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Editorial.

RACE PROBLEMS IN THE SOUTH AND LABOR PROBLEMS IN THE NORTH.

The South has her race problems which are complicated and troublesome, but the Church and the school-house, coupled with wise statesmanship, ought to be able to solve them wisely and righteously. This, in time, will be done despite the fact that mob law occasionally asserts its brutal prerogative and, for the time being, impedes the progress of our efforts in the right direction. Nevertheless, we are making progress and in time we will solve these questions. The great masses of the white people of the South are the friends of the negroes and want to see them develop into industrious and Christian citizenship. To this end we are making liberal provisions for their education, and we have good laws for their safety and protection. And the masses of the negroes are law-abiding people. They are industrious, kind hearted and firm believers in the religion of Jesus Christ. A few of their race once in a while break over the restraints of law and decency and perpetrate crimes that are too revolting for the public prints, and these acts of atrocity are too often followed by equal savagery by another class of the whites. But the negroes as a race are no more to be held responsible for the awful deeds of the few than are the masses of the whites for the crimes of the mob. But the great masses of both races will work out a common destiny in course of time.

But, what about the problems of the North? They are more complicated and ominous than any we have in the South. Instead of an industrious and God-fearing laboring class like we have in the South, they have the ranks of labor mostly filled up with the offscourings of foreign countries, who have no fear of God before their eyes and who hate law and government in all forms. When they become aroused no appeal to reason can check their wild excesses and the better element in such communities have to appeal to the State to interfere and put down rioting. And in more than one instance the United States Government has had to order out troops with bayonets and artillery to bring them to their senses. Any class of people who have to be made to obey laws at the point of the bayonet are not fitted for citizenship in the United States. Such people are led by anarchists who are prepared to kill peace officers and to disrupt civil government. One of these leaders who placed himself at the head of the rioting strikers in a Northern town recently said in addressing them: "The laws of the American Government are rotten to the core! To hell with all law! To hell with the Government!" This is awful language, but we want our readers to see the spirit of the restless thousands of the foreign labor population now disturbing the peace and order of many of our Northern communities. These people hate the Church, the Bible, the school-house and our Government. To settle the problems growing out of the discontent of such people

is a responsibility that reduces our race problems in the South to insignificance. A thousand times give us the negro race with their natural bent to religion, to the peaceful arts of industry and respect for law, to these degraded foreigners who gloat in their hatred of government, in their antipathy to religion and in their desire to murder rulers and destroy property. The whites and the negroes of the South will take care of their troubles if the whites and the anarchists of the North will manage theirs.

METHODISM VIEWED FROM A HIGH SOURCE.

Methodism the world over is attracting the attention of the leading minds among all classes of men who are working for the uplift of humanity. And the reason for this is not hard to find. From the very beginning Methodism has been aggressive and foremost in its efforts to spread Scriptural holiness throughout the world, to establish righteousness among men and to plant and foster such institutions as are qualified to deepen benevolence and broaden human intelligence. It rises above petty jealousy toward others and heartily co-operates with every movement whose end is the conversion of men and the evangelization of society. Therefore the beneficial effects of our work upon the moral and economic weal of mankind, to say nothing of the spiritual tone given to the social and ethical status of all communities, are forcing our work into recognition among the leaders of thought and public sentiment in nearly all departments of life. Even in sleepy old England, where the State Church has all the advantage, English Methodism is the most aggressive force in the religious growth and development of those sturdy old Anglo-Saxons, and this fact is becoming recognized throughout that Kingdom. Recently in one of his remarkable sermons, Rev. Dr. Parker, of the City Temple, said: "Methodism holds the future, say what you like. It ought to hold it. It has strength enough to tackle all the problems with which society is at once divided and tormented." Then about the same time, Rev. F. B. Meyer, the distinguished Non-Conformist leader in England, said: "It is perfectly marvelous, for wherever I go, in all part of the country, I find the strategic points being taken up by the Methodists." Such utterances as these show the esteem in which Methodism is held by the great leaders of evangelical religion in England. Such estimate ought to increase our sense of responsibility and cause us to redouble our prayerful diligence to maintain our place as a spiritual force in helping to bring the world to Christ.

Christ was no idle dreamer, setting forth visions void of possible accomplishment. He lived with men, shared their toils and conflicts and gave to them the only key to the solution of the problems involved in sociology and in political economy. "Ye must be born again," is the first factor in this key, and the second one is, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

THE WESLEYAN DOCTRINAL DISTURBANCE.

Our Wesleyan brethren are now wrestling with a question of heresy and the result is being watched with interest on this side the water. For a number of years the Rev. Joseph Agar Beet, D.D., has occupied the chair of theology in Richmond College, which is the chief school of the English Methodists for the especial training of young ministers. Dr. Beet is an eminent minister and a profound scholar, and in point of character no man stands above him among the Wesleyans. And with all his great ability, he is a modest and sweet-spirited man personally. While at the great Ecumenical last September we had the privilege of seeing and hearing him often, and a finer type of manhood it has never been our pleasure to meet. But recently the committee appointed to nominate the members of the Richmond faculty for another year, to be submitted to the approaching conference for its approval, failed to renominate Dr. Beet. The reason is that of late he has been teaching a form of doctrine, it is alleged, not in harmony with the standards of the Church. More than a year ago he wrote and published a book entitled, "The Last Things," and in his treatment of the doctrine of immortality he departed from the teachings of Methodism. However, he was induced to withdraw the book on account of the injury its discussion might do the great Twentieth Century Movement, then in progress. This allayed the matter, but more recently he has reproduced the same book under the name of "Immortality," in which he reaffirms his old positions. It is held that Dr. Beet and other ministers in their private beliefs are allowed much latitude in their thinking, but that neither he nor any other minister is at liberty to teach unsettled views and beliefs in colleges to young men preparing for the ministry. And on this ground, and without reflecting upon his moral character, it is not thought best to re-elect him to his professorship. The conference will be in session shortly and the action of the nominating committee will come up for final determination. Dr. Hugh Price Hughes takes the side of Dr. Beet, not in his doctrinal views, but in the contention that his offense is not sufficient to exclude him from his professorship. We hold that the committee has acted wisely. As a Church we stand for well defined Scriptural doctrines and whenever any minister among us can not subscribe to those doctrines he is no longer a Methodist teacher or preacher. The Church, therefore, can not continue that sort of a man, however great or good he may be, in any place of prominence as one of its leaders. We must maintain our doctrinal integrity and purity, or we cease to be a distinct Church with a well defined standard of faith. We can not afford to permit ministers to array themselves against our established teachings and set forth those things which do not make for the peace and order of our communion. We have no disposition to force any one of our ministers into the indorsement and teaching of matters concerning which he has scruples, but we can and ought to force him to desist

from such a course as a Methodist minister. The fact is, he ceases to be a Methodist minister whenever he assumes to teach unapproved Methodist doctrine. Therefore, we are glad to note that our Wesleyan brethren have the courage to say to one of its leading ministers that "we do not want you to teach our young preachers a doctrine not in harmony with our system of truth." They have done exactly right and we have every reason to believe that their approaching conference will indorse the action of the committee and decline to reappoint Dr. Beet to his professorship.

"Blessed are the meek" does not mean a Urial Heep sort of humility that never fails to invite the contempt of sensible people, but a balancing of the scales of character that gives to one moral grandeur and spiritual equipse. This carries with it self-control, which is the opposite from irritation and combustibility. Such a person will "inherit the earth" and get out of it all that it contains that is worth possessing.

The person who assumes the role of the gossip is the source of much trouble in the community. Such person can take the innocent remark heard to fall casually and unthoughtfully from the lips of a friend and so quote it to others as to have an impression never dreamed of when spoken. A person of this habit is a nuisance and a long-duly ought to be suppressed for the good of society. The fact is, it is not a good plan to pick up all the little chaff that you happen to hear and then go and repeat it. You will always get some portion of it wrong and make trouble between neighbors. If for no other reason, such a business is too small and it will narrow your thoughts and reduce your methods of speech to things harmful and unimproving. We ought to think about larger matters and forget now-tenets of all the ordinary conversations that we hear. Such a course would be better for us and for the community in which we live.

Christ did not strive so much in his earthly ministry to reach, primarily, the intellects of men, but he addressed himself more largely to their hearts. He recognized the fact that in the heart resides the moral quality of conduct and character, and that it is through the heart men are moved to action. When once the emotions are stirred the life moves out into given directions. The mind is cold and calculating, but the heart is warm and purposeful. So that Christ sought by his truth to cleanse and make right the heart and then to arouse it to vital movement. He knew well that to possess and regulate the heart was to capture the mind with all its powers of will and thought and reason. The whole man goes with the heart, and Christ is the master of this domain of man's nature. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." "Blessed are the pure in heart." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." Therefore, Christ seeks to capture the race through the heart and to bring all men back in this way to their proper relation with God.

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Endowment for Southwestern University

By REV. JNO. M. MOORE.

There exists now what is known in missionary circles as the Students' Volunteer Movement. That was an unknown twenty years ago. What does it mean? The mission fields needed picked men, with bright intelligence, strong personalities, trained minds and vital Christianity.

Shall Methodism learn a lesson? Where shall we find our preachers? Why can't volunteers be found in our colleges for our work at home as well as for our fields abroad?

How is a man called to preach? Usually through his pastor. A young man, already past his majority, is converted or is brought into active service.

Suppose the bright, honest, self-possessed, commanding youth of 18 or 19 years of age, who is in his sophomore year, whose mind has been trained to think from boyhood, should be deeply impressed religiously.

My heart burns for Texas young men to be developed for the Methodist pulpits in our great State. Why can't we produce strong men, callant men—men equal to those produced in any part of our great land?

I must speak out for Southwestern for that is our hope. I have taught three years in the State, I have preached nearly four years, I have married a Texas woman and I am a Texan as much as any man who is not born here.

But where is the money? The curators and trustees go up to commencement from year to year, and no advance movement is set on foot because nobody believes that Texas Methodists will give the money necessary for any great work.

Now, I am anxious to see what Texas Methodists will do. They have money, lands and magnificent resources. They are anxious to invest for the development of their resources, and I believe they will for the development of their sons.

Now I move that we begin at once to raise \$500,000 as an endowment fund, and that we declare that this amount shall be in hand by January 1, 1906. It ought to be done, and it can be done.

The plans for raising these amounts need not be elaborate. Let each conference adopt its own plan for raising its own amount. While new Boards of Education are being appointed, let them be selected with special reference to this work.

Of course, the opposition man will be on hand. The moss back is everywhere. The man who wants to be boss and lead may be too busy with his political fences to enter into such a work.

I am not a curator nor trustee, nor Financial Agent, nor member of the faculty, nor Regent of Southwestern University—nor do I want to be; but I am a Methodist preacher, zealous for the advancement of our great Church and affairs for the success of our central institution.

OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Our school system is not working satisfactorily. The plan is good. With the right sentiment behind it, it is feasible. But for years past we have had competition instead of correlation.

To begin with, let us call ours "The Southwestern University System." Second—Place all our Church schools under one board. Third—Publish one catalogue—"The Catalogue of Southwestern University"—giving each school its appropriate department.

just the curricula and determine the teaching force in the several schools.

Sixth—Let the collection be for Christian education, the relative claims to be determined by the board.

Eighth—Unless we do this, or something better, soon, we will go out of the school business or into bankruptcy, possibly both.

HORACE BISHOP.

AN EXPERIENCE IN THE CYCLONE.

Sunday morning, the 18th of May, the wind was blowing with pulsations from the south that brought awe and dread to the minds of our citizens.

About 3 p. m. a heavy cloud hung over the northwest, where frequently heavy rumbling thunder was heard. At the same time a heavy black cloud was gathering in the southwest and gradually approaching the northwest.

The storm over, the people stood spellbound. A subtle wizardry held them fast to the spot from which they would gladly have run away, but not until they had asked the question, "Where are my loved ones?"

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LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES—No. 4

By Rev. E. P. Newsom, Chaplain Fifth Infantry, U. S. Army.

When one is separated by nearly half the circumference of the earth from his own state and meets a friend therefrom, it is a great pleasure; but when, in addition, this friend happens to be one he has known in his own town, who was a member of his own Church, and of whose family he had been the pastor, the pleasure is doubly increased.

About 3 p. m. I was much surprised to see the Marivelles returning at full speed. I surmised that something had happened. Sure enough, when the skiff carrying Ensign Tarrant and one of our non-commissioned officers, Sergeant Conolly, rowed ashore it was to bring us sad news.

But I am delighted with my work among the soldiers and the opportunity afforded for religious work. I have a splendid attendance at my Sabbath services. Many of the soldiers are sincere Christians.

I hope therefore that no one of my brethren will feel that in changing my work of the pastorate for that of the army, that I have one whit less interest in the cause of Christ, or that I am doing one whit less good than in serving a regular pastoral charge.

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fiercest and most desperate fighters of the island. They are mostly religious fanatics, and belong to an organization known as the "Anting anting," or the "Dios dios." Both of these expressions mean the same; the former, is Visayan; the latter, Spanish. The expression literally means, "God God," but, as interpreted, means "God above all."

I might give the Advocate something of other experiences I have had; such, for instance, as a trip up the Gandara River on board a gunboat, which, with its gatling guns, scattered bullets like hail to clear the banks of insurgents; but I desist, knowing that war is not a pleasant thing to read about, much less to experience.

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The Art of Relaxation and Rest

By J. W. Cathart, M. D.

Rest is the antithesis of labor, as relaxation is the antithesis of tension. Rest and relaxation, labor and tension, stand in closest relation. They can not profitably and philosophically exist without the study and practice of them as beautiful as well as useful arts. As they take the art-form, they acquire soul and become real entities. Then they enable man to reach his loftiest conceptions of manhood—the conquering altitudes of human greatness, glory and power.

Thus they are coming to be viewed now by wise men, Christians and philanthropists. "New Thought Religion" bristles with the idea of the best living. It is fully settled that life is worth living, if lived aright. Many are entering upon a new mode and aim of physical, mental and moral existence. Faith in a future, eternal state compels a higher appreciation of "the life that now is" and a wise adjustment of all forces to the highest attainment of this life's matchless possibilities.

Environment, recently so much talked about, has assumed diminishing proportions in contrast with the evolutionary manhood which laughs at impossibilities and says, "It shall be done."

As new stress is laid upon life new value is added to it, until it is resolved to live the best and then prolong life to its utmost vanishing point, where objective consciousness ceases, so far as this world is concerned, and the subjective consciousness deals exclusively with infinite things.

In a paper in a recent number of the Advocate, I showed the destructiveness, to the nervous system, of "living a lie," under the caption, "Natural Law in the Moral World." That discussion, or study, properly introduces this, of a series which if carefully studied will not be profitless.

Much is being written about the strenuous life, the preservation of health, vigor and usefulness, the inutility of old age, the avoidance of its oncoming, long life and the art of being young at one hundred years of age. So much thought is given to the subject that an organization of scientists is effected of such as propose to live a century, or "know the scientific reason why." Suicides, by one mode or another, belong to the other unorganized class.

A man is said to be "as old as his arteries," "as young as he feels," and "is old when he thinks he is." Health rules are as numerous, and the most of them as noxious, as the lice of Egypt. Almost any one can tell you how to maintain "youth and beauty" judging from the number and character of advertised nostrums in the public press. What Nature simplified, Art has complicated. What is naturally easy has been made artificially difficult. What God intended should be free to all, greed has made almost, if not quite, as expensive as a modern fashionable funeral—frequently ending with one.

Health, to one who knows, is as easy to maintain as a fair reputation, and as easily ruined as an uncares-for character.

The fussy health-seeker is like the fussy moralist—always in trouble. Of this I propose to speak at length in a subsequent paper. I now deal with one simple affair—The Art of Relaxation and Rest.

Rest may be accomplished in waking hours, but the usual and most favorable condition is sleep. Many people do not know how to sleep—can not sleep—and would not rest if they were to sleep. The troubled sleep of thousands wears them out, so that, waking or sleeping, they are dying. What a horror! This in part accounts for the alleged fact that one in every two hundred and fifty of the population of this country is insane. Babies sleep because they have not learned the art of wakefulness. Some have inherited the "devil of nightly vigil," as some parents have learned after baby was born.

Where one can not "turn loose all holts" of objective consciousness, completely and at once, he can not sleep until worn out or hypnotized.

The secret of rest, particularly in sleep, is the art of voluntary, complete and absolute relaxation. Multitudes retire to bed with nerves and muscles tense and brain a-fire, and wonder why they can not sleep. I have watched by the bedside of sleeping children who were pushed to the verge of ruin by ambitions and misguided—ignorant—teachers. It was painful to the last degree to watch the tremor of tense nerves—the spasm of muscles, unrelaxed—the clenching of little hands—a grasp for help in the half-delirium, and to listen to the startling, half-smothered shriek that bespeaks frenzy and a burned-out brain.

The rigid sleep, akin to rigor mortis, is not only unrefreshing, but absolutely destructive to body and mind. Why can not people sleep like humans? Because they have not learned the art of relaxation. When one lies down to

rest he should instantly become as limp as the sheet that covers him. Every nerve and muscle should instantly let go—relax as fully and completely as though it never expected to contract again. Sleep then comes instantly, and nature immediately commences the work of rebuilding "the waste places."

How may the art of relaxation be acquired? By practice. It may be easily acquired, in the majority of cases, by practice when one goes to bed. Go with the thought, "When I hit the sheets I will be perfectly limp." If you do not succeed the first time, keep repeating until you do. I have occasionally drilled several in a class in the art of relaxation, by an easy and effectual method, which I learned from hypnotists.

Each member of the class, or family, if you please, supports the palm of the left hand upon the tip of the right index finger, and is instructed to suddenly drop the index finger as I say "three," in a count of "one," "two," "three." If the entire system is instantly and thoroughly relaxed, the left hand will drop into the lap. Usually, on first trial, it will remain more or less suspended. If practiced before retiring to bed until it drops instantly into the lap, relaxation will be easy and instantaneous.

If the presiding genius of the Advocate, who has made it such a power, so wills, I will make a study, next time, of "The Art of Recuperation, or Physical Rebuilding." Until then, live the best.

LaGrange, Texas.

LETTER FROM CHINA.

Educational Association of China.

In a previous letter I gave some account of the Educational Association, its aims and objects, its work, etc. I also wrote of the fourth triennial meeting, which was held in Shanghai, the list of subjects for papers, addresses and problems before the association, etc. The meeting adjourned on Saturday, May 24, closing one of the most successful conventions that we have ever had since the organization was started. There were about 120 members in attendance, representing many different parts of the country. The meeting was characterized by the utmost spirit of harmony and good feeling. The papers and discussions on the various educational questions were of a very high order, and those who attended received much benefit and encouragement for renewed effort in the work of Christian education in China. Action was taken by the association looking towards the accomplishment of certain definite results and the solution of certain problems that are now confronting Christian educators in this country. Several committees were appointed to take action in regard to various subjects that were before the meeting for discussion.

1. A committee of eight of the leading members of the association was appointed to prepare a memorial to be presented to the Chinese Government, through the diplomatic body in Peking, urging (first) that religious toleration be granted in all Government schools, so that Christian pupils may not be debarred from whatever advantages these schools offer to students; (second) that the work of Christian schools and colleges in China shall obtain full recognition on the part of the Chinese Government, so that students coming from these institutions, who are well qualified otherwise, shall not be debarred by reason of their Christian faith from entrance into civil service examinations or from appointments to positions in the Government service.

2. A committee of five was appointed to draw up a general and comprehensive course of study, covering pretty thoroughly the whole range of instruction, beginning with the primary school and going on through the high school, college and university, including such special courses as the kindergarten, biblical instruction, civil service examinations, etc. The object of such a course of study would be in the first place, to provide a guide by which various mission schools and colleges in the country might become united in some kind of general uniformity. In the second place, as a guide to the Chinese in what they should seek to secure in the establishment of private and Government schools and colleges. Third, it will also be a very great advantage to the large numbers of men who, being past school age, or inaccessible to any school of Western learning, still desire to prepare themselves for the new regime. Such a course of study would indicate to them the line of work that they would be required to follow in order to prepare themselves to meet the new conditions that are now upon the country.

3. A committee of eight was appointed to prepare a system of Romanization to be used in spelling the sounds

of the various forms of the Mandarin spoken language.

4. A special committee of five was appointed to prepare a course of biblical study for use in Christian schools and colleges.

5. A committee of three was appointed to organize the kindergarten work for the schools in China.

6. The Executive Committee was instructed to prepare an appeal to the Boards of Missions in Europe and America urging them to send out trained men for school work, especially laymen, who are well up in the latest methods of teaching. A very strong feeling was expressed in the meeting that the school work now opened up to us in China needs especially trained men to develop it successfully. The old idea that every missionary who comes to the field must be an ordained man ought to be given up. There is room and need for specialists in the way of teaching, etc., and consecrated laymen ought to be sent out to fill these positions and leave the ordained men to do the special work of preaching, for which they were sent.

7. A committee of five was appointed to continue the preparation of a list of biographical and geographical names for use in translating books into Chinese.

