta., Aug. 16, 17  
 Other notices to follow.  
 A. J. Weeks, P. E.

**Tyler District—Third Round.**  
 Malakoff, at Price's Chapel, July 12, 13  
 Grand Saline, at Oakland, July 19, 20  
 Canton, at Canton, July 26, 27  
 Emory, July 26, 27  
 Palestine, Aug. 2, 3  
 Meredith, at Goshen, Aug. 9, 10  
 Troupe and Overton, Aug. 9, 10  
 Edson, at Holly Springs, Aug. 16, 17  
 New Oak, Aug. 16, 17  
 Big Sandy, at Hawkins, Aug. 23, 24  
 Marvin, Aug. 23, 24  
 Whitehouse, at Lane's Chapel, Aug. 23, 24  
 J. T. Smith, P. E.

**Pittsburg District—Third Round.**  
 Pittsburg, 2d Sun. July  
 Texas Line, July 26, 27  
 Texasiana, Fairview, p. m., July 26, 27  
 Winfield, at Winfield, Thu. July 24  
 Quitman, at Stinson's Chapel, July 28, 29  
 Leesburg, at Union Ridge, Aug. 2, 3  
 Napoli, at Hamill's Chapel, Aug. 9, 10  
 Lindot, at Jones Chapel, Fri. Aug. 15  
 Atlanta, Aug. 17, 18  
 John Adams, P. E.

**Palestine District—Third Round.**  
 Jacksonville sta., July 12, 13  
 Elkhart cir., at Shades, July 19, 20  
 Grapeland cir., at Prospect, July 26, 27  
 Palestine, July 26, 27  
 West Palestine, at Pleasant Grove, July 26, 27  
 Jacksonville cir., at Antioch, Aug. 2, 3  
 Crockett sta., Aug. 9, 10  
 Crockett cir., at Bethel, Aug. 16, 17  
 Brushy Creek, at E. C., Aug. 16, 17  
 Graton, at Sarah, Aug. 23, 24  
 Trinity, at Lovelady, Aug. 23, 24  
 Augusta, Aug. 23, 24  
 Alto, Sept. 6, 7  
 W. F. Davis, P. E.

**Marshall District—Third Round.**  
 Beckville, at Tatum, July 12, 13  
 Harleton, at Mims, July 19, 20  
 Church Hill, at Pleasant Hill, July 26, 27  
 Henderson, at Good Springs, Aug. 2, 3  
 Hallville, at Summerfield, Aug. 9, 10  
 Longview, Aug. 16, 17  
 Kaufman mts., at Pleasant Val., Aug. 16, 17  
 Harmony, at Midgett, Aug. 23, 24  
 Arleston, at Bethel, Aug. 23, 24  
 First Church, Marshall, Aug. 23, 24  
 Northside, Marshall, Aug. 23, 24  
 Jefferson sta., Aug. 23, 24  
 Kellyville, Aug. 23, 24  
 C. R. Lamar, P. E.

**Beaumont District—Third Round.**

Beaumont, South End, July 12, 13  
 Chester cir., at Woodville, July 19, 20  
 Woodville cir., July 26, 27  
 Kuntze cir., July 26, 27  
 Sibley mts., July 26, 27  
 Jasper mts., July 26, 27  
 Beaumont, First Church, Aug. 2, 3  
 Orange, Aug. 9, 10  
 Jasper and Kirbyville, at K., Aug. 16, 17  
 Kirbyville cir., at Parr's Chapel, Aug. 23, 24  
 Call cir., at Laurel, Aug. 23, 24  
 Livingston, at Livingston, Aug. 23, 24  
 Leggett mts., at Goodrich, Aug. 23, 24  
 J. W. Johnson, P. E.

**TEXAS CONFERENCE.**  
**Calvert District—Third Round.**  
 Leon cir., at Tubbs' S. H., Fri. July 21  
 Centerville cir., at Lenna, Sat. July 22  
 Calvert sta., Fri. July 18  
 Hearne and Wheelock, at Mt. Vernon, Sat. July 25  
 Pettway cir., at Harmony, Sat. July 25  
 Sibley mts., Fri. Aug. 1  
 Travis cir., at Cedar Springs, Sat. Aug. 2  
 Lett cir., at Goliad, Sat. Aug. 9  
 Durango cir., at Elvins, Sat. Aug. 9  
 Marlin sta., Fri. Aug. 16  
 Freedom and Bogan, at R. Sat. Aug. 16  
 Koser cir., at Stranger, Sat. Aug. 16  
 Franklin sta., Mon. Aug. 18  
 H. M. Stork, P. E.

**Houston District—Third Round.**  
 Angleton, at Phair, July 12, 13  
 Sandy Point, at Parker's, July 19, 20  
 Alvin, Aug. 2, 3  
 West End, Galveston, July 26, 27  
 Central Church, Galveston, Aug. 2, 3  
 League City, at Pasadena, Aug. 9, 10  
 Mont Belvieu, at Barber's Hill, Aug. 16, 17  
 Cedar Bayou, Aug. 16, 17  
 McAshby, Aug. 23, 24  
 McKee Street, Aug. 23, 24  
 Washburne, Aug. 23, 24  
 Washington Street, Aug. 23, 24  
 Shorn, Aug. 23, 24  
 Richmond, Aug. 23, 24  
 Houston, Aug. 23, 24  
 Matagorda, Aug. 23, 24  
 Geo. A. LeClair, P. E.

**Austin District—Third Round.**  
 Bastrop, July 12, 13  
 Cedar Creek, at Waterson, July 19, 20  
 Melrose, July 26, 27  
 Westerville, July 26, 27  
 Manor, Aug. 2, 3  
 League City, at Pasadena, Aug. 9, 10  
 Macroton, at Macroton, Aug. 16, 17  
 South Austin, at South Austin, Aug.

