

# TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Per Annum, \$2.00

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE FIVE TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

To Preachers, \$1.00

Vol. XLIX.

Dallas, Texas, Thursday, November 13, 1902.

No. 12

## Editorial.

### THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROTESTANTISM.

Before the inauguration of the great Reformation by Martin Luther, Roman Catholicism ruled the intellect and the conscience of the Christian world. The priests were the sole readers and expounders of the Bible and the people received their religion at their hands without question. No man was permitted to think for himself or even to will for himself on matters of this character. And the same is true to-day with the adherents of that communion. They receive their religion from the priest just like the young bird receives its food from its mother's mouth. But the Reformation unfettered the conscience and lifted the priestly embargo from the intellects of men. They began to read the Bible for themselves and to investigate all questions of religion independent of the prescribed methods of the Church. And as Protestantism further and further asserted its supremacy, independent thinking and independent investigations became more and more the order of the minds of men. The ignorance and superstition, together with their heathenish rites and ceremonies, as practiced by the leaders of Romanism, were expelled from the minds and hearts of honest and thoughtful people and they became Christians, not because the priest commanded them to become such, but because it was right and scriptural. This was the beginning of the day of deliverance and since then the Bible has been placed in the hands of the common people for their reading and study. And to this fact can be traced the moral and intellectual progress of mankind. Those peoples and nations giving freedom of mind and consciences to men and training them to think and decide all questions of religion for themselves are the leaders to-day in commercial, civil and religious prosperity. But wherever Rome has held and continues to hold sway, unaffected by Protestantism, the people are still in the bondage of ignorance and superstition. Look at Mexico, Spain, Brazil and others. People whose minds and consciences are enslaved can not make progress in the arts of civilization. But the very fact that Protestantism has taken the shackles off the human mind and heart makes manifest the great responsibility thus placed upon the teachers and expounders of evangelical Christianity. Its work has made possible all the revolt against religion that has marked the progress of knowledge during the past century. No such condition could have obtained under the continued dominance of Romanism. That old system kept the intellect and conscience in servile obedience to the Church, but Protestantism turned it loose, and in its opposition to the thralldom imposed upon it by Romanism it swung to the other extreme and in some instances rebelled against all forms of faith. Hence the agnosticism, the infidelity and the skepticism of modern times. And where the intellect has not given up all faith much of its attention is now turned to the work of

destructive criticism and even the very foundations of the faith are being weakened in the house of its friends. And among other classes, not going so far, we have vagaries and isms without number, operating under the assumed guise of Christianity. Against all these, to say nothing of the worldliness which prevails in orthodox circles, the Protestant Church has now to contend. Will we be able by an earnest effort to preach the gospel and spread scriptural holiness over the land to stem these swiftly-gathering tides and hold the true Church steady to her purpose and aim? We verily believe that we will, but our success depends upon the fidelity of our ministers to the fundamental doctrines of the gospel and the devotion of our people to the old-fashioned type of spiritual religion. Humanity can not outlive the necessity for these, and upon us devolves the responsibility to give them in power and demonstration to the world. The issue is upon us in all its force and to meet it will require an undaunted faith in God, the fullness of salvation through Christ, the witness of the Holy Spirit, consecration to spiritual piety and a courage and a heroism that no opposition can withstand. With these elements of truth sacredly guarded and proclaimed Protestantism has nothing to fear.

### CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

We now have a great deal of machinery in connection with our conference work. Our Mission Boards, Church Extension Boards, Educational Boards, Epworth League Boards, Sunday-school Boards and the like all have to come in for their share of attention. Each one wants a night devoted especially to its line of work and it is usually followed up with a rousment and a collection. These anniversaries usually monopolize the nights of the conference sessions and take the place of good, spiritual and worshipful services. In some instances they are becoming a burden. Those who have charge of them often fail to give them any variety and to make them attractive and entertaining. They read dry reports made up of statistics and then follow them up with a long, dry address by some visiting brother. And the collection closes out the tedious performance. As a result a great many of the members of the conference and the people too do not care to attend the average Board Anniversary. The thing is irksome and nobody wants to be actually bored for two hours. Hence we suggest that those who have these matters in charge make some change in their programs and either make these occasions instructive and helpful or do away with them and give us regular preaching. There is entirely too much collecting done at them. The preachers all pay their part to these various causes at home and with their congregations, and so do the people who attend the conference, and to thus take advantage of them and double up the collection on them is growing burdensome. Why not give us a change in the procedure? If we are to have a report on such an occasion and an address, give us a live report and then put up a speaker who

can fling facts and fire into his discourse. Then the occasion will not be a drag and a bore. It is not every man who can hold and edify an audience, not even all our visiting brethren, and for the sake of the cause courtesy ought to be brought into subjection to the real demands of the great issue whose interests we are seeking to promote. It is results that we desire, and if the present method of conducting the average anniversary will not produce them, then change the method and give us something else.