8. The Committee on Scientific Terminology, consisting of five men, was continued. The work of this committee is now producing some permanent results. A list of 12,000 terms in English and Chinese has already been prepared and is ready for the printer. This list covers pretty thoroughly the whole range of learning in science, mathematics, history, chemistry, astronomy, sociology, political economy, etc. Even with the publication of this technological dictionary, however, a great deal of work remains to be done in the way of revision, collection of new terms, etc.

The various officers and standing committees were elected for the ensuing three years—that is President two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, General Editor, Executive Committee and Publication Committee. The names of the officers and the committees indicate their duties in general. The work of the Publication Committee is to pass on manuscripts submitted to the association for publication. If they approve, the book is published at the expense of the association; if they disapprove, the manuscript is returned to the author. The General Editor, which office this correspondent has the honor to fill, attends, first, to the receiving and forwarding to the Publication Committee of all manuscripts that may be submitted to the association; second, he has general oversight of the publication and sales of the books, maps, charts, etc., belonging to the association; third, he presides at the meetings of the Executive Committee, and in general has charge of the interests of the association, in connection with the Executive Committee, during the interval between the triennial meetings. Your correspondent also serves on four of the above committees.

From the brief outline contained in the above, together with the previous letter on the same subject, it will be seen that the work of the Educational Association is extending and that the association occupies a very important position in this great mission field. We are working to improve our methods of instruction, we are endeavoring to prepare the very best books possible in the Chinese language for use in Christian and Government schools; we are seeking to guide the Government officials, as well as the common people, in the establishment of a general system of education for the whole country. The sales of our books are extending by leaps and bounds. In fact, the great boom in the sale of books that is now on shows a decided preference for educational books above all other kinds. As an indication of how rapidly books are selling, I may state the fact that the geography prepared by my wife, her last work before she left me in September, was published in an edition of 2000 copies about January 1 of this year. This has all been sold out inside of four months and a new edition is called for. I am now revising the book for a new edition.

A. P. PARKER
Anglo-Chinese College, 18 Quinsan Road, Shanghai, June 6, 1902.

COPY OF LETTER FROM JOHN WESLEY TO THOMAS RANKIN.

Bristol, March 20, 1762.
My Dear Brother—You are to act as assistant in Sussex, therefore see that our rules be everywhere observed and spread our books wherever you go, and particularly Kempis, Primitive Physic and Instructions for Children. Before eight weeks are ended the society will be able to provide an horse. Oh be humble—be a little child before God. I am, your affectionate brother,

J. WESLEY.

Read and pray much.

The family can only be saved by a family religion.—Ram's Horn.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days are allowed man by his Maker to work. The seventh he orders him to rest. Hence life and blessings will attend the man who observes the Sabbath. The Sabbath of rest is a continual lesson to him to turn his eye from all created objects, and look to that heavenly rest into which God is entered, and which is promised to man.

But it seems that this day has been made a supplement by man for his petty errands. Hence he can visit his neighbor, hunt his cows, hogs, horses or sheep, as the case may be. He thinks these are not crimes. So we see he keeps the Sabbath only for fear of penal offense. I have known men to drive off on Sunday from twenty to thirty miles to town, in order to be ready to start back on Monday with some piece of machinery. This I say, is stealing God's time to make your short points meet. Man does not mind the commandments of God's holy Word, which provides a holy rest on that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful and harmless on other days, and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is taken up in works of necessity and mercy.

It is the duty of every man or woman who is a member of the Church to attend first to the ordinances of their own Church. I say we ought to be loyal to Christ first, then loyal to our Church. Here I will say that loyalty does not mean prejudice at all. Now, when you joined the Church you took this vow, thereby saying you would attend to these very prominent services of Christ. Remember, God's Word says, "Better is it that thou shouldst not vow than that thou shouldst vow and not pay." Now, are not the responsibilities that rest upon us as per our vows to God very great? To break these brings condemnation upon us, and we may expect the visitation of his justice. How can a Christian professor afford to break his vow, saying nothing of God's law of love and mercy, and openly confess to the world that he has failed by the very small trials of his neighbor? Note God rested on the Sabbath, Christ rested on it, while the Jews were very strict. Road Num. 15:22-28, where the man who gathered sticks on the Sabbath was stoned to death at God's command, even though the law had not been specified. Now ask yourself how much worse is violating all over the week, or in the things already referred to, than gathering sticks?

How can we, as Christians, expect to lead men to Christ by example when we do things that a non-professor would not do? This is not possible. Two-thirds of the professors of religion are very inconsistent along these lines, hence they stand in the way of sinners. If the law of God was our delight, we could not be kept away from the house of God by every petty excuse. Neighbor B could not drive his wagon-load up to our gate and unload them, and thereby say you can't go to church today. Your wife must stay at home and cook for me and load. No, we would immediately tell him that the church was the place for Christian people to meet, consequently we are going, and will be glad to see you there. Should Bro. B get insulted he most likely would go home, just where he ought to be, if he would not go to church. Nor would he come over the next Sabbath for Bro. A's good wife to wait upon, either. One dose of good medicine always has its effect, if it does not cure finally.

Bro. A, if you are kept away from church often in this way by unthoughtful people, or by wife's kindfolks or by your own kin, sum up courage enough to give them one dose of good medicine. It is hoped they will get well. I have seen people drive four or five miles to visit and go by their own church, stop in sight of same—stop a whole family whom I knew wanted to go to church, but did not have any good medicine to make the sick well. Such a practice is bad enough for heathendom. It is the work of the devil, who will get a chance to prey upon the souls of those who desecrate God's laws.

Brethren, let us set a better example to the world of what religion is, especially along the line here mentioned. Read your Bible, teach your children God's Word on the Sabbath, and you will not have time to run over the country and tattle about your neighbor. The former is what the Sabbath is for—not to sleep, eat, drink and rise up to play as the heathens did—but to study, pray and meditate on the truth, the way that leads to life and eternal glory. Parents, try to show your children the way to heaven on this day. You say you haven't time for it in the week. Then try it on Sunday, and God will bless your effort. Do this for Christ's sake. Sabbath, the week were dark but for thy light. Thy torch doth show the way. E. S. HURSEY.
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RANDOM THOUGHTS.

As the great General Conference has done its work and "holyly departed home," it will be in order for me to let his place to address himself to the spirit in bond and to move on in the quiet rest of our several wives.

What will the future be? This I know not. What? Well that depends first of course, on the dispensation of God and the faithfulness of the workers. I cannot say I was making any money by the General Conference on Monday, May 18. To prevent evil, here are my recollections. Taken from Living Daily News. "A. M. E. Church, St. M. Winborne." My dear wife, Mrs. Watson, conducted the service in this unimmaculate structure which I found a great treasure of the old and the faithful of the past. Very good one of the members (retired) was that old soldier. After some good prayer, such as might be expected, you would have a very full and devout worship. Well, well, well, but a wife I really enjoyed. It proved the most views of childhood, when I heard the glad shouts of joy of the colored people under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Walter Wainwright and my spiritual father, Mr. Wainwright. After my good, earnest effort, the congregation produced a collection for the "D. C." which I think by estimating.

Changing the subject, we are now all busy with crops, and for a limited county prohibition campaign is on. Our own J. M. B. had been the "most prominent" leader in the movement. Some of the "housewives" are squabbling a little. We hope to win. X at in order will be our meetings. Hope some dear brother on the far God will pass around his way from last Sunday in July to next in August. I'm sure he'll find appreciation and something to do.

F. M. WINBORNE,
Oryell City, Texas.

DAVID AND GOLIATH.

A Little Shot Put Old King Coffee Out of Business.

When business falls they sometimes sell their souls for a little or "clams" for their health. Sometimes the climate does it, and sometimes they are struck by the plague and take, and that's all.

A lady in San Diego (I believe a friend who left her home last December) had the post two weeks ago go to California, to see her folks. She says, "Almost all of my time was spent in visiting the doctor and getting my hair cut and watching the clock to see the time for my next dose of medicine. Nevertheless, I had a grand old time, and with others of my kind nature, made for the bar a hot dog."

On the occasion of her departure I begged her to give me the use of her key, and see Postum Coffee. She replied that she could not give coffee. I said no more at the time, but the next morning at breakfast I passed her a fragment, suggesting one of Postum, making it as if it should be milk. After that I had no more trouble, and my friend drank Postum coffee. But the most surprising part of the experience was the change that soon came over her.

We began to notice it within less than a week. It was less than a month, her nervousness had left her, and in three months she was a new woman in face, figure and health. I did not dare to hope for so much benefit, although I had been greatly benefited myself by Postum, but coffee to her system was simply poisonous, and I believe this is the case with many others. She returned to her home in December, and was married within less than two months after. She never fails to give credit to Postum for health or thanks to me for teaching her to make it properly, and well she may, for Postum has done for her what travel, doctors and medicine failed to do. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.



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Back-
ache,
Head-
ache,**

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Secular News Items.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy left Rome Thursday for St. Petersburg to visit the czar.

Minneapolis entertained 15,000 delegates to the National Educational Association's convention.

The Smithfield meat market, of London, the biggest meat distributing center in the United Kingdom, has been completely captured by the American beef trust.

Right of way is being secured for the Rock Island through the city and county of Dallas as rapidly as deals can be made with the owners of the land over which it will pass.

A business man of El Paso, Tex., while in Washington last week, said that the Republican factions of Texas had buried their differences and would place a full State ticket in the field.

The Marquis of Salisbury has resigned the membership of Great Britain, and Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury and government leader in the House of Commons, has been appointed to succeed him.

A mass-meeting of the Catholics was held at Grand Rapids, Mich., last week to protest against the United States forcing the friars out of the Philippines. All the Catholic clergy, including Bishop Richter, attended.

The United Mine Workers of Illinois will not vote for a general strike at the national convention to be held at Indianapolis next week. Without the votes of the Illinois delegates, it is said, it will be impossible to call off the soft coal men.

The Missouri Secretary of State has chartered the St. Louis Terminal Depot, with a capital stock of \$250,000. A third bridge across the Mississippi River at St. Louis will be erected to connect with the union passenger and freight depots to be built there.

The Business League has arranged to celebrate the coming of the Morgan steamships to Galveston in royal style. A torchlight procession and display of fireworks and a general holiday, with excursions from the city to the docks, are the principal features of the event decided upon.

The patients of the North Texas Insane Asylum, at Terrell, were treated to a big barbecue and picnic last week by the Superintendent, Dr. J. S. Turner. There were four heaves and four head of hogs barbecued for the occasion. Bread, cakes, pickles and lemonade were served in abundance.

A dispatch from Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, July 11, says: Many of the Boer commandants, field cornets and officials of the late Free State Government, refuse to sign the oath of allegiance, though few of them object to signing the document called "The Declaration," acknowledging King Edward as sovereign.

During a heavy rain and electrical storm at Italy, July 12, at 7 o'clock, the Methodist church was struck by lightning, set on fire and destroyed, together with the parsonage. This was

the finest church in town, and was valued at \$6,000. The parsonage was valued at \$1,000. There was no insurance in any of the old line insurance companies.

R. F. Wofford, known as the "Watermelon King," living at Rudy, Van Buren County, Arkansas, was killed at Monett, Mo., July 11. He was en route to St. Louis with a car of melons when he was run down in the Monett yards and both legs cut off, death ensuing in a few hours. Wofford's daughter was killed a few weeks since by being accidentally shot by a playmate.

It has been officially stated in London that the coronation of the King will take place between Aug. 8 and Aug. 12. It is also officially announced that there will be no royal program, as originally planned, the day after the coronation, and there will be no procession apart from that in which their majesties will proceed from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey and return.

The Controller of the Treasury at Washington has decided that the expenses and salaries of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission could not be paid until the provision of the act appropriating \$5,000,000 for the exposition, which requires "as a condition precedent that the directors shall contract to close the gates to visitors on Sunday during the whole duration of the fair," is executed.

Louis Wortham, manager for the Texas Commission on the St. Louis Exposition, in reply to a question as to how the fund for the Texas exhibit at St. Louis World's Fair might be raised, stated that he had just seen State School Superintendent Lefevre, and proposed to take home a plan to enlist the interest of the school children of Texas in the State exhibit at the fair. His proposition was to have each child in the schools of Texas give a nickel to the fund.

It seems, says a Washington dispatch, now to be a foregone conclusion that President Roosevelt will, in the language of the platform of the Minnesota Republican State Convention, be nominated "to succeed himself." Minnesota is the fifth State to declare so explicitly as to include the name of Theodore Roosevelt in its platform in favor of his nomination by the Republican party for the presidency. The other States are Pennsylvania, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri.

Dr. J. H. Bradford, who resides six miles east of Oklahoma City, Okla., is one of the direct heirs to an estate in England, which is about to be settled up, estimated to be worth \$120,000,000. Dr. Bradford's share will be something like \$1,000,000. The estate in question is that of William Bradford, who was the first colonial Governor of Massachusetts, and who returned to England, where he died. The estate has been held in chancery for many years, but there is now a prospect of its being settled.

The following remarkable instance comes from Fort Wayne, Ind.: Mrs. Kidd, whose husband is a local Nickel-plate-Railroad bridge carpenter, had a singular experience while rubbing camphor on a sore gum. Suddenly her jaws closed, catching and holding her finger. She could not speak or cry out, but wrote a note with her free hand to a neighbor for help, sending her little boy with it. While he was gone she saw a doctor pass, and ran out and beckoned him in. He pried open her jaws, releasing her finger, which was badly lacerated. Otherwise she is suffering no ill effects of her painful and strange experience.

Near West Dallas, at a depth of 1,258 feet, the men who are drilling what has come to be known as "the test well," have struck a vein of sand which yields 1,000,000 gallons of artesian water every twenty-four hours. They intend to send the drill down still further, believing that they will strike a still greater flow. The theory of geologists and others who have studied the question is that underneath a large portion of northern Texas lies a great sea of water. They claim to have found many evidences of this, and urged in vain that experimental borings be made, until a party of Dallas citizens took it up.

The negotiations now in progress at the Vatican respecting the Philippine friars and their lands will not fail. Of that the Administration officials at Washington feel certain. It was realized at the beginning, when Governor Taft's instructions were framed, that they represented the extreme of our claims and that they did not preclude the idea of reasonable compromise by mutual concessions. The negotiations are progressing in this spirit. The immediate and complete withdrawal of the Spanish friars from the Philippines is not now expected, but it is believed that the result desired can be accomplished by an arrangement for the substitution of friars of other nationality, and the principal issue at present is as to the time in which the change may be brought about. As the friars are gathered almost altogether in Manila, and are a heavy charge on the convents and members of the Cath-

olic Church outside the order who are maintaining them, it is expected that they will hasten the solution of the problem by themselves voluntarily seeking other fields of labor outside of the archipelago.

Sour Lake, on July 11, had a most thrilling experience. At 8:45 o'clock in the morning the well known as Guffey No. 2 got away from the drillers, and at 1 o'clock in the afternoon was spouting an immense column of sand, gas and oil high in the air. In the blow-out the rotary was raised fully six feet from the ground and prevented any attempt to control the well. As the well spouted the gas grew stronger, and at noon the entire derrick was destroyed. The roar of the well was something frightful. The noise of the escaping gas was heard fully three miles, and it made the ground tremble as if it was an incontinent earthquake.

Dallas will be the banner County in the State Democratic Convention which meets in Galveston this week, and in assuming that distinction the metropolis of North Texas wrests it from the cosmopolitan and metropolitan county of Southwestern Texas known as Bexar, containing the historic Alamo city, San Antonio. In the last convention Bexar was above them all with 26 votes, but Dallas has risen from 23 votes to 39 votes, while the former has lost 7 votes and will have but 19 at Galveston. Grayson will be the second in voting strength, while Bexar will be in the third class with Ellis, Fannin, Harris and Tarrant, each having 19 votes.

A dispatch from Abilene, Tex., July 8, says: The anti-prohibitionists have filed a suit in the District Court of Taylor County asking for an injunction restraining the County Judge and other authorities from enforcing the prohibition law in this county. The petition attacks the law on two entirely new propositions. The first is that the law states only a "majority of the qualified voters" in any county can adopt local option, and not a majority of the voters voting in such election. The second is that under our laws the Commissioners' Court can only attend to county business, and that in ordering a prohibition election the court has invaded the domain of the police regulations, and, therefore, it is unconstitutional for this court to order such an election.

A dispatch from Fort de France, July 12, says: Last night and to-day Mont Pelee was in eruption, the activity being as great as that of Saturday and Wednesday last. Morne Rouge, Ajoupa, Bonillon and Maconia were covered with stones and cinders and were rendered uninhabitable for several hours. The volcano emitted a dense column of flame and at the same time electrical phenomena were observed. The eruption was accompanied by a deep rumbling resembling continuous thunder. There were no fatalities reported, but the inhabitants of the northern part of the island were panic-stricken, all the residents of Fort de France remaining calm, however.

In picturesque Trinity Episcopal Church at Lenox, Mass., surrounded with lavish floral decorations and under sunny skies, Miss Lella Vanderbilt Sloane, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, of New York and Lenox, and William Bradford Osgood Field, of New York, were married July 8. The assemblage of guests, the accoutrements of the ceremony, and the value of the wedding presents and the wealth and social prominence of all interested parties, made the event the most magnificent of its kind that ever took place in the Berkshire country. More than 200 guests, including representatives of the most wealthy New York families, were present.

Lord Kitchener reached London July 12, at 12:48 p. m., and his passage through the metropolis was one of the most memorable of the many remarkable scenes of the last three years. The small procession of carriages containing the General and his staff in simple, serviceable velvet dress, lacked spectacular features, but evidently the crowd was there in its tens of thousands to see the man of the hour and not a pageant. From the moment he set foot in London to the time of his disappearance beneath the portal of St. James Palace, Lord Kitchener received an outburst of popular enthusiasm that quite overshadowed the demonstrations on previous and similar occasions.

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Prohibition Education

Victory after victory, triumph after triumph are greeting the prohibition soldiers of Texas. An undercurrent for right has been moving across the State for some time and has recently burst through, and is forming the tidal wave that is sweeping the State for prohibition. About eighty counties are already local option, with a number soon to follow. The saloon men have become uneasy and are forming more compact organizations, spending money, flaunting glaring misrepresentations in purchased space in leading newspaper columns. They have entered the fight with a bull-dog tenaciousness, but have already become frightened and are getting white around the gills, their extremities are growing cold and their eyes are glazed with a glassy sheen, and it is with growling and agonizing that they are submitting to the cooling board, but to it they are going. Are we assured that the business is really dead when placed on the board, or in a comatose state? I sometimes fear that the tide of righteous public opinion has not risen high enough to permanently drown the monster. We can never hope for prohibition to be permanent in Texas until public opinion has risen so far above corrupt politics that a large majority will stand against it. Public opinion will never be raised until public intelligence has been elevated, and public intelligence is impossible without public or popular education. We boast of our government by the people. A government by the people is impossible without popular intelligence—the masses must be intelligent—and again, I repeat that popular intelligence is impossible without popular education. A State may be able to pass a law by purchase or illegal methods of vote-getting, but without a healthy public sentiment backing it, it will be a failure. Each victory greets my ears with mingled sadness and gladness. The first question I always ask, "Have they public sentiment sufficient to enforce the law?" Only for the lack of education has the law ever been a farce? A writer once said, "Whatever of good we would have appear in the National life, must first be embodied and wrought into the schools of our country, that it may thereby become a part and parcel of the coming citizen in the formative period of his life." The same is true of any reform movement. It must first be embodied and wrought in the hearts and lives of the people within the bounds of the movement, and that can only be done by education. Local option is sweeping Texas now, and at the same rate it will be only a few years until all saloons will be banished from the State. But does that mean there will be no liquor sold? No. Outward laws will never become perfect until inward laws are learned and obeyed by the masses, and they will never be learned until educated. Education is the saloon-man's worst enemy. The writer was in a low-spirited town some time ago, when some one in the presence of a saloon-man made the remark "that he wished he could get a college built in their town, that it might help them out of their lethargy." The saloon-man replied, "I do not want any more schools than we have." He was asked the reason why, and answered that it would endanger his business.

Let us use the most effective weapon possible in our war against them, and the education of the masses is the sickle that lays low the saloon power. How are you going to educate the masses? Allow me to make a suggestion which I think will be a move in the right direction. Suppose every county have a county convention during this summer and fall, not for any special order, party or division of prohibition workers, but for all phases of the work. Let its object be for direct education against the license saloon. Have about two days in each convention, secure the best speakers in the State on the program, have live temperance songs, then have a short, interesting study divided into about four lessons that will go to the bottom of the liquor question. Let the convention be represented by all divisions of prohibition work by having speakers representing the local option, Prohibition party, Anti-Saloon League,

Good Templars, W. C. T. U., juvenile work, etc. Friends, after a careful consideration of this education question, I believe this to be a start towards its solution, and I ask you to carefully consider it and write me for particulars. Address R. E. Grabel, 150 S. Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas.

**MOVING OUT THE FENCE.
No. 2.**

In some former epistles, beloved, which I have written unto you, I have spoken at length concerning that fence, how that you ought to move it out. Now that you have not moved it out, I deem it expedient to write this epistle, also, if by any means I may prevail on you to get the fence moved out before conference, and thus do great good. Now, concerning the multitudes which live in the regions beyond where no Churches are, ye yourselves know perfectly that they never come up to the sanctuary. Moreover, brethren, I would not have you ignorant of the fact that in these same regions many of a certain people called Methodists dwell. Know this, also, that among these neglected ones are some noble people who are so situated that they can not attend your great centers. Now if we could get you to move out the lines of your parish so as to include these, and give them the gospel, they may soon become leading spirits in a new Church. Know this, also, that by moving out the fence ye are in a line of an honorable succession. That is the way the apostles and the fathers of our great Church did. If they had not done that way, we would have had no great Church today. Why should it be thought a thing impossible with you that the fence should be moved out? God is able to make his grace abound unto them who are in the regions beyond, as well as with you. C. G. SHUTT, Dawson, Texas.

EPISCOPAL DECISIONS.

Your recent article on the unity of the Episcopacy was timely and very good reading for all of us. Really, some things have leaked out of late that common people did not know before. This case is given as a bit of history bearing on the general question:

Some years ago a Brother Whittenburg died in the early part of the year, leaving a large and helpless family. Our board was anxious to provide for them, but did not think them proper claimants under the law as it then stood. The case was taken to Bishop Wilson, who was holding the North Texas Conference at Wichita Falls, and he very readily decided in the affirmative. The new Discipline came out in a few months, and we all looked to see if the ruling had been sustained, and we utterly failed to find it. Some chuckled over it, saying "I told you so," and all felt that the brainiest man in Methodism had gone under one time. At our last conference at Tyler the board made provision for a case exactly similar. A brother present, remembering the former case, raised the point as to the legality of such proceedings, and was promptly met by the good Bishop, who stated that the ruling referred to had been sustained and had been published in the Discipline. However, in a private conversation, the good Bishop went into particulars and said at first they were not agreed in the matter. In fact, Bishop Keener made a labored argument against it, but it finally passed, and while it was published among the Episcopal decisions, yet it was there in such a mutilated form that its most intimate acquaintance could hardly recognize it. If these statements had been made in open conference, it would have relieved the situation very much.

According to paragraph 332 of the present Discipline, such cases are clearly provided for, but it seems that we all had failed to note the change. W. W. GRAHAM, Leesburg, Texas.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Sipe Springs.

J. M. Baker, July 14: Good meeting at Sand Hill. Ten conversions. Some wonderful demonstrations of divine power. Meeting in progress at this place. Prospects good for a successful meeting. God blessed us in the morning service.

Sweetwater.

W. H. Harris, July 19: We have had a great revival at Sweetwater. Bros. A. P. Lowrey, of Corsicana, and T. N. Lowrey, of Roby, did the preaching for ten days, and there were 120 conversions and ninety-two have joined the different Churches, and sixty-five of the ninety-two came to the Methodist Church.

Italy.

J. D. Odum, July 14: Yesterday morning, the holy Sabbath, dawned upon us without church or parsonage. Lightning struck the church at 7 p. m. Saturday, and it, together with the parsonage, was soon in ashes. The pews and windows from church, and everything from the parsonage. Goods were much damaged, broken up and wet, as it was raining very hard. Will go into a hired house and worship in the college.

Haskell.

R. E. Young, July 14: We believe that Haskell is on the up-grade, and we are expecting a great meeting, which is to begin fourth Sunday of this month. Bro. C. M. Shuttler is to do the preaching for us. We had a substantial little pouncing last Saturday night by the good people of Haskell, which we accept as a token of their regard for us and the cause we represent. May the Lord bless these good people with a gracious revival.

Frost.

W. H. Crawford, July 14: Rev. J. F. Harris has just helped me in a two weeks' meeting here. He is one of the clearest exponents of scriptural doctrine I have ever heard. He is his help in a revival meeting. He left me Friday morning. I ran the meeting on till Sunday night. I took my own collection Sunday and swept the decks, with a good margin. My people are pressed with the drought, but they respond liberally with God's money. Salary of P. C. and P. E. behind, but stewards say all will come up. One brother presented the preacher with 20 bundles of fine oats. How is that?

Munday.

Ed R. Wallace, July 9: Our camp-meeting closed with great results. It was very near a great meeting as I was ever had. Immense crowds. Fine order. Good old-time and new class singing combined. Twenty-five in the altar last night of meeting and seven conversions, making a total of between forty-five and fifty in the seventeen days. The meeting was injured by my getting sick, but two Baptist brethren helped while I was sick, and two local preachers preached once each. They have started my Gillespie meeting for me.

Cresson.

R. F. Dunn, July 9: Our third Quarterly Conference met with the Church at Long Creek. Our report showed a net loss of one member for this quarter, but this is not remarkable, as we have held none of our revival meetings for this year. Our general condition indicates the need of a great revival throughout the charge, and for this we are praying and trusting that the divine co-operation will be realized and that victory will be ours. We have observed Children's Day services in all our Sunday-schools, and are glad to say those exercises were a success. Our stew-

ards, in the main, have succeeded well with their work, making the best report for the third quarter the charge has, perhaps ever made. We still have some what of the old-time interest in the Quarterly Conference, with its basket dinner, love-feast and the preaching of the presiding elder with his "usual acceptability." We thank God and take courage as we start another quarter. We have entered into our protracted meetings, which will embrace the rest of the summer and part of September.

Little River.

J. R. Steele: Our new tabernacle done, and protracted services first Sunday July; good start. Rev. Hay preaching two splendid sermons of true Methodist type. He is a grand old man. Bro. A. L. Moore here for this week. Gas lights for tabernacle. Sisters Ben Wilson, Tom Morgan and Mrs. Burke headed a pouncing for the P. C. and family on day before meeting. They never could have done a more timely and religious thing. Many things sent and brought by Holmes, Taylor, Beards, Nichols, Brown, Weatherford, Natt, McMurtre et al. I hope this pouncing business will keep going—never cease. God bless good women that think and help.

Liberty Hill.

J. David Crockett, July 12: We closed our meeting at Leander (old Bagdad) Wednesday night 8th inst., after holding ten days. Notwithstanding the showers and other things interfered, we had about forty-eight conversions, and thirty-four accessions to the Church, baptised three children and got \$4.50 cash and subscription on the conference collections. We had large and attentive congregations. They went through the showers and sat under the arbor with their parasols over them while the arbor was dripping with water. The Children's Day at Leander was a success, with a good collection, which was held some time since. We began our meeting in Liberty Hill Friday night, July 25. Fine rains in some places. We have some good, faithful, Christian workers at Leander.

Roby.

T. N. Lowrey, July 11: The 26th of June closed a grand revival at Roby, Texas. The Church was greatly revived, and a great many people that hardly ever go to church came and were converted. About eighty-two conversions and rebaptisms. Among them were some of our prominent business men of the town. About thirty-five have joined the Methodist Church. I think others will join yet. Some went to the other Churches of the town. Other Churches in town cooperated in the meeting. Rev. W. H. Harris, of Sweetwater, was with me two or three days. He preached once, and did it well. He was a great help to us while here. My brother, A. P. Lowrey, from Corsicana, did all the preaching except the one sermon. I want to tell you we had been working some time to get the hop plant out, so God scared the hop all man and he closed out his business. Roby is running down waterworks, and is coming to the front in every respect, railroad or no railroad.

Midland.

Miss Lydia G. Watson, July 10: In the last revival made by the great Episcopal wheel Rev. L. A. Webb was dropped in Midland, and we of the Methodist Church feel that the guiding and the result was by the hand of God. Bro. Webb is a man whom we know to be trying to emulate the example of the gentle Nazarene—gentle, tender and true, yet a man so large in his strength that he is never guilty of useless meandering or paralysis of the will. Under his leadership the Church has been united in a wonderful manner, and the response are all hopeful and responsive to the calls of the Church. Indeed, the various departments of Christian work are moving along with a peaceful harmony that gathers power as it

marches forward with the steadfastness of the Olympian runner—forward to that future so radiant, sublime, glorious. The people have raised, Bro. Webb's salary 50 per cent, and the collections are doing splendidly. The Sunday-school, with Judge E. R. Byran as superintendent, is progressive and doing fine work. The Church is having an ever-increasing attendance and attendance, while Bro. Webb is holding the love and confidence of all. His sermons are strong, impressive and deeply spiritual, while among the material things which he has accomplished is a handsome new organ in the Church and the parsonage greatly improved. It has been newly papered and carpeted, and he himself built a new cistern, tank and bath-room—thus proving that energy is not confined exclusively to men of the world. We feel that this is going to be a good year for Methodism and God in Midland, and already it has proven to be a year of successful religious aggression.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

South Beaumont Station.

R. O. Bailey, July 9: We have just had Ase and Louisa with us. This made their third time in Beaumont, and were not changed at all and did not need any introduction. We feel that this is the devil and sin at once, and he did the job up well, and we had a good meeting. We received thirty-seven into the Methodist Church, and several more have given their names, but have not been baptized yet. The Baptists and Presbyterians had a good many. I want to speak of the hearty co-operation of the Revs. L. A. Humphries, pastor of North End, and P. C. Chaney, a rice farmer and superintendent of the Church. We were joined by other brother ministers, who rendered us good work. And quite a number of the members of First Church rendered us valuable service. May the blessings of God attend Brother and Sister Mulvey in their great work, and may there be an abiding influence of the Holy Spirit on his work done while here. We should have said the meeting was held in South End, Beaumont charge.

Helena.

I. T. Morris, July 10: Have just closed a wonderful meeting at Helena. Rev. J. C. Wilson, of Searles, was with me the last seven days of the meeting and rendered me service. The people were much pleased with him and with his preaching. Congregations were large. The program was perfect, the attention all that any preacher could wish. Eight accessions to the Church. Membership growth tremendous. The Lord was with us, and his blessings. Long may his favor rest on his people.

at this Church a little struggling band of twenty-five members on roll, five of whom have never shown up. Although we suppose they are somewhere in the land of the living. We had no prayer-meeting, no League, no Home or Foreign Mission Society. We found our Church house unfortunately located. Therefore it was impossible to secure a congregation. So we began at once to secure a better location. The Lord seemed to have put it into the minds of some good men, who came to our assistance. We were delayed some time in getting a lot. We are now conveniently located on Walnut Street. The Church will hereafter take the name of the street on which it is located. We raised and paid \$200 cash for the lot, paid the house mover \$8, 44 for extra blocks, making total cost of change of location \$208. Many thanks to all who contributed to this enterprise. The house will be remodeled and otherwise improved in the near future. We now have a Sunday-school with an enrollment of ninety, a good prayer-meeting, a Home Mission Society, organized in March. They have paid the insurance on the parsonage property, put a splendid cook stove, safe and a part of a set of chairs in the parsonage. Made many visits to the sick, distributed garments among the poor, and are still hard at work. We have received thirty-one members at this place since conference. We are now engaged in a meeting at Kelling. We ask the prayers of all the Advocate readers for the success of the Lord's work here.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Helena.

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INSTITUTE OF BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDY.

The first session of this school was held in Georgetown, May 28 to June 7, 1902. It was launched by the Board of Curators of the Southwestern University, and was endorsed by all the Annual Conferences in our State. The attendance was beyond the most sanguine expectations of those having the matter in charge. The last session of the General Conference put its seal of approval upon all such institutions. In fact, they are now made a part of our educational policy. From each of the report of the Board of Education, which was adopted without amendment by the General Conference, reads as follows: "We recommend the establishment of a Correspondence School in connection with the above Correspondence School, and shall be carried on in cooperation with the General Board of Education and the Examining Committee of the Annual Conference adjacent to each Institute."

Let it be specially noted that this institution is conducted in connection with the Correspondence School established under the sanction of the General Board of Education and the theological faculty of Vanderbilt University. Special attention is called to the fact that the Examining Committee of the patronizing Annual Conferences are to work in cooperation with institutions of this character. Those having charge of this work must earnestly desire, and urgently request the several Committees of Examination in Texas to aid in making this enterprise of our Church a success. We solicit suggestions from and desire co-operation with the members of these several committees. Let there be the heartiest co-operation between us. The next session will be held in Georgetown, August 28 to September 3. We have provided a most excellent program and a most efficient faculty, as will be seen from the following: "Evidences of Christianity," Rev. Jas. W. Stovall, A. M.; "Doctrines of Christianity," Rev. C. M. Harless, A. M.; "Institutes and Morals of Christianity," Rev. E. W. Anderson, D. D.; "Church History," Rev. Jas. M. Moore, A. M., Ph. D.; "Logic," Rev. E. W. Solomon, A. M.; "Psychology," Rev. Jas. R. Allen, D. D.; "Ethics," Law of Love and Love as a Law, Rev. W. D. Bradford, A. M.; "Philosophy," Rev. J. A. Kern, D. D.; "Missions," Rev. R. B. McSwain, A. M., B. D.; "History of Methodism," Rev. Jas. M. Marcus, A. M.

SPECIAL LECTURES.

Bishop E. F. Hess, D. D., LL. D.; The Rev. J. A. Kern, D. D.; Rev. R. B. McSwain, A. M., B. D.

Each member of the above faculty has been chosen with special reference to peculiar fitness for the work to be done. In addition to the general course of study, special lectures will be delivered by Bishop Hess, on some theme to be chosen by him; by Rev. J. A. Kern, author of our text-book on "Homiletics," and Prof. R. B. McSwain, on some phase of the New Testament study. Let the preachers, and especially the undergraduates, begin work to share their affairs to be in attendance. There will be a nominal fee of \$5 charged as tuition. This is necessary to meet the expense that will necessarily be incurred to carry on the work. Board for the ten days can be had for from \$5 to \$7. Let all those wishing to attend communicate with Prof. R. B. McSwain, Georgetown, Texas. W. L. NEILMS, Manager, Georgetown, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

July 10—Hal Burns, sub. S. W. Thomas, sub. J. A. Carr, sub. E. P. Williams, sub. N. B. Road, sub. W. A. Mann, sub. W. L. Neilms. July 11—C. B. Garrett, sub. E. J. Maxwell, sub. July 12—J. G. Miller, change. W. M. Lane, change. F. L. McGee, has attention. J. P. Rodgers, sub. W. W. Moss, sub. W. A. Myers, sub. F. L. McGee, change. July 14—G. F. Boyd, sub. John D. Major, sub. T. M. Kirk, sub. J. R. Henson, sub. T. L. Rippey, sub. July 15—H. A. Bourland, sub. Frank Huguen, sub.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Davilla.

C. E. Simpson, July 11: We are moving along very nicely with our work over here. Our church at Davilla has been nicely prepared and is now a beauty. We had a meeting at Davilla on the night of the 6th with four additions to the Church. One was by certificate.

Smithville.

W. July 11: We are having the greatest revival in the history of this place here at Smithville. It is leading us on to the greatest victory I ever saw. He is a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost. No sensationalism. No clap-trap methods. He relies on the Word baptised by the Holy Ghost—glory to God. Had five baptisms and six additions to the Church yesterday. Twenty-five happy conversions last night.

Prairie Plains.

J. B. Gregory, July 11: I have just closed a week's meetings at Farris Chapel. My promised "help" failed to come. I therefore asked the Lord to help me, and he came, and I trust much good was accomplished. The showery weather and the fact that farmers were at a disadvantage, yet the congregations were good and increased all the while, with interest. I did all the preaching, not even getting home. I was as fresh at the close as in the beginning. The Church was revived and a number of converts came forward. Our hope is that some are saved. We had just such a meeting as was our District Conference, and I believe all the conference pronounced it a good meeting, yet we saw a better meeting when we had a great gathering. My next will be at Ray's Chapel.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Ben Franklin.

J. B. Mims, July 9: We closed a ten days' meeting at Pecon Gap last night, which was among the best meetings I have ever attended. Rev. W. H. Brown did the preaching, and it was most delightful. We were delighted with Brown's preaching and way of running a revival. We built a large, nice tabernacle at the Gap, just finished it before the meeting began. But notwithstanding our tabernacle was large and well seated, it would hold our congregations by about half. I don't know how many people were converted. I suppose seventy-five and at least half as many backsliders reclaimed. Thirty-two joined our Church, with more to follow. A great revival is being held here. Truly it was a great meeting, for which we are thankful and give all the glory to God.

Allen.

S. W. Miller, July 12: Our meeting at Allen lasted nine days, with but little visible results, but I trust that much good will result from it. Rev. A. L. Scales, of Collinsville, did most of the preaching, and it was well done. He is a young man of great moral worth and strong in the pulpit. On Sunday I called for \$5 and got \$2.50 in money and good subscription. I hope to get all my assessment on the circuit, but I fear the pastor's salary will be short this fall. I was sorry to see we have no one overshadowed at Allen by Campbellites and Baptists, and the bulk of our land is occupied by renters. I have members in Dallas, Lewisville, Rock Hill, Oklahoma and other points, who were here last year. Truly our circuit work now is as difficult as our city work.

Greenville.

N. C. Little, July 14: We have just closed a two weeks' meeting in West Greenville. While it was not what we had hoped to see, we have reasons to be glad. God and take courage. We were ably assisted in the pulpit by Rev. T. C. Tally, a recent graduate of the Southwestern University, and Rev. J. J. Clark, of Kavanagh Station, this city. The meeting resulted in nine conversions and twenty-four accessions, with others to follow. Rev. L. A. Hanson, our predecessor, did a good work here last year in organizing the work and building a comfortable home for the preacher. We found

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A CALL FOR MEN. We will need more preachers for the Texas Conference. We are now engaged in a meeting at Kelling. We ask the prayers of all the Advocate readers for the success of the Lord's work here.

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WELL PLEASED WITH IT. Cogan, Texas, Jan. 11, 1902.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas. I received my machine all right and am well pleased with it. Would not take my money back in exchange.

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District Conferences

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

The San Angelo District Conference, of the West Texas Conference, convened in Sonora, Texas, June 26, 1902, Rev. Theophilus Lee, presiding elder, in the chair. All of the twelve pastors of the twelve pastoral charges in the district were present, and also a goodly number of delegates. J. A. Phillips was elected Secretary and A. H. Bezzo assistant. The presiding elder appointed the various committees, and the business of the conference was fairly launched.

PASTORS' REPORTS.

San Angelo Station: J. D. Scott, pastor—A Woman's Home Mission Society and a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Epworth and Junior League Societies all well organized. Good Bible Circle. One hundred and thirty Church periodicals taken. In great need of revival.

Water Valley Circuit: M. T. Allen, pastor—Need new church buildings. Hope to build parsonage this year. Good revival at Water Valley. No League. Church debt paid off. Conference collections will easily come up. Sterling City Circuit: S. J. Drake, pastor—Good Sunday-school, one-third its members belong to Church. Church papers well taken. Charge spiritual. Collections hopeful.

Sherwood Circuit: M. J. Allen, pastor—Charge in fair condition. Over a hundred members in Sunday-school at Sherwood. Epworth and Junior League. Salaries half paid. Collections over half in cash and subscriptions. Three Sunday-schools. Had good revival.

Paint Rock Circuit: J. A. Phillips, pastor—Good revival; great many received into Church by certificate. Cash in hand to cover half the collections; balance about half covered by subscriptions. Salaries nearly half paid. One good Sunday-school. No League. Omega Station: W. R. Evans, pastor—All services well attended. Good Sunday-school and League. Conference collections over half up. Charge in good condition.

Sonora and Eldorado: Nath Thompson, pastor—A fair prayer-meeting. No Epworth League. Twenty-two Advocates taken. Some of our young people off at school. A good Bible Study Circle. Not many Sunday-school children belong to the Church. Collections will be brought up. Salaries half up. Junction City and Menardville Circuit: J. N. Broyles, pastor—Fine Sunday-school and Epworth League in Junction City. Church has been painted. Salaries half up. Thirty dollars on collection; some subscribed.

Mason Circuit: D. A. Gregg, pastor—Doing fairly well. Good meeting at Mason last week, five having joined the Church. Collections a little over half covered by cash and subscriptions. Salaries half up. Good Epworth and Junior League at Mason. About fifteen Church papers taken.

Pontotoc Circuit: J. M. Shuford, pastor—Sunday-school suspended. Church not spiritual. Over half the conference collections promised. Salaries much behind. Six Advocates taken.

Brady Circuit: A. H. Bezzo, pastor—Hopeful field. Sunday-school and Epworth League organized this year. Now two good Sunday-schools. Much Sabbath desecration among the people. Membership of the Church somewhat indifferent. Assessment plan adopted at Brady for raising conference collections. They will probably come up.

Millbourn Circuit: Robert Paine, pastor—Three Sunday-schools; they are spiritual. No League. Salaries not quite half up. Collections dependent on crops.

Question of place of holding next session of District Conference was called. Brady, San Angelo and Miles were nominated, and San Angelo was elected. The vote was then made unanimous.

The time for adjournment (10:45 a. m.) having arrived, the conference adjourned and Rev. J. M. Shuford preached to us at 11 o'clock from "The Vine and the Branches," a forceful sermon, full of good thought.

First day afternoon session convened at 2 p. m. Business of electing delegates to Annual Conference was taken up, and the following were elected:

J. W. FRIEND,
R. P. SMITH,
R. L. DAMERON.

Alternates:

Rev. G. C. Field,
T. C. Cahil,
Rev. J. N. Broyles.