### A CHANGE IN THE BEER LICENSE LAW DEMANDED.

It is well known that the revenue laws of the State only fix the price of a beer license at seventy-five dollars, while the liquor license is four times that amount. The discrimination was made in favor of beer because it was argued by the brewers that beer is the drink of the poor man, while other intoxicating beverages are the luxuries of the rich and the well-to-do people. And by putting a low license upon it the manufacturers and dealers would be able to sell it at a low price, and that the advantage of the transaction would be in favor of the poor of the State. But the argument is a subterfuge and is only intended to promote the interests of the breweries. Poor people drink as much liquor as rich people, and the support of the liquor industry comes from the struggling masses instead of from those who run large business establishments and live in fine houses. A casual glance at the conditions of society will establish this proposition. But if there were any truth in the argument it is more than offset by the undisputed fact that the low license on beer is only a mask used by the beer dive to avoid paying any liquor license whatever. There is not a beer joint in Dallas to-day, and for that matter there is not one in any other city or leading town in Texas, that does not sell liquor with as much regularity as the liquor saloons. And they are all doing it with a cheap beer license. True that they do not keep a large stock of liquors on hand, but they get it in smaller quantities in order to avoid detection and dole it out regularly to their customers, and it frequently happens that they use it to spike the beer in order to make the beer more palatable and popular. In every instance these violators of the law take out a United States revenue license because they are well aware of the fact that while they can pull the wool over the eyes of State and county officials they can not take any risk on Uncle Sam. In this fraudulent way the State and the county are cheated out of thousands and thousands of dollars every year, and these pimple-faced rascals reap the benefit of it. We are not surprised therefore that our efficient and honest State Revenue Agent, seeing this violation of law and the consequent loss of funds to the State, comes out and vigorously urges that the next Legislature so change the license law as to make beer selling pay the same amount for license that the liquor business pays for its privilege. It ought to be done by all means and the result will be twofold. In the first place

it will increase the beer license to three hundred dollars in the State and county and an equal amount in the corporate towns and cities and thus make the delinquent business help to pay more largely for the prosecution of the crimes that it is producing all over this land. In the second place it will break up the dives and joints now being run by thugs and outthroats and put the business in the hands of men who in some measure may be made to keep the law. The scummy fellows now running these joints and selling cheap whiskey along with beer would not be able to pay six hundred dollars for a license, and they would, for the most part, be forced out of the business. It all means let the change be made in our revenue laws by the next Legislature. The interests of the State and the moral good of the people demand it. We have had enough of this fraudulent business upon the part of men who neither fear God nor regard human legislation. Therefore let them be made to pay for their delinquency or be forced to cease from thieving practices.

Preachers ought to take something for granted when they announce a well known text. Many things connected with it are well known to the audience and to repeat them and dwell upon them at length is a waste of time and a tax upon the patience of the people.

It is not the few men of great genius upon whom the world depends for its best and since in the various walks of life, but the great army of peevish toilers who fill the medium places with faithfulness and integrity. They give us strength and permanency to business and to society.

Our Churches need preachers whose services result in bringing people to Christ and building them up in righteousness. Sometimes people get an idea that the preacher is a sort of recruiting agent to swell the number of the membership and increase its capacity for larger business. But this is a mistake. If the ministry of a man will produce deep conviction and earnest consecration, both the above results will be accomplished. But if these are lacking then there is nothing of a permanent character settled. Men who join the Church without religion are a menace to its spirituality, however much they contribute to the expenses of the organization.

The rose is a thing of rare beauty. Its colors and its symmetry are perfect. To look at it is to admire it and feel a just pride in it. But something else is necessary to make the rose valuable, and that is fragrance. Hence God has imparted to this beautiful flower an odor that sweetens the garden with its perfume. This is why it is such a popular member of the hothouse and of the yard. So it is with Christian life. Appearance is all right in their place, but the fragrance of sweet spirit is the test of our religion. When we love God and that love permeates the whole community, then men take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus.