Robert Paine was recommended for re-admission into the traveling connection.

Conference adjourned at 4:10 p. m. The second day morning session was mostly taken up with the reading of various reports of committees and discussion on these reports, which was

never more spirited, and straight to the point.

Second Day Afternoon Session.—The report of Committee on Sunday-schools and Education was read. Dr. J. E. Harrison, of the San Antonio Female College, spoke to the subject of Christian education. A subscription of \$1000 was raised for the purpose of endowing the San Antonio Female College, with the understanding that Dr. Harrison shall duplicate the same. Several of our preachers subscribed a hundred dollars each, among whom were Theophilus Lee, D. A. Gregg, J. A. Phillips, J. D. Scott and Nath Thompson. Several of the lay members also liberally responded, among whom was P. Moneyhon, of Mason, \$100. I am not positive that the above list is correct, as it is only a matter of memory and not of record. There were others who responded just as liberally, I think, but I dare not trust my memory further.

Report on missions was read. Sister Lee, of San Angelo, District Secretary of the Woman's Home Mission Society, read a fine report of the progress of the society, and made a strong plea in its behalf. Eleven names were placed on the Baby Roll of that society, this amount being the dues for eleven little Methodist babies.

An excellent paper was read by Sister Mary Scott on the educational work of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and Sister Mary A. Drake read a well-prepared paper on the periodical, Our Homes.

"Miss Sarah" (Sister Nath Thompson) gave us an interesting summary of the sixteenth annual report of the Woman's Home Mission Society throughout the Church, and Sister Scott gave us a gratifying report of the work of the W. H. M. Society in San Angelo. Sister Daisy Holland reported the W. H. M. Society at Sonora as in a growing condition.

Third Day Afternoon Session.—Report of Committee on Epworth Leagues was read and adopted, and D. A. Gregg and W. R. Evans were elected to represent the San Angelo District at the American Anti-Saloon League Convention, which is to meet in Washington, D. C. in December.

The minutes were read and approved, and on motion the conference adjourned sine die.

We had preaching every day at 11 and at night, the various pastors preaching to the great edification and delight of the people.

Every service seemed to increase in interest, and at the night services especially the house overflowed. Penitents came forward, were prayed for, repented, believed and were saved. We closed the last services of the District Conference on Sunday night, with fourteen accessions to the Church.

The sermon by Bro. Shuford on Thursday at 11 a. m. has already been alluded to. J. D. Scott preached Wednesday night on the words, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." The sermon was clear and pointed. On Thursday night the sermon was to the unconverted, by Bezzo. Following came one of Nath's rousing exhortations, and the ball began to roll. Friday morning the sermon was by J. A. Phillips, that level-headed, keen-minded young preacher at Paint Rock. Rev. J. D. Scott in his prayer called it the "very essence of the gospel." It was thought piled on thought, keen, discerning, fitly expressed. "The preacher who puts thought into his sermons will sooner or later find himself preaching to people who think." (Ran's Horn.) Friday night Dr. J. E. Harrison, of San Antonio, preached a clear and forceful sermon on the "Divinity of Christ." Saturday morning the sermon was by D. A. Gregg. His theme was "The Church of God." He took what time his theme demanded, and thundered away to his heart's content. There was thought—keen, searching, insinuating as the point of a dagger, enforced by a heart full of love and conviction, which seemed to be on fire with the power of the Spirit. It is not too much to say that it was a great sermon. Side echoes are to the effect that it "was a regular Bishop sermon." "Can't be beaten." "I never heard a better."

On Saturday night a ponderous sermon was preached by M. J. Allen, with the "rousing" element predominant. The preacher desired that the people should get as "hot inside as I am outside," and he nearly had his wish. The text was, "What is your life?" and "I am now ready to be offered." The people listened to his thundering, and some of them heeded his warning and came up and gave the hand in token of repentance and a desire to be prayed for. It was a booming sermon. Sunday was a feast day. Love-feast at 9 a. m. hearts and eyes overflowing and voices rising to a shout. At 11 a. m. Bro. Lee preached one of his strongest sermons—only a strong sermon could follow what had gone before—on the words, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God." He

preached in the power of the Spirit, and his comparisons and illustrations were forceful, applicable. It was followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, many communing.

A Sunday-school mass-meeting was held at 4 p. m., a devotional meeting by the Leaguers at 6, followed by talks to the children by Revs. Scott, Lee and Bezzo.

Bro. J. D. Scott preached for us at night a good sermon, instinct with thought, but his text I do not recall. Rev. W. R. Evans preached at the court-house on Sunday night. I did not hear him, but am told he preached a good sermon.

Saturday morning and the earlier part of the afternoon were taken up with the League Conference. The discussions were full of life and very helpful.

Altogether, this has been the best District Conference I ever attended. We think the San Angelo District can boast as brassy a set of young preachers (for most of them are young) as any district in the West Texas Conference. A. H. BEZZO, Ass't Sec., Brady, Texas.

BOWIE DISTRICT.

The twenty-first session of the Bowie District Conference convened at Paradise, Wise County, Texas, at 9 a. m. June 25, 1902, and continued in session three days. Rev. F. O. Miller, P. E., was in the chair, and E. R. Edwards was Secretary, with J. B. Sims assistant.

Seventy delegates and many visitors, including Frank Reedy, of the Publishing House; Revs. E. P. Williams and J. M. Bond, of the Northwest Texas Conference, the former of the Polytechnic College, were in attendance.

The reports of the preachers showed improvement in the spiritual state of the Church, which is a cause for humble gratitude to God for his presence and power. However, the fact was developed that in some places the Church has been affected and some pastors hampered by irresponsible so-called evangelists, and by other evangelists, invited and supported by others, the deliverances and utterances of whom are such as to reflect upon the ministry and the Church; and so the conference condemned all meetings where such results follow, and urged our people not to co-operate with them.

In accordance with the provisions of the Discipline, a Sunday-school Conference was the order for Thursday, June 26. A suitable program had been prepared in advance. This was an excellent feature of the conference and disclosed the fact that a revival in Sunday-school interests is taking place in the district.

There is missionary territory in all sections of this, the largest district in the North Texas Conference, and, inasmuch as the financial interests of the country are less favorable than usual, there is little hope of raising any mission to a circuit. The preachers have been paid to date about as usual for this time of the year, and some charges report collections subscribed in full.

One cause for rejoicing is that our district parsonage is entirely free of debt, and the building has been improved recently at considerable cost.

Prominence was given to religious services. The sermons had the old-time ring, such subjects as follows being discussed: "Faith," by C. C. Davis and R. G. Mood; "The Holy Spirit," by J. R. Wages; "Regeneration," by Monroe Read; "The Atonement," by A. R. Nash, and "Service," by S. A. Ashburn and T. P. Turner.

Delegates to the Annual Conference:

J. F. CARTER,
SIL STARK,
JOHN LILLARD,
JOHN SLOVER.

George Washington Hooper was recommended for admission on trial, and Jesse Crumpton was licensed to preach.

Bro. Miller conducts business with utmost precision, and renders himself popular with all by his uniform kindness. Unassuming in his manner at all times, yet no interest of the Church lacks his diligent care, and all, especially the preacher and his family, receive the warm sympathy of his heart. The entire Church feels the influence of his life and labors, and gives to him their love and respect.

Paradise entertained generously, and Henrietta gets the next conference. E. R. EDWARDS, Sec.

VERNON DISTRICT.

The Vernon District Conference, at the call of Presiding Elder J. H. Wiseman, convened at Mangum, Okla., May 29-31, 1902.

The preacher in charge, Rev. W. H. Roper, assigned each preacher and layman his home, and so well did he do his work that soon each delegate and

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visitor realized the satisfaction of a warm welcome. As far as we know, this kind body of people have not been excelled in the Vernon District in their hospitality. Under the leadership of their pastor, assisted by Rev. Abe Mulkey, they have just passed through a glorious revival, with gracious results. This was the first and will be the last time that the Vernon District has met or will meet in Greer County, as our last General Conference changed the boundary line of the Northwest Texas Conference from the North Fork of Red River to the South Fork. This change transfers the whole of Greer County, with its vast resources, to the Indian Mission Conference.

In the Vernon District there are twenty pastoral charges, with a membership of 4690, with seventy-two societies and with church and parsonage property valued at \$58,400. Eight of these charges are in Greer County, with a membership of 2679, with about thirty-five organizations and with church and parsonage property valued at \$14,000.

Our District Conference memorialized the Indian Mission Conference, at Muskogee, I. T., to form a new district of Greer County, to be called the Mangum District. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Wiseman, was selected to attend the ensuing Annual Conference at Muskogee as our representative from the Northwest Texas Conference, to look after the interests of our Church in Greer County and the faithful pastors transferred, who are so efficiently and successfully serving this important field. The Indian Mission Conference is very fortunate in securing this fertile county. Our loss is her gain, and with it go our prayers and best wishes for a noble people that we have learned to love dearly.

The first session of the conference opened Saturday, 8:30 a. m. Of the twenty pastors of the district, sixteen answered to roll call.

The entire session was delightfully pleasant and profitable—not a dull moment from beginning to end.

A special feature of the conference was the preaching of the Word. This part of the work was done by Bros. McCullough, Thornton, Lindsey, Ferguson, Stewart and Barcus. Morning and night the above brethren delighted us with a real gospel feast, full of hope, and it was profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

On Sunday afternoon a pleasant and profitable service was held by the ladies of the Home and Foreign Mission Societies of the Vernon District. Sisters Bloodworth, Doak, Roper and others addressed our body on this important work of our great Church. These noble women are doing a great work for the Lord, and deserve the encouragement and hearty co-operation of every pastor in the district.

Although special revival services have been held in only four charges, yet there were reported over 300 additions to our membership.

The reports show an advance along all lines in the Vernon District. There is a beautiful spirit of unity and co-operation existing between the presiding elder, pastors and laymen.

Despite the continuous and destructive drought which prevails, a hopeful spirit is manifest throughout the entire district.

One of the most interesting features of the occasion was the presence, appeal and collection of Bro. W. H. Vaughan, manager of our Orphanage at Waco. It is hoped that every charge in our district will at once send Bro. Vaughan a good contribution to relieve the strained situation at the Orphanage. How can we hear the orphans' cry for food and clothes and give not unto them? Come again, Bro. Vaughan; we

are always glad to have you with us. Rev. J. Sam Barcus, President of Clarendon College and University Training School, gave us a soul-stirring, purse-string loosening sermon and received in pledges and cash about \$600 for the erection of a girls' boarding hall. He wanted \$750 from the Vernon District and I believe he will get it soon. Bro. Barcus is a welcome visitor in our midst and he is going to build that girls' boarding hall, too.

The reports read by the chairmen of the several committees were brief yet right to the point. These brethren know how to write reports.

Donald B. Doak and Josephus W. Anderson, both of Greer County, O. T., were granted license to preach.

Delegates to the Annual Conference:

J. A. WRIGHT,
WALTER BOWMAN,
S. P. HUFF,
REV. G. M. MOON.

Alternates:

Rev. C. T. Neece,
J. B. Steger.

The efficient and faithful presiding elder and pastors are planning and praying for an aggressive revival campaign for the summer, and soon will be heard the noise of battle and shouts of victory. "For the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Several of our pastors are facing very grave difficulties, but are holding on with a nerve and faith that characterize heroes. These brethren deserve our prayer and most earnest sympathy. In a large portion of this drought-stricken district crops were a failure last year. The drought continues unbroken. During the winter cattle died of starvation by the hundreds. The wheat, oat and corn crops of this year are a total failure. Seed corn, oats and wheat can not be found in Throckmorton County and in other portions of the district.

Our next District Conference will meet in Crowell. Your scribe wishes for the conference the largest attendance and the most profitable session in the history of the Vernon District. J. F. TYSON, Sec.

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SULPHUR SPRING

Sulphur Springs for the year 1901, Winnsboro, Texas. Rev. E. H. Casey, the chair. The very beginning was a powerful and real P. E., though now himself an adept. In the affairs of the business was taken in such a way as to interest, and to stir delegates in such a greater desire to advance the work of preaching at night each day, and intensely religious. of Winnsboro op and homes for our spared no pains in had no connection except the Conference. Rev. R. C. H us a very fine set Thursday at 8:45 our District Confer best I have ever b attending. E

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OLD PEOPLE



Do not always receive the sympathy and attention which they deserve. Their ailments are regarded as purely imaginary, or natural and unavoidable at their time of life. Disease and infirmity should not always be associated with old age. The eye of the gray haired grandparent may be as bright and the complexion as fair as any of his younger and more vigorous companions.

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SULPHUR SPRING DISTRICT.

Sulphur Springs District Conference for the year 1901-1902 convened in Winnsboro, Texas, June 26, 1902. Rev. E. H. Casey, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The conference from the very beginning was marked with spiritual power and religious fervor. The P. E., though new in his office, proved himself an adept; he ruled with dignity and impartiality, and so directed the affairs of the conference as to make it a blessing to all. Each item of business was taken up and discussed in such a way as to make them of great interest, and to stir the preachers and delegates in such a way as to create a greater desire than ever before to advance the work of the Church. There was preaching at 11 o'clock and at night each day, and the conference was intensely religious. The good people of Winnsboro opened their hearts and homes for our reception, and spared no pains in entertaining us. We had no connectional officer present except the Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. R. C. Hicks, who preached us a very fine sermon on missions, Thursday at 8:45 p. m. All in all, our District Conference was one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of attending. E. L. SPURLOCK.

BONHAM DISTRICT.

The sixteenth session of the Bonham District Conference was held in South Bonham, June 26-28, 1902. This was evidently one of the most peaceful and spiritual District Conferences I ever attended. All the pastors and a large number of the delegates were present, duly participating in the business of the conference. The following visiting brethren honored the conference with their presence: Dr. J. R. Allen, Dr. W. E. Boggs, Revs. J. M. Binkley, J. B. Guber and J. L. James.

James Morris was licensed to preach, and Charles T. Talley was recommended to the North Texas Conference for admission on trial.

The reports of the several charges showed the district in fairly good condition, all being hopeful of full collections, some of the charges having already had good revivals and others expecting such this summer.

Dr. Pierce is an able presiding officer. During the entire quadrennium there has not been a single jar in the District Conference.

The conference passed a resolution expressing their appreciation of Dr. Pierce's strong Christian character and pledging him their prayers for his continued prosperity and happiness.

Bro. Lovell and South Bonham acquitted themselves nobly in taking care of the conference.

The preaching during the conference was done by myself, G. F. Boyd, J. T. Bludworth, Dr. J. R. Allen, C. T. Talley, Dr. W. E. Boggs, J. C. Moore, W. B. Bayless, J. W. Clifton and J. B. Guber.

The delegates to the Annual Conference are:

- HON. P. C. THURMOND,
- REV. C. R. JENNINGS,
- PROF. S. V. WALL,
- W. A. TRICE.

Alternates:

- J. W. Houston,
- F. M. Ely,
- Sister S. C. Riddle, District Secretary, in an instructive way represented to the District Conference the work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

The next conference goes to Bailey. ZORO B. PIRTLE, Sec.

WACO DISTRICT.

The Waco District Conference met in the new, growing town of Mart, June 25-27.

The first day was devoted to the League work, and in addition to the delegates to the District Conference the town was enlivened by the presence of a number of young people representing the Leagues of the district. While in numbers and enthusiasm this League gathering did not compare favorably with gatherings of the sort in the early days of the organization, yet in point of real good—inspiration for further work and religious enjoyment—it could not have been excelled. Those who were present were the real Leaguers, the life of the local Leagues, and their coming together in conference was purely and unselfishly in the interest of the work, and we are hopeful of better things during the coming year in this branch of Church service.

The next two days were given to the District Conference proper.

The attendance was hardly up to the average, but we had a good religious and social time, while we attended to the business of the Church. We found Bro. Davis, the pastor, and Bro. Charlie Byron just closing a successful revival.

The preachers and delegates seemed

to catch the revival spirit, and there were conversions during the conference.

The work of the conference was done largely through committees, which left plenty of time for preaching and speech-making.

From the reports of the pastors it would seem that spiritually the Waco District is in very good average condition. While not satisfactory in all respects, yet gives much cause for gratitude to God and reason for renewed faith and effort.

Several successful meetings were reported, and in them the old-time revival power was manifested and souls were saved at the altars in the old way. The genuineness of the work done in these meetings was shown by the results in all lines of Church work. In nearly all cases the pastors reported good prayer-meetings and good Sunday-schools.

Perhaps the reports on Sunday-schools deserve more than a casual notice. This writer never heard such enthusiastic reports from the pastors on this subject at a District Conference. Nearly all of them made a remark something like this: "We have the best Sunday-school I ever saw." This state of things is due somewhat, doubtless, to the fact that the Northwest Texas Institute was held within the bounds of our district this spring, and nearly all of our pastors and many of our superintendents and teachers attended. And now the fruits are seen.

In material things the district was reported in very good shape, although the people were very much discouraged on account of the continued drought. Nearly all of the charges reported something in the way of church or parsonage improvement, and about the usual proportion of salaries has been paid up to date.

The Home Mission Society of the district has on foot a plan to erect a Deaconess Home and a Methodist Hospital in Waco, and their work was endorsed and encouraged by the conference.

Steps were taken looking to the establishing of a district school within the bounds of the district. A proposition from the Douglass-Schuler School of Waco was accepted and a Board of Managers appointed by the conference to complete all of the arrangements. By this means the Church gets control of a first-class, successful school without a cent of cost. In time we hope to own the property.

It was a common remark that there was not a representative of any of our Church schools or of our organ, the Texas Christian Advocate, in attendance during the conference. If this were the only year this has been the case it might not have been noticed so much; but for several years past these connectional men have been conspicuous by their absence. Our people would like to know personally the men at the head of our Church enterprises, and it might be to their advantage, as well as to ours, to show themselves occasionally at our District Conferences.

E. R. Patterson, of the Morgan and Walnut charge, and Wm. Nickles, of Mt. Calm, were recommended for admission on trial.

Delegates to the Annual Conference:

- WM. LAMBORN,
- E. M. BARNES,
- W. J. BARCUS,
- M. W. STANFORD.

Alternates:

- W. B. Garrison,
- W. H. Lastinger.

The entertainment was all that could be desired.

The conference closed during a big rain, and everybody went home happy. The next meeting will be held at Mt. Calm. W. J. BARCUS, Sec.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

The eighth session of the Pittsburg District Conference was held in New Boston, July 3-5. Rev. John Adams, D. D., was its presiding officer, and G. W. Riley its Secretary.

Dr. Adams had a well-arranged program, and ran the conference at high speed. The occasion was full of life and energy. The discussions were short, pointed and full of interest on important topics of Church work.

Two young men—W. W. Adams and Ed Brothers, both recommended from Gilmer Circuit—were licensed to preach.

Rev. J. T. Smith, of Tyler, East Texas Conference, Missionary Secretary, was present and ably represented that interest of the Church.

Rev. John R. Allen, D. D., of Southwestern University; E. R. Williams, President of Alexander Collegiate Institute, and S. V. Wall, of the Wall School at Honey Grove, were present in the interest of higher education.

Rev. W. A. Sampy, President Conference Board of Education, was present in the interest of collecting the unpaid subscriptions to the Twentieth Century Thank-offering.

R. W. Thompson, J. E. Vinson and J. C. Carr were among the honored visitors present.

W. C. Everett, of the Branch House in Dallas, was with us in the interest of good literature, and sold books to many of the brethren.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- J. H. SNIPES, of Douglassville,
- D. H. ABERNATHY, of Pittsburg,
- T. A. FULLER, of New Boston,
- REV. B. C. ANSLEY, of Queen City.

Atlanta, Cass County, Texas, was selected as the place for the next session of the District Conference.

G. W. RILEY, Sec.

PARSONAGE WORK—NEEDS, ETC.

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The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began its corporate existence May 1st, 1883, with Miss Lucinda R. Helm as its prime mover and Mrs. E. E. Wiley of Emory, Va., as its first President. Great things have small beginnings, and from a small band of consecrated women has sprung a mighty army of zealous women who are still striving for the same ends that its originators labored to plant, viz., the procuring of homes for the transient ministry of our Church. The dropping of the word "parsonage" from the name of this society did not in any sense lessen the ardor of the workers in their home building. The "Home Mission Society" includes the parsonage work to its furthest limit.

In the East Texas Conference there were reported at the last conference 97 charges and 91 parsonages. Not so bad, you will say; but friends, it does not say home. There is a vast difference between homes and houses. West Texas people that are noted for big hearts and rough exteriors would not honor some of the aforesaid parsonages by calling them "shacks." It is the duty of the Home Mission Society women, as well as their pleasure, to raise the standard of Methodist parsonages along every line. In the time of Christ, when He commissioned the seventy disciples to preach the gospel, unmistakable instructions were given for them to provide "neither purse nor scrip," but to make one home in a place their home, and not go from house to house. He did not intend that they should be without some place they could call home, so He gave them this promise: "Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or parents or brother or sister or children for the kingdom of God's sake who shall not receive more in this present time and in the world to come, life everlasting." That is the reason why men who have left all these things to preach the gospel find homes prepared for them. At first they were given a place in some other home; then as the country became more settled, and the manner of living changed, it was found better to build a house, called a parsonage for the preacher's home. When the Bishop reads out at conference, "Brother Goodman for Treatwell Circuit," it makes Brother Goodman feel good indeed when some other brother whispers to him, "They have a splendid parsonage at Treatwell." But when the Bishop tells Brother Faithful that he wants him to go two or three thousand miles "out West," and Brother Faithful feels in his heart that it is giving up father and mother, sister and brother the old home land and the graves of the loved ones, and going like Abraham into a strange country. Will he find a home ready for him? God always keeps His promise, but He works through us. His children, and sometimes we are slow of heart, and so poky about our work that the faith of His servants is sorely tried. Yet this preacher has to go whether there is a home for him or not. When he gets there, perhaps he finds the little band of Church members scattered and discouraged because they have been so long without a pastor, and because they are so few. So, while the poor man's heart is at

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THE ADVOCATE THE PREACHERS' BEST HELP.

People must read their own religious papers in order to appreciate the claims of the Church. Where this is the case, the spiritual tone of the membership is improved, the collections are more largely paid, the enterprises of the Church promoted, and the Methodists are more thoroughly loyal to our doctrines and usages. Organized work can not be maintained without a knowledge upon the part of our people as to what the Church demands and the progress that is making in other parts of its endeavor. A non-reading membership is non-progressive. Take our work all over the State, and wherever the Advocate is taken our work is more prosperous and more thoroughly established. In proof of this, we pick up at random the reports of two of our preachers made at a District Conference. One of them said: "Good Sunday-school; one-third its members belong to the Church. Church papers well taken. Charge spiritual. Collections hopeful." Here follows the next one: "Sunday-schools suspended. Church not spiritual. Over half the conference collections promised. Salaries much behind. Six Advocates taken." Comment is not necessary. But the proof stands out that in the absence of the Advocate Church life is at a low ebb. If a preacher wants to help forward all the departments of the Church, let him sow down his work with Advocates. If he will do this, and then follow them up with good preaching and systematic pastoral work, his report will always be like the first of the two above mentioned. We say this, not because we have charge of the paper, but because we found it to be the case when we had charge of Churches and made the demonstration by actual experience. Therefore, the preacher who fails to do his duty by the Advocate will always limp at some important point in his reports at the conferences.

The man who is but a figure-head will not cut much figure.—Ram's Horn.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

We do not need any more poetry.

Profanity and lying are twin brothers.

The slanderer is too mean to live and too wicked to die.

Some men have the wisdom of the serpent minus the harmlessness of the dove.

Envy is always in quest of small minds in order to find a place of permanent habitation.

When fanaticism climbs up into conscience to find an argument for its excesses you had just as well let it alone.

When oppression hides itself behind law as a means of vindication it is then prepared to perpetrate the worst of outrages.

Politics affords a field for corruption and fraud without a parallel in the wide experience of municipal and State government.

After all the Golden Rule is the only just law for the adjudication and final settlement of all the differences that arise between men.

God is the Father of all men, and he loves them with a fatherly love, but many of his children treat him as though he were only a step-father.

The preacher and the policeman are essential factors in the protection of society, but the work of the former is permanent, while that of the latter is only temporary.

It is cheaper to convert a man and make a useful citizen out of him than it is to arrest, convict and imprison him for crime and then forever make a criminal out of him.

GENERAL TEXAS NOTES.

We regret to see that our handsome new church building and the parsonage at Italy were destroyed by fire last Saturday. Lightning struck the church and set it on fire, and from it the parsonage caught, and both were a total loss, according to the Daily News. It was not stated whether or not the property was insured, but we hope it was. The church alone was valued at \$6000 and the parsonage at \$1000. This will be a heavy loss to our most excellent people at Italy, but they are full of nerve and enterprise, and they will doubtless rebuild at an early day.

Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., of Galveston, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday, and by this time he is installed in his new office at Nashville. Dr. Ward saw the new church at Galveston built and dedicated before he gave up the field and just at its completion he was called to a connectional responsibility. We rejoice with the good people of the Island City at the success of their enterprise. Having been almost ruined by the great storm of nearly two years ago, with many of their members dead and the most of their property wrecked, nevertheless they have rallied manfully and are once more on their feet and in a handsome new edifice. Bro. Crawford, the new pastor, is already on the ground and the work will go steadily forward.

The District Conference season is well nigh over, and the brethren in many places are in the midst of protracted meetings. Generally speaking, the work throughout the State is in good condition. True, in most places the dry weather has hurt the corn crop, but wheat was fairly good, oats and hay are plentiful, and the cotton is very promising. So that the prospects financially, as well as spiritually, are very encouraging in most sections. We hope for most satisfactory reports at the approaching conference sessions. So far as we have heard, the outlook is encouraging.

Our school people seem to be making a strong canvass for students at the

coming college openings. The faculty and friends of Georgetown are quite active, and so are all the others. A house to house visitation will bring fine results. Now, if all the preachers will add the weight of their influence to the effort, an increased attendance is sure to follow. Polytechnic College people, under their new President, have already let the contract for their new \$20,000 building, and the work will be pushed to its earliest completion. This noble school is taking on a new life, and we hope to see it right in the forefront hereafter.

Many prohibition victories have been won during the past few months, and our ministers have been strong factors in the results. There are several other leading counties now in the midst of their campaigns, with good prospects for success. Let all our people work and vote right on this momentous question. We take no part in party politics under whatever name, but in these local option contests the moral question is the one that appeals to our religion and manhood, and the Church has a right to speak out and urge her people to do their duty. But nearly the whole bulk of our Methodists need no spurring at this point. They are the avowed enemies of the rum power.

DALLAS NOTES.

The recent rains have very much encouraged the people of the city. Business has been stimulated and there is an air of prosperity abroad.

There never was so much building enterprise in progress as at the present time. Business blocks and private residences are in process of erection in all directions. Yet labor and building material are higher than ever before.

We have another street car enterprise on foot. A new franchise has been granted and a new company is at work constructing the road. It will occupy all the leading streets in the city and run out to Oak Lawn. This will afford all the increased facilities for local travel that one could desire.

There is great dissatisfaction with the methods practiced by the gamblers and saloon men in the recent Democratic primary elections in this county. Great frauds were perpetrated in order to defeat one or two candidates whom this class of evil-doers did not want. They stuffed the ballot-boxes in the city and shipped their sort of voters from adjoining counties to accomplish their end. There is no law for the punishment of such rascals in primary elections. But thousands of people in the county do not feel bound by these palpable frauds to stand by the results.

Dr. John R. Allen and his good wife spent last Sunday in the city. They are out in the interests of Southwestern, and Dr. Allen preached to his old congregation at the evening service at First Church. He was their pastor in the years gone by, and the people remember him with affection and admiration. He is an able preacher and a fine teacher.

The First Church Sunday-school observed Children's Day last Sunday. The regular day in May was occupied with the General Conference, and on that account it came off in July. This is one of the best organized Sunday-schools in the State, and it is doing good work. At the above meeting the pastor, Rev. J. L. Pierce, delivered a practical address.

The liquor dealers now have an organ called "Texas Truth." The former President of the "Free Thinkers' Club" is the editor, and from the way the paper starts out we presume that the liquor men are dying for a prohibition fight in this county. Well, if the liquor men are determined to have an organ, the moral and religious element of the county are perfectly satisfied with the one just projected. It is well qualified to represent their inter-

ests, and we hope for it great success, as it will be apt to bring about the results we so much desire.

The present Grand Jury is composed of men who are fair minded and just. They will impose on no man, neither will they oppress or persecute any class of men. They will track the law as outlined in the charge of the court. Wherever laws of any sort are trampled under foot the offenders will be brought to account, and the rights of society will be duly guarded. And we are glad to say that the moral offenses heretofore so open and defiant are perceptibly diminished already. Gambling dens may be evading the law, but they are not defying it. Sunday saloons are hard to find, even with officers. Men who say that the laws cannot be enforced simply tell what is absurdly false.

OUR SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

In another column will be found a paper from Dr. Nelms on the matter of our Summer School of Theology, to be held at Georgetown a few weeks further on. Last year this enterprise was projected, and its success was very marked. Since then its plans have been more enlarged and matured, and the incoming session will necessarily be an improvement on the first one. A fine program has been arranged and most excellent teachers have been secured, and the inducements offered are inviting. This will be a fine opportunity for our young preachers to take a short course in their conference studies. We hope that scores of them will avail themselves of the privilege and get the benefit of this special instruction. The expense will only be nominal, and any of them can well afford to put that much money and time into the advantages. We trust, therefore, that this second session will be a large success, both in its attendance and in the work accomplished.

After an absence of six weeks, visiting the Pacific Slope and other western points, Louis Blaylock, publisher of the Advocate, returned to the city last Tuesday. He was much improved by the rest and recreation of travel.

CHURCH NEWS.

Dr. James Atkins, our Sunday-school Editor, is now with his family at his summer home in Waynesville, N. C. He is fortunate in having such an excellent place to do his work during the heated term.

Bishop Hoss' residence is still at Nashville. He has not yet determined the question of his episcopal residence. Various places are urging him to locate with them, but he is in no hurry in making up his mind on this subject.

The New Orleans Advocate mentions the fact that Bishop Keener is now at his summer cottage at Ocean Springs, and that he recently spent a day at the Sea Shore Camp-meeting. His health is reported to be good and his spirits buoyant.

The Nashville Advocate had a strong editorial in its last issue on "Studies in the Old Testament," and while it claimed not to be defending the positions taken by the Higher Critics on that subject, nevertheless it ran dangerously near to that side of the question.

Emory and Henry College, at its recent commencement, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. C. O. Jones, of the Holston Conference. Dr. Jones is a man of versatile scholarship, well read, an excellent preacher, and well known in the North Texas Conference.

Rev. Henry Urquhart, editor of the Alabama Advocate, died recently at Tate Springs, Tenn. He was somewhat advanced in life, and his health has been under par for several months. Dr. Urquhart was a most genial and popular man, and his death is a loss to his conference. He has a son in the Texas Conference.

Rev. Thomas Carter, A. M., B. D., professor of Greek in Tulane University, New Orleans, has accepted the chair of New Testament Greek in Vanderbilt University, recently made va-

cant by the resignation of Dr. Gross Alexander. Dr. Carter is a brother to Rev. Briscoe Carter, of the Louisiana Conference.

New Orleans Methodism is putting forth a hard effort to get Bishop Coke Smith to locate in the Crescent City. They are offering him strong arguments and flattering inducements. But other communities are doing likewise.

Rev. C. E. Downman, D. D., has resigned his place as President of Emory College, Georgia, and accepted the appointment of Bishop Candler to the presiding eldership of the Atlanta District, made vacant by the election of Dr. Bigham to the Senior Book Agency.

A GOOD STORY ABOUT A NEW BISHOP.

Zion's Herald tells this good story about the ready repartee of our long-time editorial contemporary, who has gone so far wrong as to become a Bishop: "As Bishop Hoss steps down from that whirling editorial chair to go cantering across the nation in his brand-new episcopal rig, there comes to our memory an incident that is worth relating. We got it from a friend who was on the ground: This gifted editor had been in the City of Gotham to speak at the old John Street Church anniversary just a few years ago. On the following Monday, of course, he attended the Methodist Preachers' Meeting, and at the close of the regular program he was cordially invited to speak. This he did, to the delight and profit of all the preachers in that well-filled room. In Methodist history in the mountains of the Southern States he is a past-master. In his most felicitous address he brought to light a number of incidents that our historians have thus far overlooked. At the close of his inspiring utterances Bishop Hartzell, who chanced to be present, was invited to speak. He at once took the platform and began to dilate upon our work in the South and the exceeding great difficulty that had attended it, and the peculiar prejudice that the Southern people had manifested toward the work of our Church among them. Turning to Dr. Hoss, who sat just in front of him, he pleasantly remarked: 'If all the people of the South had shown us, when we went among them at the close of the war, the beautiful spirit that Dr. Hoss has manifested this morning, how simple and easy our work would have been.' Rising to his feet, with a genial smile on his face, Dr. Hoss instantly replied: 'If your people had come South at the close of the war with the same spirit that you manifest to-day, you would have had a lot pleasanter time than you have had.' There was but little left to be said."—Cumberland Presbyterian.

LETTER FROM EUREKA SPRINGS.

Mrs. Duncan and I are here for a genuine vacation. Rest, recuperation and good health are the ends sought. Every scribbler thinks when going to a strange and interesting place, such as this is to us, that he must let "all the world and the rest of mankind" know what a wonderful place he has found. Were I to undertake this I would imagine the word "Chestnuts" sounding in my ear all the while. However, this is the most weird, unique and fascinating place to me that I have ever attended as a summer resort. Mrs. Duncan and I have found these waters, this cool atmosphere, and perfect freedom from work and worry, to be a great benefit to us. As for the work, the field is white unto the harvest. But the demand upon us to cease for the time seemed almost imperative. I tell you, these local option campaigns, mixed with pastoral and pulpit work in this hot weather are pretty severe on a young man of my age. But that local option field is the most inviting of any save the field of revival work. You and I, Mr. Editor, know what it is to have an open field, with nothing as an issue save that of "whisky or no whisky." We know how it touches the hearts of all good people, without regard to party affiliations. We know what an immense vote it rolls up at the ballot-box, even when defeated. This is the hope of our cause through all the future. The hope of reaching our aim by the severing of political ties is futile. We are looking and praying for a glorious victory in old Ellis this fall. The clans are gathering to that end. The liquorites, falling in some of our strongest counties to carry them with oratory and money, are now bent on strategy. They will find their plans insufficient for their purpose. This revolution is deep down in the hearts of the good people of Texas, and will stay its march till the liquorites have carried out their threat to leave the State. I read your decent drubbing of "the most progressive Mayor in the South" with more than ordinary interest. If any man in Texas has "dropped his water-

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Away up here in these far-famed Ozarks it is delightful to read of the refreshing rains, the salvation of the cotton crop and the prospect for the late forage crop. Truly,

"Our Father's hand prepares the cup. And what he wills is best."

I can almost see the revival of hope and good cheer. Letters come to me from Ennis telling of the hopeful outlook for our farmers, without whom all others must fall.

Not the least cause for rejoicing on account of the more hopeful outlook is the effect of this improved condition on the general collections ordered by our Annual Conferences. Our claimants are flesh and blood. Their expenses are necessarily made higher by the scarcity of the necessities of life. They will have a good collection this fall. All our brethren will see to it that there are no deficiencies this year. I am glad that I followed my accustomed plan and began early. No doubt my people, especially my stewards, are glad also. Our collections were subscribed and nearly all paid in the beginning of the conference year. This will make the work of our stewards so much easier in the closing work of the year. It has been said that this plan will work in stations, but can not be worked in the country. I think I can show any reasonable man that it would be really easier to get the collections early in the country than later. When our conferences are held, at least two-thirds of the cotton money is yet in circulation. If that be true, it is likewise true that not more than one-third of the cotton money is in circulation when the preacher begins at the close of the conference year to collect his assessments. Who would not prefer to get his collections out of two-thirds of the crop than one-third? Now, if this be true, then there is a moral side to this question. Is it Golden-Rule treatment to let these collections take all the risk of a failure in the crops when a good crop is within our reach, and the claimants having no one but ourselves to depend upon for the meager allowance assessed for their support? If any brother contents himself by saying, "I always get my assessments any way, and therefore the claimants do not suffer in my hands," let him remember that if this drouth had continued he could not possibly have expected to collect the money from people who did not have it or any produce to bring it. This argument, he it remembered, applies more certainly to the country churches than the city and town congregations. Brethren, think on these hints.

Our District Conference comes on at Palmer July 21. I shall be sorry if I miss it. It is not my custom. I always enjoy them more than I can tell. The coming one in Waxahachie District will be full of interest. Live issues and live men will be there. The district is one of the very best. The work is steadily advancing. The resources are almost boundless.

But this is enough of gossip. My mind and heart are on the work and the workers. May our Father abundantly bless their labors this conference year. T. J. DUNCAN.

TO OUR PASTORS AND PEOPLE.

The sessions of the Annual Conferences are approaching, and there is but a short time to do what may not already have been done in providing for the payment of the assessments for the year. I write in the interest of the Church Extension. Last year the Church paid over four thousand dollars more than any preceding year, and yet the payment was only a little over seventy-two thousand dollars on an assessment of \$110,000, and was a much smaller per cent of the assessment than was paid for several other of the causes for which assessments are made, and did not provide for more than about one-third of the applicants for aid. Will not our people pay more this year? May I not appeal to each pastor and every congregation to see to it that the assessment for Church Extension is paid in full? If paid in full, we would still leave many very important calls for aid unprovided for. Many, many thousands of our people are without houses of worship, and can not prosper in their work till they are provided for, and very many of them can not without aid provide for themselves. P. H. WHISNER.

Corresponding Secretary. Louisville, Ky.

Keep your system in perfect order and you will have health, even in the most sticky seasons. The occasional use of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS will insure vigor and regularity in all the vital organs.

"His virtues are so hard," said one gracious-natured person of an acquaintance, "they are grim as well as great." They came hard," said one who knew, "and so they will always carry the marks of the struggle."—Watchman.

Our Conference Brotherhoods

By Rev. Robert Gibbs Mood.

I have been thoroughly disgusted more than once in my life with the foolish sentimentalities of some Christian people. People who calmly sit with folded hands and piously exclaim, "Cast all thy care upon Him for he careth for you," as though an idle faith, though that is a misnomer, were honoring to God. The religion of Jesus Christ is a religion of manliness, of womanliness, not a religion of soft sentiment and babbling nonsense. When Christ said, "Whoever shall humble himself as this little child the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven," he was illustrating the unselfish and unambitious spirit of childhood and not the helplessness of childhood. There is a vast difference between childishness and childlikeness.

It is very true that the Lord will provide; it is very true that God will care for his children; it is also true that "if a man will not work neither shall he eat." An automaton is not an honor to God. I must certainly believe that God has, does and will provide for his own. God has provided for me food, water, raiment, but I have to appropriate all of these things to my use. God has provided me with hands, feet, eyes, brain and intellect and placed in earth the things I need. Shall I wait for God to prepare my food and feed me, to bring my clothing and put it on me? I would be dishonoring God did I not use the good sense he has given me to get from earth the things necessary for my life. I have but one way to manifest my faith in God and that is by the way I act in consequence of my faith. Because I believe I act. Faith is an intelligent something. Paul believed in God's ability and willingness to provide for him, and we find him making tents in order to gain a livelihood. There is a wonderful distinction between faith and fanaticism, between faith and foolishness. The man who spends the best years of his life without making any provision for his family is in practically the same category with the man of whom St. James speaks, who says: "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful for the body; what doth it profit?" So it is with any intelligent man who says: "Wife and children, be provided for after I am dead," and yet makes absolutely no provision for them. Divine Providence in many things works through human instrumentalities.

I allow no man to surpass me in my confidence in Divine Providence. In God's willingness and ability to care for those who love and trust him. I believe it because I have experienced it.

God provided for my widowed mother, for her fatherless children after my sainted father's death, but he provided for us through father and the life insurance companies. God provides for me to-day, but he does it through the people for whom I work, and if I didn't work they would not provide for me. Possibly this is the explanation of the shortage in some of our salaries.

The old negro prayed, "Lord, send me a turkey! Lord, send me a turkey!" The days passed and no turkey came. Again and again was the petition made. "Lord, send this negro a turkey!" and still no answer. At last, like a philosopher, he prayed, "Lord, send this negro to a turkey!" The prayer was then answered. I believe, then, that a man's faith in God's willingness to provide for those near and dear to him in this world will lead him to make use of the means which God has supplied for such provision. God does much of his work through human agencies and channels and no man has any right to make demands of God until he has exhausted his own resources. There is much of truth in the old heathen proverb: "The gods help those who help themselves." God will supplement our work, not do for us what he has given us strength, time and sense and opportunity to do.

Faith and presumption are not synonymous. I do not, I can not, believe that these brotherhoods originated in any spirit of selfish aggrandizement. I believe that they had their origin in an unselfish desire to help those who needed our help and therefore, in so far, they originated in a Christly spirit; and if so, then to that degree they are a Divine institution for the succor of our own old age or the help of those dependent on us when we are unable to help them.

In the work which the brotherhoods contemplate there is an appeal to our unselfishness. I have more and more a supreme contempt for the man that can not or will not look beyond his own selfish comfort and pleasure and

who can not, or at least does not, feel another's woe.

"That man may last, but never lives, Who much receives but nothing gives; Whom none can praise, whom none can thank, Creation's blot, Creation's blank."

"But he who works from day to day In generous acts his radiant way, Treads the same path the Savior trod, The path to glory and to God."

How dwelleth the love of God in that man who seeth that his brother hath need and yet shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him." The apostle exhorts, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." And what was that law, the law that governed our Lord in all of his life, work and death? Why, the law of unselfish love. Find one act in that marvelous life that was done solely for self. How he seems to have forgotten himself. Giving himself up for others until his body was worn and weary, and when tired nature forced him to seek rest in the wilderness, and the multitudes sought him there, he seeing their need and forgetting his own, seems to have forgotten even that he was weary and began to minister to their needs. How any man can refuse to join the Brotherhood, because it will cost him some little money, some little inconvenience and sacrifice, I can not understand in one who professes to be a follower of Christ. St. John proves God's love to us by the fact that Christ laid down his life for us, and adds: "We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." Christ laid down his life not only in the hour of death, but all through his life; his life was a continued sacrifice of self for us. So we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren, putting aside thoughts of selfishness. Again it seems as if God almost appeals to our selfishness when he says in his Word, "He that giveth to the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will he restore to him again." Some one has added: "If you like the security, down with the dust."

I would not charge any of my brethren with a mere love of money. I do not believe that to be true. Most of our preachers can say deep in their hearts:

"I'd rather be the least of those Who are the Lord's alone Than wear a royal diadem And sit upon a throne."

Oh, no; ours is a glorious heritage. If the mere money consideration were all that led us into the ministry we are of all men the most to be pitied. The Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis recently said: "I sometimes wonder why everybody doesn't go into the ministry. Men talk about making millions in business. They ought to make millions to repay them for not being clergymen. I had rather go to the rudest country Church to speak to men crude and rough and ignorant, and keep that little hand pointing toward God's shining city, than to do anything else in the universe or sit upon any throne."

Men of common interests and common aims feel an interest greater or less in each other. Men of like trades and clans organize for their mutual help and benefit. In the Church of Jesus Christ there ought to be found the highest type of brotherhood, of brotherly feeling, and yet sometimes I fear that we let our fraternal orders outdo us in this respect. We ought in truth to sing:

"We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear."

But my plea is not so much with regard to ourselves, but with regard to the brave little women who share with us life's duties and responsibilities. In the homes of the members of our conferences there are scores of heroines whose names have not been heralded far and near, but who are none the less heroines because of that fact. After all, great occasions, great crises do not make heroes and heroines; they only afford an opportunity for the development and manifestation of the heroic spirit in men and women which has been there all the while.

These brave little women will have a very large share in the rewards of the final day. It is they who have planned day and night that our limited means should make us appear before the public with proper respectability, and who by a thousand ways known only to the devoted wife have sustained and encouraged us in our work for the Master. We owe it to them and to their faithfulness to afford them all the protection possible from suffering and poverty, in case of our death or the failure of our health.

Let us look at this matter now a few moments in a practical way. The Brotherhood affords protection at as

cheap, if not cheaper, cost than almost any other form of life insurance. My insurance costs me \$2 per \$100. Most of our preachers pay a great deal more than that because of their more advanced age. In the Brotherhood of which I am a member I am practically insured for \$250. I have been a member of the brotherhood four years and have paid in all \$24; so that this amount of insurance has cost me a great deal less than \$2 per \$100. So that the Brotherhood in my case is much cheaper than other forms of life insurance, and, besides, the money I pay into it goes to the help of those who need the money and not into the pockets of heartless bondholders. And I have the consciousness that I am helping a brother or his family at the time when in all probability they most need help.

St. John urges us, "let us not love in word neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

ROBERT GIBBS MOOD. Henrietta, Texas.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

During the past year there have appeared in our Church papers at various times statements and appeals from the Bishop in charge, our Missionary Secretaries and others in reference to our Hiroshima Girls' School, Japan.

The requests have been for \$10,000, gold, to erect a main building. As yet our Church has not responded to this appeal. Can it be possible that Southern Methodists will much longer turn a deaf ear to these pleadings, and allow the opportunity to pass for reaching scores of Japanese children and young women? Unless the plant is enlarged at once the Government will reduce the number in the school, as a recently enacted law allows only a certain number for a building of a prescribed size, and our school has far exceeded this limit. Remember, this school is the only avenue whereby many girls can hear the gospel and get a Christian education, all their other surroundings and associations being heathen.

We lived in Hiroshima six years, and can testify that the school is a great power for good, and that its needs are not overdrawn. A dozen years ago there was an enrollment of perhaps a score of pupils, all told, and to-day there is an enrollment of over five hundred, and this number could be increased if only the buildings were larger. Surely God has been with the school to bless!

A letter just received from our Secretary, Dr. Lambuth, asks us to cooperate with him this summer and fall to help raise this amount (\$10,000). As it is impossible for us to visit the Church at large, we address a personal letter to you and ask that you give as the Lord has prospered you, and as you pray and hope to see his kingdom come. Can you give \$10, \$100, \$1000, \$2000? If you can not give this much personally, for what amount will you promise to be responsible, to be paid, say, by December 31, 1902? Send all contributions, marked "Special, Hiroshima, Main Building," to J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.

A line sent to us at Sutherland, N. C., will be appreciated, as we expect to return to Japan in the fall for another term of service, and we would like to know what you can do in this matter before leaving America. Yours in the work, W. A. WILSON, MARY WILSON. Sutherland, N. C.

CHARACTER AND QUALIFICATION IN OUR MINISTERS.

I want to say what I think about one or two things. I think we are not as careful as we should be about receiving preachers into the traveling connection; not every good man will make an effectual itinerant preacher. If so, there will be men taken into all our Texas Conferences this fall, who are not adapted to the work, and who will only prove a trouble to the conference in coming years. Brethren of the ministry, in the kindness of their hearts, and their great aversion to giving offense, frequently vote against their better judgment in receiving men.

Be guarded when you take a man on trial, satisfied of his efficiency when received into full connection, and then always sincere and true when passing his character.

It is mortifying humiliating to me to know that a Methodist preacher can't get credit in any mercantile establishment in our land for as much as he would ask. The fact that he is a member of any one of our conferences ought to be surety enough that he is perfectly good for all his obligations.

I don't believe our presiding elders always honestly answer question 29. If a preacher has been crooked in his financial dealings, and this is known to the beloved, I declare it is not the correct thing to say: "Nothing against him, Bishop," and send him out to a

Dragged-Down Feeling

In the loins. Nervousness, unrefreshing sleep, despondency.

It is time you were doing something. The kidneys were anxiously called the reins—in your case they are holding the reins and driving you into serious trouble.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Acts with the most direct, beneficial effect on the kidneys. It purifies the blood and cures all urinary troubles and restores

new charge with a pained character, where he can deceive and cheat the people as heretofore. We boast about our strict rule in examining into our preachers' characters annually, and proclaim no other set of living men are subjected to such a test. But what do laymen and men of the world think of our claim when they have been swindled by one of our preachers, whose character we have been passing all the while?

Methodist congregations surrender their right to select their preacher, and it is a shame for a conference to send them a man to administer to them in spiritual things who isn't absolutely trustworthy in all things. If we get preachers among us who are not right in their lives, let us deal with them and deal quickly, before they go forth in other fields and do damage. I question the propriety—in trying to save men who have proven failures, lost standing, etc., in other fields—of sending them to good works in order to spring them, bring them out, and thus save them to the Church. I fear the charge is damaged more than the man benefited; we ought not to have men whose characters need saving.

Again I am opposed to putting men, because of their long, honorable service and beautiful characters in places they can't fill. I am sure such a course is not for the good of the Church, nor do I believe it is for the glory of God. V. M. WEST.

MARRIAGES.

Young Scott.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Collins County, Texas, March 11, 1902, Mr. William W. Young and Miss Minnie E. Scott, Rev. John M. Line officiating.

Knickerbocker.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Newcomer, Texas, June 4, 1902, Mr. New Knicker and Miss Lela Allen, Rev. John M. Line officiating.

Hall Stevens.—At the home of the bride's parents, in Collins County, Texas, June 11, 1902, Mr. Robert H. Hall and Miss Doris M. Stevens, Rev. John M. Line officiating.

Martin Lawrence.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Collins County, Texas, June 11, 1902, Mr. Martin A. Martin, Jr. and Miss Laura Lawrence, Rev. John M. Line officiating.

Ray Smith.—At the St. James Hotel, in Collins County, Texas, June 11, 1902, Mr. Frank Ray and Miss Margaret Smith, Rev. John M. Line officiating.

Thorn Williams.—At the home of the bride's parents, in Collins County, Texas, June 11, 1902, Mr. J. W. Thorn and Miss Alice Williams, Rev. John M. Line officiating.

Mason Hall.—The Rev. J. H. Hall, at the residence of the bride's parents, in New York, Texas, June 11, 1902, Mr. J. H. Mason and Miss Mattie Hall.

Road Weaver.—At home, on Saturday, July 12, 1902, Mr. Thomas Road of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Emma Elizabeth Weaver of Houston, N. C., at Sherman, Texas, by Rev. W. H. Crandall.

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Sunday-School Department.

Third Quarter, Lesson 4, July 27.

WORSHIPING THE GOLDEN CALF Exodus 32:1-6; 29-35.

Golden Text: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."—Exodus 20:3.

From the Sunday-school Evangel we gather the following valuable helps on the study of the lesson.

Location: The neighborhood of Sinai; six weeks after the previous lesson.

Material: Moses' delay in the mount, x. 1; the people restless; a golden bull made by Aaron at their demand to represent Jehovah, vs. 2-5; worshiped by the people, v. 6; the intercession of Moses, vs. 29-32; the mercy and justice of Jehovah, vs. 33-35.

An Analysis: An Absent Leader: A Fickle People: A Weak Priest: A Self-Denying Intercessor: A Merciful and Just God.

THE LESSON OUTLOOK.

We can see in the light of this lesson why in the giving of the law to the Israelites they were so strictly prohibited from image worship. It was the universal practice of the heathen nations. And the incident of the lesson makes it evident that the Israelites in the course of their long dwelling in Egypt had in large measure, at least, become idolaters. This calf worship, to which they resorted in the wilderness, was not the beginning but the renewal of the practice. The people who came out of Egypt did not represent that pure monotheistic faith and simplicity of worship which Jacob and his sons carried with them into the land. They had become corrupted. And it is by no means surprising that it should have so happened. Though measurably isolated in their dwelling in Goshen, the Israelites must nevertheless have come in constant contact with the social and religious life of Egypt. They were wholly lacking in any organized social order furnishing the agencies for religious instruction. There is no evidence that they had any order of priesthood, any class of religious teachers, or that they had any central place or common law of worship. On the other hand, the religion of Egypt at that time was a highly developed national system, with its priesthood, its literature, its schools and its laws, embodied in great temples and imposing monuments, and sanctioned and supported to the highest social and political influences. It should not seem surprising to us that the Israelites, going down into Egypt a more peaceful and developing under the constant influence of the national religion, should have become addicted to idolatry. That such was the case, at any rate, the present lesson impressively proves.

The lapse of the people in their former idolatrous habits in the absence of Moses illustrates the importance of a great leader to a people. This is particularly so in the earlier stages of national development. Moses while present with them was judgment and conscience, and will for the nation. They were dependent, incapable of self-direction, feeble in their feelings and impulses, unsteady in their resolutions, lacking in any spirit of social or religious cohesiveness. They required a ruler, a man of strong will, fixed purpose, wise statesmanship, having clearly defined principles, and with a long foresight capable of working to a distant objective. Without such a leader they never would have been inspired to the enterprise of breaking away from bondage, and without him at any time they would have gone to pieces and as a people have utterly perished. When for less than forty days he was absent from them, they forgot all the great happenings of their recent history, forgot even Moses, except to speak contemptuously of him, and reverted to their idolatrous propensities. They were children yet in their national character, incapable of self-government, capricious, passionate, inconsistent. The firm grip of the master's hand was essential for them. Aaron showed himself incompetent for the task of rulership. He could serve as the mouthpiece of Moses, but in government he would not serve as Moses' right hand of authority. The clamor and roar of the populace overpowered him. There was not in him that power of masterful personality which a great leader must have—the power to free multitudes and quell their insubordination by an imperial authority that is irresistible. And the world still needs great leaders. And we are not aware of the extent to which we are actually under the guidance of a few masterful men. If now the grip of the comparatively few who are rulers of the world by virtue of their kingly endowments was removed, society would begin to drift like a ship when the hand of the pilot is removed from the wheel.

The course pursued by Moses when

the knowledge of the sin of the people came to him reveals his character to us in a very strong light. God informed him of the popular infidelity while he was yet in the mount (32:7, 8), and indicated his disposition to utterly destroy the people and begin again in the effort to raise up a people for himself taking Moses as a new head (9 vs.). This proposition to put this great honor upon Moses was renewed later on (Num. 14:12). But it never influenced him. He pleaded for the nation. He appealed to God's own promises made to the patriarchs. And then he argued for God's own honor in the eyes of the Egyptians (v. 12). This great thing is brought out—Moses was not personally ambitious. He shrank originally from the leadership to which he was called, and there was never a moment when he gloried in the prominence to which he had been advanced. He was in his place of leadership because God had put him there. He had no personal ends to serve. Then, too, here and at other times he showed that he loved his people. He stood in the breach to plead for them. He would prefer that he himself should perish rather than that they should be destroyed (v. 32). That is a quality essential to all beneficent rulership. Whatever other elements a leader may have, if he is not unselfish, if he does not love the people whom he seeks to lead, his leadership will be a failure. The leader is for the people, not the people for the leader. But Moses' love did not weaken his sense of justice nor restrain him from dealing with all needed sternness with the people in their offenses. But it is an impressive thing to see Moses laying down the sword and going mournfully into the mount to make atonement and intercession for the sins of those whom he had so heavily punished.—John T. McFarland, D. D.

Epworth League Department.

Topic for July 27: "Missions: A Meeting in the Interest of Medical Missions."—Matt. 7:8.

HOME READINGS.

Monday, July 21—The withered hand, Mark 3:1-8.

Tuesday, July 22—The paralytic, Matt. 9:1-12.

Wednesday, July 23—The demoniac, Mark 5:1-15.

Thursday, July 24—The lepers, Luke 17:11-19.

Friday, July 25—The blind man, John 9:1-11.

Saturday, July 26—Lazarus raised, John 11:23-45.

The Canadian Era gives us the following very suggestive lessons on the topic for to-day: Christ in performing his wonderful miracles of healing had at least two objects in view—to authenticate his claims as the Son of God, and to show mercy and help to men. All through its beneficent history Christianity has been active and earnest in bringing relief to the woes of humanity. And the modern idea of medical missions is but the Savior's idea revived, and Christianity's purpose exemplified. Preach and heal, or heal if you can not preach, and the very healing done in the name of Christ will be a gospel sermon.

THE HARVEST IS GREAT.

A great stimulus to interest in missions is to take into view the number yet unreached by gospel truth and light. Think of these facts, and think of your duty in view of their solemn import. It is said that while there is one minister to 700 persons in the United States, there is but one to 400,000 in the Congo, one to 115,000 in India, one to 600,000 in China, one to about 700,000 in Siam, and one to 1,500,000 in the Island of Hainan. In the whole heathen world, a conservative estimate places one missionary in the midst of 200,000 people. Even if we were disposed to dispute the value of these people as compared with our own race, we do not know that it is open to us to do so, for evidence is daily accumulating to prove that the mental aptness of many of these so-called inferior races is not a whit less than our own. If, then, the new commandment is to prevail and we are to love them as Christ loved the world, we must regard it as the paramount problem of the Christian Church to save these numerous peoples. And if it be further true that the average cost of leading a so-called civilized man to accept the gospel is \$6.20, while it costs only 99 cents to lead a heathen to accept it, then it is the sevenfold duty of the Christian Church to send the gospel to them. And consider for a moment what opportunities for the medical missionary there must be for healing and help amid these hosts of the human race yet unchristianized.

HUMAN BROTHERHOOD.

The work of mercy and help accomplished by the medical missionary is further indorsed by the fact of the

unity and brotherhood of mankind. All men being brothers, then comes the Christian obligation to extend the benefits of advanced civilization, physical, mental and spiritual, to universal humanity.

The Bible aims at this happy consummation. The gospel unites the races of the earth, and gives a cosmopolitan character to every dweller upon it. Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world, and in him there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all and in all. In Christ, national prejudices must evaporate. Their existence would vitiate the fellowship of the gospel. Max Muller says that Christianity banished the word "barbarian" and introduced the word "brother." "Humanity is a word which you look for in vain in Plato or Aristotle. The idea of mankind as one family, as the children of one God, is an idea of Christian growth; and the science of mankind is a science which, without Christianity, would never have sprung into life. When people have been taught to look upon all men as brethren, then, and only then, did the variety of human speech present itself as a problem that called for solution, and therefore date the real beginning of the science of language from the first day of Pentecost."

THE CENTRAL IDEA.

If our Leagues would realize the true relation of missions to the work of God—missions in the broadest sense of sending the truth at home and abroad wherever needed—every pulse of their life would throb with missionary zeal, and every activity of the Church would look missionward. All its institutions, says a writer, would be sustained for the sake of their mission value, and vigor poured into them in proportion to their missionary possibilities and results. Could we but displace the narrow and hampering conceptions of the purpose of the Church which are now squeezing out her very life, and implant in our young people the imperial idea of the universal dominion of the cross; if we could but get it into the very heart of believers that the Church has simply and absolutely no reason for existence except to bring to pass the time when all nations shall acclaim Christ the blessed and only Potentate, King of kings and Lord of lords; if we could do this, we could develop an enthusiastic loyalty to Christ as King, which would make all our Church members enthusiastic and courageous for the Kingdoms of God. This is the main question, the great issue. We must never doubt it. It must be the supremely formative and inspiring force, and then our Master, whose we are, and whom we serve, shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied. He is loudly calling us to the conflict to-day.

POWER FROM ON HIGH.

The great central power, after all, by which we may gain success in missions, is not physical power, nor the power of eloquence, nor the power of logic, nor the power of thought merely, but the power which Christ promised to his disciples—the power from on high. The power from beneath is mighty to drag the world down; the power from above working through men is mighty to draw the world up. This is the power of the Holy Spirit, spoken of in the Scripture, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Wait, then, in expectation, young people, and devoutly pray for the great gift promised in these words; and as you receive it, use it for the glory of God and the extension of his kingdom on the earth. Then our Leagues shall not be in vain—the power of God shall be in them.

WHY MEDICAL MISSIONARIES?

Medical missions need no other authority than Christ's example, for he was the greatest medical missionary that ever lived.

They need no other authority than Christ's words, for he bade his disciples heal the body as well as the soul and the body as a means of reaching the soul.

Medical missions are more than the practice of medicine. They are missions. A Chinese official, after the massacres, urged that hereafter medical missionaries alone should be permitted to go to China. But they are the most powerful of missionaries.

There are two reasons: it is hard to comprehend any truth while the body is wrecked by disease; the healing of the body is a proof of the love and sympathy which is at the base of our divine religion.

SOME EXAMPLES.

A medical missionary in Africa received a woman who had been carried for three days through a country closed to the gospel. Four months later she returned, walking, through the same country; and when the missionaries again tried to go there, they found that this cure had opened the entire region to them.

No one but a woman medical mis-

sionary can reach the upper class of women of India, whose secluded lives are probably as sad and pitiable as those of any women in the world.

The important friendship of Li Hung Chang was won for Christianity by two medical missionaries who rendered his wife valuable service. "Send us more missionaries," he said in the United States; "especially doctors."

The story of the first medical missionary to Madagascar illustrates the influence such workers gain. He performed an operation for cataract, and the next day they brought him a dead man. "You can open the eyes of the blind; surely you can raise the dead also."

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT LEAGUE INSTITUTE.

The seventh annual meeting of the San Marcos District League was held in an "institute" at Lockhart, June 24-26. It was well attended by enthusiastic Leaguers, as was interesting throughout. This success completed the demonstration of the fact that our District League is abundantly able to "stand alone;" that it is not necessary that we meet with the District Conference in order to draw a crowd or carry out a program, which was a very much debated question three years ago. Two days were filled with excellent papers, addresses and discussions, and yet a very small part of our available material for such was utilized.

We noted with some degree of pride that as a District League we are growing and developing; that each year our work is increasing and our meetings growing in interest. This fact we attribute to our compact organization and our realization of the fact that it is to the district organization that we should give our best efforts and from which we must gather the most good.

The sermons of Revs. W. M. Crutchfield, New Harris and L. R. Ellis were especially interesting and hopeful.

Nearly every phase of every department of work was discussed, and the delegate who returned home without a preparation for better work and without a helpful message for the League did not catch the spirit of the meeting.

The Lockhart folks were so hospitable and so nice to us that the pleasure of our stay was doubled.

An increase in the circulation of the Era, the prompt payment of our assessments and a special effort in missionary work were urged, and some

definite steps were taken towards pushing these matters.

Yancey Holmes, of Gonzales, was elected President for another year. With him as our leader, and with Misses Alta Nixon, of Lubbock, Jennie Young, of Kyle, and Carrie Higgins, of Lockhart, as Vice-Presidents, and Miss Fannie Fisher, of San Marcos, Secretary—then with our beloved presiding elder, Rev. Sterling Fisher, over us all—we can but look forward to a good year's work.

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"FIELD SECRETARY IS ASSURED."

This is the caption of a communication which appeared some time ago in the Dallas News. The communication is from the Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., editor of the Era and General Secretary of the League, to Mr. Gus W. Thomason, President of the Texas State League. As the communication is short, I desire to quote it in full:

"With reference to your new Field Secretary for Texas, I am glad to say that the plan meets my hearty personal approval and official indorsement. I took occasion to bring the matter before the Epworth League Board at its recent sitting. It was the opinion of the board that it was legitimate for the Texas Leaguers to take such a step. So, as I see it, there is absolutely nothing in your way. I wish you might have one in every State."

It appears to the writer that a matter of so great importance as this should not be enterprised and taken in hand unadvisedly. It should not be precipitated upon the Church until the consensus of the Church is in some way ascertained. I do not believe that anything like a majority of the thoughtful Leaguers of this State is in favor of the move. If I understand the measure, it was precipitated upon the recent League Conference, where it met with strong opposition on the part of the more thoughtful representatives, and only passed by a small majority. This small majority was chiefly the younger delegates, and as a matter of fact they did not have time for mature deliberation. But if every member who constituted that conference had been in favor of the measure, they could not have represented a majority of the Leaguers of the State for the reason that there are, if I am correctly informed, seven hundred chapters in the State, with a membership of 30,000, and there were doubtless less than one hundred and fifty Leaguers present at the time the action was had, and these did not represent as many different chapters. I do not believe that less than seventy-five young people, many of them having never reflected for one hour upon a question of such importance, have the moral or legal right to foist upon the entire ministry and Church of Texas an additional collection. For we must not separate the League from the Church. Any tendency in that direction should be discouraged. The only legal way for this matter to be adjusted is by the General Conference. If a few young people have the right to come together and create for the Church one new office, then they have the right to create any number of new offices. There is just as much law for District League Secretaries as for State League Secretaries. This appears to me to be a premature and unwise procedure—the establishment of a precedent at variance with law. It required the action of the General Conference to authorize Conference Missionary Secretaries. It required the action of the General Conference to create a League editor for the entire Church. As a matter of fact, in 1894, when the General Conference created the League editor, it declined to put a second man in the field as General Secretary, but combined the two in one. Why? Because the demands for such an office would not justify the expense. I dare assert that these few young people can not create a financial obligation upon the Church of Texas. Allow me to say that the plan proposed is not feasible. The entire expense of the office of a State Secretary would amount to not less than \$1500. It is proposed to raise this money by a per capita assessment of the Leaguers of the State. Some such provision as this was made to defray the expenses of the State-League Conferences. To show you how well it works, the local Leaguers of Fort Worth were called upon to meet the entire expenses of the late League Conference, and for this purpose to raise \$200. This in addition to furnishing free entertainment to all the ministers, speakers and the State officers. But why did not the expense fall upon the Leaguers of the State at large? If my information is correct, simply because the assessments against the Leaguers had not been paid. Now, if the State League organization can not meet its current conference expenses, and is forced to call upon the local Leaguers where the convention is to be held to meet the expenses, can we believe that this organization is competent to take an additional expense of \$1500? I do not believe that we need

a Secretary. In every community there can be found some men just as competent to address the local League, if such is desired, as the man who may be sent by this organization. I have never found any difficulty in getting all the speakers needed for this. As to the organization of new Leagues, any pastor is fully competent to do this work, or he can lay hands on active Leaguers who can do the work and who would gladly do it. When are we going to stop organizing and creating officers to do the work we ourselves ought to do? I here and now enter my hearty protest against this measure, as premature, unwise, impracticable and impliedly unconstitutional.

R. C. ARMSTRONG, Fort Worth, Texas.

The following is the story of one of the students of Palmore Institute. Perhaps it may interest your readers:

Mr. Muramatsu (village pine) was born in Tokyo thirty-six years ago. On account of domestic trouble his mother took him and went to live in her uncle's house. As the uncle was a fisherman and very busy, the boy was neglected and so was exposed to all kinds of evil. Finally, when he was 17 years old, he stole \$50 and was imprisoned for a hundred days. The influence of bad associations made him worse, and when he was released became a pickpocket, and was arrested and imprisoned ten times. In March, 1895, he was sentenced for six months in Kobe jail, where he occupied the same cell with another man. One day the man wrote to his wife, asking for certain letters or documents, but the wife, mistaking his meaning, thought he wanted a book to read. So she went to a second-hand book store, selected an old book and sent it to him, without knowing what it was. When her husband received it he was surprised and disappointed and threw it across the cell, and would not touch it again. Mr. Muramatsu, in order to pass the time, began to read it. When he read this verse, from the ninth chapter of Matthew, "For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance," morning began to dawn in his darkened, sin-cursed soul, and when he was released he eagerly sought a minister who could show him more plainly the way to the path of peace. Through the instrumentality of the minister he was happily converted, and was baptized by Dr. Pettie. Soon afterward he joined the Salvation Army, in which he labored until three years ago, when he took charge of a Home for Discharged Prisoners, in which capacity he is still serving—a faithful, earnest Christian.

I should have mentioned that the Palmore Institute is a night school for men and boys, and I had the above story from Mr. Muramatsu, who is in one of my classes.

EMMA POTEET, Kobe, Japan.

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TO FORM CHARACTER.

No greater evidence of weakness of character can be shown than a continual appeal to friends for advice. At times we all need the counsel of a good friend; but constantly to ask for it is like constantly borrowing. Learn to decide small matters for yourself, and learn to decide quickly. Better make a mistake once in a while from too hasty a decision than to form the habit of indecision. It is the first milestone on the road to failure.

If your purpose is high and your desires unselfish, you are capable of making up your mind what is best for you to do as another.

Listen when your friends offer you the free advice so easily given, but do not let it influence you unless it is in accordance with your own highest conviction.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The sense of sin committed must come before the assurance of sins remitted.—Ram's Horn.

NEGRO SUNDAY AT ROCK ISLAND PRISON IN 1864.

No. 2.

The Federal authorities at Rock Island Prison had a way of making Sunday a big day in their dealings with rebel prisoners when occasion offered. Next to the "Button Sunday" episode in its repulsive characteristics to Southern sentiment was the introduction of negro guards for prison duty. By way of introduction to this most unpleasant incident of prison life I will state that our prison guards who had charge of us for the first six or seven months were all old soldiers, who had been disabled from field service by a generous application of Confederate bullets in the early battles of the war. Whether this was the cause of their manifesting gentlemanly characteristics in their dealings with rebel prisoners, or whether they were naturally inclined that way, is a problem I shall not undertake to solve, though, if I were to institute a comparison between them and the second relay of prison guards, I would be forced to the conclusion that they had been somewhat improved by contact with Southern chivalry on the field of battle. In the main they treated us in a soldierly manner, but their successors—well all I can say for them is they were hundred day troops from New York City, and if they had any gentlemanly or soldierly qualities they had either left them at home or failed to make an exhibition of them when on duty as guards. After their installment on guard any unusual noise in barracks after 8 o'clock at night, or the lighting of a candle for the benefit of a sick man, was sure to be followed by a shot from the prison wall by some of those brave sons of this great metropolitan city. That innocent prisoners should be killed or wounded while asleep on their bunks was an inevitable consequence; but their conduct while on duty as guards was not as reprehensible as what followed after, as will appear in the sequel of this story. Well the time for a change of guards came at last. We were called into line one Sunday morning at 9 o'clock out on the main avenue to witness the ceremony of change of guards. The authorities took the precaution to notify us of the program, so that there should not be too great a surprise; but it was only a change of color in outward appearance, as we learned by experience later on. Of course to Southern soldiers the idea of being guarded by negro guards was anything but pleasant, but the principle involved indicates most forcibly the spirit by which our adversaries were actuated in the conduct of the war. But to the sequel. After the negroes were installed those hundred day troops who were still encamped on the island—not satisfied with their conduct while on guard—told the negro guards that we would throw rocks at them in the night, and then to make the negroes believe it they would throw rocks at the guards themselves from the outside of the wall. The poor negroes, scared half to death, would fire into the prison. Finally things got to such a pitch we could endure it no longer, and we made an appeal to the authorities and exposed the treachery of those villains that were instigating the trouble. Then the trouble ceased, when those fiends in human form were removed from the island. If we had not got relief we would have taken our cause into our own hands regardless of consequences, and we gave the authorities so to understand. After this unpleasant episode had passed and the negroes found that we were not disposed to trouble them they proved to be the best guards we ever had, and would often remind us of ante-bellum days and Southern farms by their old time cornhusking songs and "old home holler," as they were pleased to call it. Well these unpleasant memories leave no bitterness of feeling toward the actors on the stage of that most bloody drama, whether white or black, but may the fates deliver me from "hundred day" New Yorkers and negro Sundays at Rock Island or anywhere else. The most pleasant recollection I have of Rock Island Prison is that after fifteen months' confinement within its undesirable walls I got away from there alive.

J. M. DUNN, Bolivar, Texas.

WHEN EMILY WAS CAUGHT.

One cold, snowy day, when Emily got home from school, she stopped at the gate to lick off some of the wet, white snow from the top of the iron fence. What do you think happened? Why, her wet tongue froze fast to the fence, and she couldn't get it off. This frightened her so that she began to cry. Then she tried to call to her mother in the house, but she found she could not speak without her tongue. She could only make queer noises that frightened her more than ever. It was getting dark, and nobody seemed to be passing that way. Poor Emily began to think she would

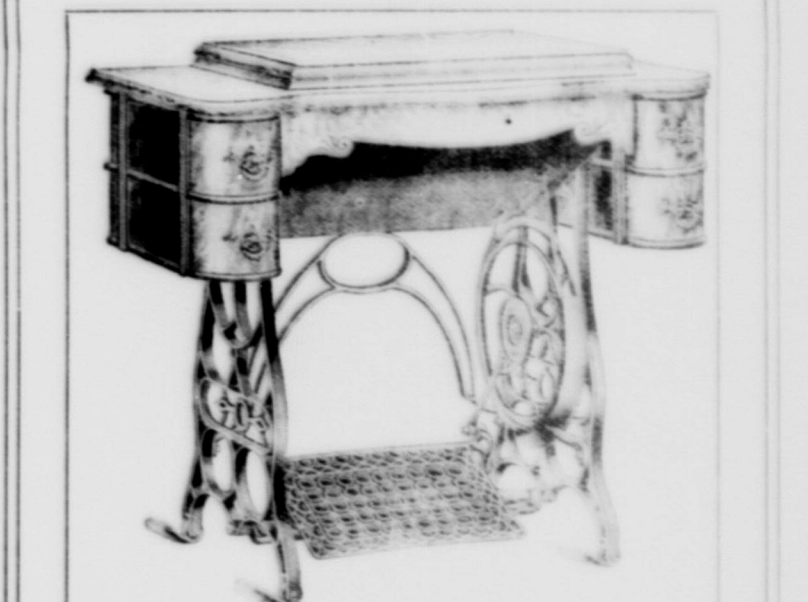
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The twenty-second annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference, held in Whitesboro, June 26-29, was one of profit to all who went in the interest of the work. Some of us who read the "echoes" of the meeting from the ready pen of our Sister Crutchfield, a visitor to the meeting, which appeared in this department last week, feel regret that she did not find it convenient to remain through the Sabbath, in order that she might have written of the blessings which that sacred day brought to the society. The annual sermon, preached by Rev. J. L. Pierce, pastor of First Church, Dallas, on the text, "God is love," was heard to the edification and comfort of his congregation, as was the sermon at night by Rev. W. E. Boggs, of Travis Street Church, Sherman, founded on Christ's memorable words, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations."

A helpful sermon was preached on Friday night preceding by Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, pastor at Bowie, who also gave much encouragement at the daily business sessions by his words of brotherly sympathy and his interest in the work. The presence of Bros. Geo. Sexton, A. F. Hendricks, M. H. Neely and Jas. Crutchfield, brethren in the meeting at the daily sessions, and their words of advice and good cheer spoken from time to time were a source of satisfaction to the members, evincing thus their interest in the work.

The business routine was carried out from session to session in the usual systematic manner, the year's work in detail carefully considered and plans made for the coming year.

A resolution was offered at one of the morning sessions by the Recording Secretary of the Conference Society, signed by several of the executive officers of the society, by which the scholarship of this Conference Society endowed several years ago at a cost of \$2500 in the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City was given a special name, the scholarship having been known previously simply as the North Texas Scholarship.

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The Conference Society was made glad by the encouraging news which came from our own young missionary, Miss Norwood Wynne, now engaged in work at our Laredo Seminary, who was for two years the beneficiary of the society's scholarship in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and the Corresponding Secretary was, on motion, requested to send her an expression of loving interest and appreciation in behalf of the society. It would be gratifying indeed to the society if some one of the many young ladies of our Church in the North Texas Conference would avail herself of the great advantage to be gained by becoming the beneficiary of this scholarship for the next term opening in September. It is hoped that some one will offer herself for the position, and any one so wishing can address either the President of the Conference Society or the Corresponding Secretary in regard to the matter.

The hospitality of the good people of Whitesboro will be gratefully remembered by the members, the homes and hearts being opened so kindly even in the time of such unprecedented hot weather when any extra exertion is usually burdensome, everybody, the pastor, Rev. P. L. Smith, and the membership being most thoughtful and kind. The annual meeting of this society is usually held early in the month of May, but was deferred to a date more than a month later this year, on account of the General Conference being held in May, and for other reasons, but the session was, as a whole, one to which we can revert with satisfaction. May rich blessings, both spiritual and temporal, rest upon our kind entertainers, and may many blessings attend our work through the year just now opening for us as a society.

RECORDING SECRETARY CONFERENCE SOCIETY.

W. H. SOCIETY NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

I bade adieu to Long Beach and my dear brother's family on the evening of June 24. As Burns said:

"Our parting was fu' tender." Lines of an unknown poet have been ringing in my ears ever since I left those precious children:

"Oh, these traunts from home and from heaven, They have made me more manly and mild, And I know how Jesus could liken The kingdom of God to a child."

Accepting the courtesy of the Gulf Port and Ship Island Railroad, on the 25th we ran to Jackson, Miss., through the most awful heat, dust and smoke it has ever fallen to my lot to encounter on a railroad. The wind was in our rear, and the dust and smoke we made seemed to keep us company on the way.

ings, a new electric light plant and a \$100,000 fire-proof hotel; will build a walk from the beach to the end of the pier, where will be constructed a large pavilion. He passed a deed to a block of land to the city for the purpose of building a court-house in Gulf Port for Harrison County. Senator Evans offered him \$8000 for the property, but he preferred giving it to the county for a court-house.

You may ask, Why write up so elaborately an enterprise so far from home? What interest has Texas in Gulf Port, Miss.? I wish to correct, if possible, or as far as I may, a foolish prejudice against men of wealth. What we need in Texas for the development of our resources is men of wealth and business capacity. Rome lost her power and splendid civilization, and ceased to be the mistress of the world, because she lost her money—sent it to India for luxuries and made nothing to export and bring it back. This man Jones has done more for Mississippi than all the croakers against bondholders and monopolies in the State. It isn't a sin to be rich. The sin consists in its misapplication. I wish we had about a half dozen J. F. Joneses scattered over our beloved State. Oh, wouldn't she blossom as the rose! Capt. Jones told me that they were shipping lumber to Europe, China, South America, New York and elsewhere direct from Gulf Port. So every country on the globe is made tributary to Gulf Port enterprise. Another thing the Captain told me that I had never thought of, and I have no doubt there are many others as green as I was: He said rich men have no money; they can't afford to lay up money; they are nearly all in debt; they have roads, ships, mills, stocks, bonds and the like, but the money is with the middlemen. The rich man's wealth is in productive enterprises, which gives labor, homes and happiness to the millions. The rich have credit beyond their assets, which enables them to accomplish more than the values they own would pay for.

A physician associated with Jones in the bank at the Port told me on the road to Jackson that he suggested to the Captain the importance of making himself comfortable and taking rest, but he laughed at the idea. His comfort and satisfaction are in his work. All rich men are not like Capt. Jones. That may be true, but I am persuaded, if we knew men better, we would censure less.

One thing is certain: It will not be long until Gulf Port will rival New Orleans, Mobile and all other ports on the Gulf Coast. The beautiful beach all along the Mississippi Sound will double in value. It has more than quadrupled in value in Gulf Port in the past two years. A few days ago a lot sold for \$100 per front foot. The credit for all this is given to Jones. The embarrassment of the people in giving some adequate expression of appreciation of his great work was amusing. They presented him, through Senator Evans, with a superb silver loving-cup at the close of the entertainment, but the deep emotions stirred by the testimonial, so delicately tendered and tearfully received, showed that love, esteem and confidence were at the bottom of the simple service.

After all, what are wealth and ability for if not to procure happiness. The secret of the business is how to invest it. Ten thousand poor sand-lappers in the pine barrens of Mississippi will flourish because J. F. Jones came, saw and conquered the situation. S. C. LITTLEPAGE, Charleston, W. Va.

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White Rock Camp-Meeting.

Let me call the attention of the campers of the White Rock Camp-ground to the fact that we wish to meet there early on Saturday morning before the first Sunday in August for the purpose of cleaning up the ground and letting out the privileges to those who wish to have an eating stand and a place to care for horses, and to look after such other matters as may be of interest to the camp-meeting. Let all of the pastors connected with the camp-meeting also be present. Please, brethren, do not forget the time. D. J. MARTIN, Renner, Texas.

F. S.: The camp-meeting will begin on Thursday night before and Sunday in August unless otherwise ordered. Our preachers are invited to help us.

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El Paso, Texas, May 30, 1902. Mr. E. P. Turner, G. P. & T. A. Texas and Pacific Railway, Dallas, Texas:

Dear Sir—Cloudcroft has been appropriately named "The Roof-Garden of the Southwest." According to the United States Weather Bureau observations, the highest noon temperature at Cloudcroft last year was seventy-two degrees, the general average running about sixty-five degrees.

The hotel facilities have been increased, one additional hotel, the "Virginia," being completed and another now being erected. In addition to the famous "Lodge," the "Lodge" will, of course, remain the resort for the Four Hundred, but the other hotels, in connection with the cottages and tents provided, will form an accessory for the accommodation of those who do not care to make the Cloudcroft trip more expensive than is absolutely necessary. The "Lodge" will be under the management of Mr. Geo. Waterman, as well as the Dining Hall, Pavilion and Lunch Stand. At the Dining

Hall meals beyond criticism will be served during the season at the uniform price of fifty cents, while at the Lunch Stand entertainment can be had "a la carte," from a simple lunch to the more expensive fancy meal.

In the way of amusements, outdoor as well as indoor, many additions have been made, including excellent golf links, tennis courts, ping pong and other attractions too numerous to mention. In the way of outdoor pastime, mention should be made of the hunting, fishing, riding and driving in the vicinity of Cloudcroft, which are almost unexcelled. None of the visitors need suffer this season for the lack of amusements. A well-equipped livery stable will be maintained throughout the season, affording facilities for small or large parties, as desired, and the forest drives in that vicinity are simply superb. The entire place, including the hotels, pavilion, dining hall and grounds will be lighted with electricity.

The trip to Cloudcroft embraces on the Alamogordo and Sacramento Mountain Line, about twenty-five miles of the grandest scenery on the American Continent, without exception. The views obtainable from certain points are especially magnificent, embracing in places an expanse of two hundred miles, with a vertical view of about one mile. Those who have never been over this line have no

adequate conception of its scenery, not of the engineering problems involved in the construction of this line. The change from the arid regions to the "Maine Woods" and their attendant surroundings is so sudden as to be absolutely startling, and must be seen to be appreciated.

Local Sleeper Service.—Arrangements have been made for local sleeper service between El Paso and Alamogordo on the regular daily train between those points, leaving El Paso at 9 p. m., passengers being allowed to remain in sleeper until morning at Alamogordo, when connecting train leaves for Cloudcroft, in addition to which special Saturday service will be placed in effect commencing May 21, leaving El Paso at 1:35 p. m. and making a fast run to Cloudcroft, returning each Monday, leaving Cloudcroft at 7:30 a. m. and arriving El Paso in time for dinner, thus affording daylight rides in both directions over the scenic route. Sleeping car fare, \$1.50.

Yours truly, A. N. BROWN, G. P. & T. A. Chair cars and sleepers run through to El Paso daily. Pamphlet giving complete description will be gladly sent any one upon application. E. P. TURNER, G. P. & T. A. T. & P. Ry. Co., Dallas, Texas.

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She Estinger was born died June 7, 1862. Sister health for a long time. at awful, incurable mal- and mother, one brother. host of friends to follow deputation of meeting her and parting and sighing. Sister Estinger was asant in life. To know her. She died at the her. Bro. R. A. Smith, of Her hope was bright for pet to meet her again. comfort and keep the sor- especially her dear moth- most worn her life away. Blessed are the dead. Lord, they shall rest. and their works will. T. H. DAVIS, L. D.

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Munday, at Shady..... July 19, 20
Haskell cir, at Bethlehem..... July 21, 22
Haskell..... July 26, 27
Chillicothe..... Sat., Sun., Aug. 2, 3
J. H. Wiseman, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round.
Quasah..... Sat., Sun., Aug. 9, 10
Granite, at Granite..... Sat., Sun., Aug. 16, 17
Vernon..... Wed., Aug. 20
Crowell, at Margaret..... Sat., Sun., Aug. 23, 24
Yell..... Sat., Sun., Aug. 29, 30
Willow Vale..... Thurs., Sept. 2
Mangum..... Thurs., Sept. 4
Deer Creek, at Francis..... Sat., Sun., Sept. 6, 7
Blair, at Blair..... Sat., Sun., Sept. 13, 14
Leget..... Sun. night and Mon., Sept. 15, 16
Morada, at Brydon..... Sat., Sun., Sept. 20, 21
Seymour..... Sat., Sun., Sept. 27, 28
Benjamin..... Thurs., Sept. 30
Munday..... Thurs., Oct. 1
Hound Timber..... Sat., Sun., Oct. 3, 4
Throckmorton..... Sat., Sun., Oct. 10, 11
Chillicothe, at Big Valley..... Sat., Sun., Oct. 18, 19
Haskell cir..... Sat., Sun., Nov. 1, 2
Haskell sta, Sun. night, Mon., Nov. 2, 3
Vernon..... Sat., Sun., Nov. 8, 9
J. H. Wiseman, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round.
Blanket, at Turkey Peak..... July 19, 20
Indian Creek, at McAnally..... July 26, 27
Burket, at Cross Plains..... Aug. 2, 3
May, at Cross Cut..... Aug. 4, 5
Comanche sta..... Aug. 9, 10
Fanning..... Aug. 11, 12
Zephyr and Mullin..... Aug. 16, 17
Goldthwaite..... Aug. 17, 18
Lometa..... Aug. 24, 25
Center City..... Aug. 25, 26
Brownwood..... Aug. 29, 30
W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Clarendon District—Third Round.
Amarillo..... July 19, 20
Matador, at Northfield..... July 19, 20
Claude, at Goodlight..... July 26, 27
Wellington, at Clifford..... Aug. 2, 3
Emma, at E..... Aug. 9, 10
Memphis, at Union Hill..... Aug. 16, 17
Canyon City, at Tulla..... Aug. 16, 17
Chandler..... Aug. 9, 10
Silverson, at Hastings..... Aug. 9, 10
Dalhart..... Aug. 11
Herford, at H..... Aug. 16, 17
Floydada, at Lockney..... Aug. 16, 17
Higgins, at Ochiltree..... Aug. 23, 24
Lubbock, at L..... Aug. 23, 24
Candian, at Miami..... Aug. 29, 30
Stratford..... Sept. 6, 7
Cataline..... Sept. 13, 14
G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round.
Barry..... July 19, 20
Corsicana cir, at Camp Cr..... July 19, 20
Thornton..... July 26, 27
Horn Hill..... July 26, 27
Wortham..... Aug. 2, 3
Armour..... Aug. 9, 10
Rouse..... Aug. 16, 17
Kerens..... Aug. 23, 24
Hubbard..... Aug. 23, 24
Eureka and Erdston..... Aug. 29, 30
E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Waco District—Third Round.
Eddy, at Eddy..... July 19, 20
Moody..... July 26, 27
Footia, at Kirby..... July 26, 27
Aquila, at Elm Mott..... Aug. 2, 3
Austin Avenue..... Aug. 2, 3
Troy, at Childers..... Aug. 9, 10
Bosqueville, at Bosque Camp..... Aug. 16, 17
Fifth Street..... Aug. 16, 17
Morgan, at Eulogy..... Aug. 23, 24
Whitney..... Aug. 23, 24
Riesel..... Aug. 29, 30
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

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

Fort Worth District—Third Round.
Mansfield, at Britton..... July 19, 20
Azle, at Silver Creek..... July 26, 27
Cuba, at Chappell Hill..... Aug. 2, 3
Cheburne..... Aug. 2, 3
Joshua..... Aug. 9, 10
Bono, at George's Creek..... Aug. 16, 17
Covington, at Philadelphia..... Aug. 16, 17
Blum, at Kopperl..... Aug. 23, 24
Kennedale, at Kennedale..... Aug. 23, 24
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Weatherford District—Third Round.
Graham..... July 19, 20
Graham cir, at Connor Creek..... July 26, 27
Ellasville, at Goosecreek..... July 26, 27
First Church..... Aug. 2, 3
Ranger, at Newberry..... Aug. 2, 3
Gordon and Strawn, at Strawn..... Aug. 9, 10
Whitt and Bethesda, at E..... Aug. 9, 10
Breckenridge, at Eolian..... Aug. 16, 17
Santo, at Tarrant..... Aug. 16, 17
Palo Pinto..... Aug. 23, 24
Mineral Wells..... Aug. 23, 24
John R. Morris, P. E.

Waxahatche District—Third Round.
Itaska..... July 19, 20
Foreston..... July 26, 27
Italy..... July 26, 27
Bardwell, at Byrd..... Aug. 2, 3
Middlebush..... Aug. 2, 3
Grandview..... Aug. 9, 10
Boz..... Aug. 16, 17
Milford..... Aug. 23, 24
Alvarado..... Aug. 23, 24
Alma..... Aug. 29, 30
Ennis..... Aug. 29, 30
Waxahatche..... Sept. 6, 7
O. F. Sosaubaugh, P. E.

Gatesville District—Third Round.
Harmony..... July 19, 20
Coryell City..... July 19, 20
Hamilton..... July 26, 27
Evant..... July 26, 27
Jonesboro..... Aug. 2, 3
Bee House..... Aug. 9, 10
Gatesville mls..... Aug. 16, 17
Oglethay..... Aug. 16, 17
J. G. Putman, P. E.

Dublin District—Third Round.
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
Hico..... Aug. 2, 3
Duffan, at Shipper's..... Aug. 2, 3
Carleton, at Flat Rock..... Aug. 9, 10

Proctor, at Providence..... Aug. 12
Green's Creek, at G. C..... Aug. 14
Iredell, at Lanham..... Aug. 16, 17
Stephenville mls, at Shelby..... Aug. 23, 24
DeLeon..... Aug. 23, 24
Desdemona, at Victor..... Aug. 23, 24
Carbon mls, at Jewell..... Aug. 23, 24
Carlton, at G..... Sept. 7
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Ablene District—Third Round.
Clisco..... July 19, 20
Eula, at Clyde..... July 26, 27
Baird..... July 26, 27
Truby, at Midway..... July 30
Colorado sta..... Aug. 2, 3
Snyder, at Dunn..... Aug. 2, 3
Chalmers, at Eikin..... Aug. 9, 10
Putnam..... Aug. 9, 10
Big Springs..... Aug. 16, 17
Roby, at Avalon..... Aug. 23, 24
Buffalo Gap, at Elm Grove..... Aug. 23, 24
Sweetwater..... Aug. 23, 24
Ablene..... Sept. 12, 14
E. A. Smith, P. E.

West Texas Conference.
Llano District—Fourth Round.
Llano Sta..... Aug. 2, 3
San Saba Mts. (2 p. m.)..... Aug. 9
San Saba Sta. (5 p. m.)..... Aug. 9
Cherokee Cir..... Aug. 16, 17
Blanco Cir..... Aug. 23, 24
Johnson City Cir..... Aug. 23, 24
Wilcox City Cir..... Aug. 23, 24
Rock Springs Mts..... Sept. 6, 7
Bandera and Medina Cir..... Sept. 6, 7
Kerrville Mts..... Oct. 4, 5
Boerne Mts..... Oct. 11, 12
Center Point Sta..... Oct. 11, 12
Kingsland Mts..... Oct. 11, 12
W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Chico District—Fourth Round.
Port Lavaca, at Traylor's..... 2d Sun. Aug.
Victoria..... 4th Sun. Aug.
Yorkton..... 1st Sun. Sept.
Ranches, at Union Hill..... 2d Sun. Sept.
Loreville, at Union Hill..... 2d Sun. Sept.
Lance, at Range..... 4th Sun. Sept.
Edna..... 1st Sun. Oct.
Clear Creek, at Clear Creek..... 2d Sun. Oct.
Clear Home, at Shiner..... 2d Sun. Oct.
Nursery, at Conover..... 4th Sun. Oct.
Cairo..... Oct. 2, 3
Hallettsville, at Mountain..... 1st Sun. Nov.
Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round.
Center Point sta..... July 19, 20
Boerne cir, at Sta..... July 26, 27
W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

San Antonio District—Third Round.
Moore cir..... July 19, 20
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. 2, 3
Prospect Hill..... Aug. 9, 10
Travis Park..... Aug. 16, 17
Sherman Street..... 2d Sun. In Aug.
South Heights..... 2d Sun. In Aug.
Comal..... 7:30 p. m. 2d Sun. In Aug.
Carrizo and Batesville..... 4th Sun. In Aug.
B. Harris, P. E.

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

San Marcos District—Third Round.
San Marcos cir, at Long Branch..... 2d Sun. July
Kyle and Pleasant Grove, at P. G..... 4th Sun. July
Gonzales sta..... 1st Sun. Aug.
Sterling Fisher, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Sulphur Springs District—Third Round.
Cunby cir, at Gafford's Ch..... July 19, 20
Cold Hill mls, 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. P. M. 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
Kilohike Bay..... Sept. 13, 14
Relly Springs cir, at Shook's Chapel..... Sept. 20, 21
E. H. Casey, P. E.

Greenville District—Third Round.
Neola, at Meadow View..... July 19, 20
Kavanaugh..... July 26, 27
Cabrille, at Olive Branch..... July 26, 27
Campbell, at Jacobia..... July 26, 27
Commerce mls, 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 mls, at Grove Hill..... Aug. 23, 24
Quintan, at Union Valley..... Aug. 23, 24
Greenville mls, at Concord..... Sept. 6, 7
Wesley, Greenville..... Sept. 6, 7
Leonard and Orange Grove..... Sept. 13, 14
O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Gainesville District—Third Round.
Burns, at Friendship..... July 19, 20
North Gainesville, at Canady..... July 26, 27
Sanger, at Bolivar..... Aug. 2, 3
Montague, at Woodland..... Aug. 9, 10
Greenwood, at Rush Creek..... Aug. 16, 17
Rooston, at Rooston..... Aug. 16, 17
Belyer, at Spanish Fort..... Aug. 23, 24
Noegna..... Aug. 23, 24
St. Jo, at Myra..... Aug. 30, 31
Bonita, at Illinois Bend..... Sept. 6, 7
Marysville, at Silver's Bend..... Sept. 13, 14
Roanoke and Ponder..... Sept. 20, 21
Geo. S. Sexton, P. E.

Dallas District—Third Round.
Wheatland, at Wilmer..... July 19, 20
Cedar Hill, at Duncanville..... July 26, 27
Lancaster, at Hutchins..... Aug. 2, 3
Oak Lawn..... Aug. 9, 10
Trinity..... 8 p. m. Aug. 10
Aygles, at Chin's Chapel..... Aug. 16, 17
Lewisville..... 8 p. m. Aug. 17
Grand Prairie, at Bethel..... Aug. 23, 24
First Church..... 11 a. m. Aug. 21
Lecton..... 8 p. m. Aug. 21
Cocharn and Caruth, at Caruth..... Sept. 6, 7
Farmers Branch..... Sept. 13, 14
I. W. Clark, P. E.

Ponham District—Third Round.
Ladonia..... 2d Sun. July
Bonham..... 4th Sun. July
Honey Grove cir..... 1st Sun. Aug.
Balley..... 2d Sun. Aug.
Dodd and Windom..... 2d Sun. Aug.
Petty..... 5th Sun. Aug.
Lanhus..... 5th Sun. Aug.
Trenton and Marvin..... 1st Sun. Sept.
Honey Grove..... 2d Sun. Sept.
Brookston and High..... 2d Sun. Sept.
Gober..... 4th Sun. Sept.

Randolph..... 1st Sun. Oct.
Fannin..... 2d Sun. Oct.
T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Sherman District—Third Round.
Travis Street..... 2d Sun. July
Willow Street..... 2d Sun. July
Royce..... 4th Sun. July
Howe..... 1st Sun. Aug.
Bells..... 2d Sun. Aug.
Collinsville..... 2d Sun. Aug.
Whitesboro..... 2d Sun. Aug.
Van Aistyne..... 2d Sun. Aug.
Yan Grove..... 2d Sun. Aug.
Whitewright..... 4th Sun. Aug.
Gordonville..... 5th Sun. Aug.
Sherman cir..... 1st Sun. Sept.
Southmayd..... 2d Sun. Sept.
Tioga and Gunter..... 2d Sun. Sept.
J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Terrell District—Third Round.
Reinhardt, at Pleasant Mound..... July 19, 20
Kemp, at Wilson Chapel..... July 26, 27
Garland..... Aug. 2, 3
Kaufman mls, at Pleasant Val., Aug. 9, 10
Royce..... Aug. 9, 10
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
Hisham, at Bethel..... Sept. 6, 7
Mishank, at Prairie Hill..... Sept. 13, 14
J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Bowie District—Third Round.
Rhame, at Briar..... July 19, 20
Boyd, at Boyd..... July 26, 27
Alford, at Rush Branch..... July 26, 27
Jackboro, at Sunset..... July 26, 27
Chico, at Sand Flat..... Aug. 2, 3
Cration, at Valley View..... Aug. 2, 3
Decatur sta..... Aug. 9, 10
Decatur cir, at Sand Hill..... Aug. 16, 17
Bryson..... Aug. 16, 17
Brenner cir, at Richardson..... Aug. 23, 24
Holiday..... Aug. 23, 24
Archer City..... Aug. 23, 24
Blue Grove..... Aug. 23, 24
F. O. Miller, P. E.

McKinney District—Third Round.
Bethel cir, at Prosper..... July 19, 20
Nevada cir, at Bear Creek..... July 26, 27
Union and Roseland, at R..... Aug. 2, 3
Allen cir, at Lebanon..... Aug. 9, 10
Princeton cir, at Bytine's Ch..... Aug. 16, 17
Piano sta..... Aug. 23, 24
Brenner cir, at Richardson..... Aug. 23, 24
Blue Ridge cir, at Pleasant Cr. S-pt. 6, 7
Wylie cir, at Murphy..... Sept. 13, 14
Weston cir..... Sept. 20, 21
Copeville mls..... Sept. 27, 28
Melissa mls..... Oct. 4, 5
Frank A. Rosser, P. E.

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San Augustine District—Third Round.
Center cir, at Newburn..... July 19, 20
Lufkin mls, at Wallace Chap..... July 26, 27
Burke cir, at Stanley Creek..... July 26, 27
Uvalde, at Uvalde..... Aug. 2, 3
Nassadoches sta..... Aug. 9, 10
Melross cir, at Fairview..... Aug. 16, 17
Appley mls, at North Street..... Aug. 16, 17
Center sta..... Aug. 16, 17
Other notices to follow.
A. J. Weeks, P. E.

Tyler District—Third Round.
Canton, at Canton..... July 19, 20
Emory..... July 26, 27
Athens..... Aug. 2, 3
Meridith, at Goshen..... Aug. 9, 10
Crouse and Overton..... Aug. 9, 10
Edson, at Holly Springs..... Aug. 16, 17
New York..... Aug. 23, 24
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.
Texarkana, State Line..... July 26, 27
Texarkana, Fairview, p. m. July 26, 27
Winfield, at Winfield..... Thu. July 24
Quitman, at Stinson's Chapel..... July 26, 27
Leokung, at Union Ridge..... Aug. 2, 3
Napels, at Hamill's Chapel..... Aug. 9, 10
Linden, at Jones' Chapel..... Fri. Aug. 15
Atlanta..... Aug. 17, 18
John Adams, P. E.

Palestine District—Third Round.
Ekkhart cir, at Shades..... July 19, 20
Grapsland 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 Belton..... Aug. 16, 17
Brushy Creek, at B. C. U..... Aug. 16, 17
Grosvon, at Saron..... Aug. 23, 24
Trinity, at Lovelady..... Aug. 23, 24
Augusta..... Aug. 23, 24
Alto..... Sept. 6, 7
W. P. Davis, P. E.

Marshall District—Third Round.
Harleton, at Mims..... July 19, 20
Church Hill, at Pleasant Hill..... July 26, 27
Henderson, at Good Springs..... Aug. 2, 3
Hallsville, at Summerfield..... Aug. 9, 10
Kilgore..... Aug. 16, 17
Harmony, at Midgett..... Aug. 16, 17
Arleston, at Bethel..... Aug. 16, 17
First Church, Marshall..... Aug. 23, 24
Northside, Marshall..... Aug. 23, 24
Call cir, at Laurus..... Aug. 23, 24
Kellyville..... Aug. 23, 24
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Beaumont District—Third Round.
Chester cir, at Woodville..... July 19, 20
Woodville cir..... July 26, 27
Kountze cir..... July 26, 27
Sibley mls..... July 26, 27
Jasper mls..... July 26, 27
Beaumont, First Church..... Aug. 2, 3
Orange..... Aug. 9, 10
Jasper and Kirbyville, at K..... Aug. 16, 17
Buckeye cir, at Parr's Chapel..... Aug. 23, 24
Call cir, at Laurus..... Aug. 23, 24
Livingston, at Corrigan..... Aug. 23, 24
Leggett mls, at Goodrich, Aug. 23, 24
J. W. Johnson, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Calvert District—Third Round.
Calvert sta..... Fri., July 15
Hearne and Wheelock, at Mt. Vernon..... Sat., July 15
Petteway cir, at Harmony..... Sat., July 15
Reynold sta..... Fri., Aug. 1
Travis cir, at Cedar Springs..... Sat., Aug. 2
Lott cir, at Goltido..... Sat., Aug. 9
Durango cir, at Blevens..... Sat., Aug. 9
Marlin sta..... Fri., Aug. 15
Remond and Reagan, at R. Sat., Aug. 15
Kosse cir, at Stranger..... Sat., Aug. 15
Franklin sta..... Mon., Aug. 15
H. M. Sears, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round.
Sandy Point, at Parker's..... July 19, 20
Alvin..... July 26, 27
West End, Galveston..... Aug. 2, 3
Central Church, Galveston..... Sat., Aug. 2, 4
League City, at Pasadena..... Aug. 9, 10
Mont Belvieu, at Barber's Hill..... Aug. 16, 17
Cedar Bayou..... Aug. 17, 18

McAhan..... Aug. 23, 24
McKee Street..... Aug. 23, 24
Tabernacle..... Aug. 23, 24
Washington Street..... Aug. 23, 24
Shearn..... Aug. 23, 24
Richmond..... Aug. 23, 24
Rosenberg..... Aug. 23, 24
Matagorda..... Sept. 6, 7
Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

Austin District—Third Round.
McDade..... July 19, 20
Webberville..... July 26, 27
Manor..... Aug. 2, 3
Egin..... Aug. 2, 3
Mancha..... Aug. 9, 10
South Austin..... Aug. 16, 17
First Street, Austin..... Aug. 16, 17
Walnut..... Aug. 16, 17
Tenth Street, Austin..... Aug. 16, 17
Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin..... Aug. 19
E. S. Smith, P. E.

Huntsville District—Third Round.
Milligan and Courtney, at Weiborn..... July 19, 20
Garland..... July 26, 27
Navasota..... July 26, 27
Anderson, at Fairview..... July 26, 27
Walker, at Walker..... 10 a. m. July 26, 27
Hempstead..... Aug. 2, 3
Prairie Plains, at Johnson's Ch. Aug. 9, 10
Zion, at Alexander Chapel..... Aug. 16, 17
Iryan..... Aug. 16, 17
Madisonville, at Union..... Aug. 23, 24
Lodge, at Wavely..... Aug. 23, 24
Cotton..... Aug. 23, 24
Montgomery and Plantersville..... Aug. 23, 24
at Stoneham, Aug. 23, 24
Wills..... Sept. 6, 7
Huntsville..... Sept. 6, 7
Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Brenham District—Third Round.
Lexington, at Early Ch..... July 19, 20
Rockdale..... July 26, 27
Pleasant Hill, at Pleasant Forest..... July 26, 27
Huntsville..... Sept. 6, 7
Mayfield, at M..... Aug. 2, 3
Barnfield, at Ward's Ch..... Aug. 9, 10
Guterson..... Aug. 16, 17
Blanco, at Gumbo..... Aug. 23, 24
Davila, at D..... Aug. 23, 24
J. B. Cochran, P. E.

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Albuquerque District—Third Round.
Cotton..... Aug. 2, 3
Albuquerque..... Aug. 9, 10
Albuquerque..... Aug. 16, 17
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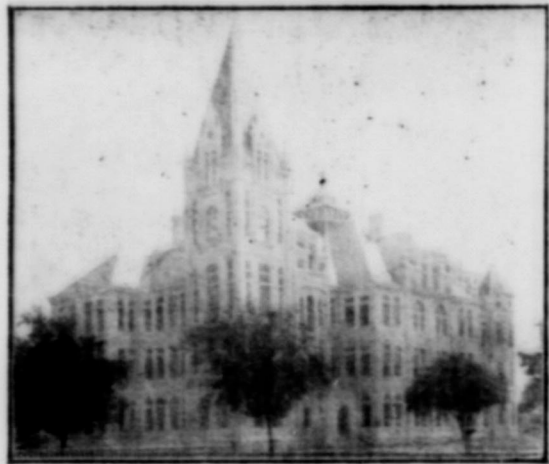
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