**Signet Rings**  
**C. P. Barnes' Rings**  
 Possess a characteristic charm and style peculiar to themselves. For forty-four years they have been the recognized standard for quality, workmanship and artistic beauty. We excel in the production of signet rings.  
**LET US MAKE ONE FOR YOU.**  
 No. 1. Rose Gold, Ambrosia pattern, for men, \$5.00  
 No. 2. Rose Gold, Serpent pattern, for men, \$5.00  
 No. 3. Rose Gold Flower ring, for ladies, \$4.50  
 An engraving of two or three lines upon a polished finish as desired.  
 our Complete Ring Catalog, made from the simple Gold Band Diamond Cluster.  
**BARNES & CO.,**  
 101 West St., LOUISVILLE, KY.

---

**RUEBMEYER & SONS,**  
**ER Warehouse**  
 10 Broadway Street, NEW YORK

---

**E LIME CO.** Manufacturers of the celebrated and dealers in Portland and Hydraulic Cement, NEW YORK, TEXAS

---

**ING**  
  
**WORK**

---

**MENTS.**

**LL FRONT DROP**  
 id. The design of the factory furniture in Oak or Walnut beautifully curved drawers are of the corners of the wood with the grain light, yet strong, fitted with raised tenons and held below the which fit closely together so that it will insure the drawer working, a very common ordinary style of and the grain of wood, the general year's subscription fine machine for

---

**PREPAID.**  
 address  
**Dallas, Texas.**  
 that we have sold

---

**NEW YORK CHICAGO**

# Devotional and Spiritual

## JOHN RUSKIN ON HOLINESS.

The most cursory reader of Ruskin can not but be struck with his frequent references to holiness, not as an ecclesiastical or theological virtue, not as an imputed grace, but as a real and practicable experience. "I pray you with all earnestness," he exhorts, "to prove, and know, within your hearts that all things lovely and righteous are possible for those who believe in their possibility, and who determine that, for their part, they will make every day's work contribute to them." We are not to reject, in despair, all ideas of attaining holiness because of the fabulous or fantastic shapes given to it by human wilfulness and error, or by strained emotionalism. "The ardor and abstraction of the spiritual life are to be honored in themselves, though the one may be misguided and the other dissipated." Besides, "ardor and abstraction" are not essential elements of holiness; but character, in the best place, and then service. "This is not simply 'do's', and then 'shall' do; to show mercy is nothing; the soul must be full of mercy. To be pure in act is nothing; then must be pure in heart also." Purity of heart, that is, the purging away of the stain of the flesh, reverence, justice, kindness, meekness, the warp and the wool, the grain and the pith, of character.—Rev. R. C. Goodell, in the Methodist Recorder.

## ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION.

Would you know the doctrine of entire sanctification? Go up and gaze through the same skylight windows of your soul, looking unto the same Jesus. Put the largest lenses into the telescope of faith, such as "the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin." While you gaze through the glorious light of the Holy Ghost, Jesus the Sun of righteousness will appear in meridian splendor. At conversion, it was sunrise; now it is noontide; in the morning it was light, now it is light and fire; a few windows on one side only were illumined; now the whole "dome" is resplendent with the beauty of holiness, and, as you behold "as in the glass the glory of the Lord," you "are changed into the same image," from the glory of the morning to the glory of the perfect day; from the partial cleansing to entire purification; from the dewdrops of the dawning to the filling with all "the fullness of the blessing of Christ."

It is the full glory of perfect love, "which passeth knowledge." It is the perfect "peace of God which passeth all understanding." It is the flowing in of the fullness of the joy of the Lord "that your joy might be full." It is the perfecting the holiness begun at conversion. All the temple of your being is illumined with the holy light, just as it filled all the house and all the hearts where the one hundred and twenty were sitting on the day of Pentecost.

Listen to a few sample testimonies of those who speak the word of holiness and boldness, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Charles Wesley shouted:  
O glorious hope of perfect love!  
It lifts me up to things above;  
It bears on eagles' wings;  
It gives my ravished soul a taste,  
And makes me for some moments  
Feast  
With Jesus' priests and kings.

Frances Ridley Havergal exulted as she saw her perfect Savior, exclaiming: "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin! I see it all, and I have the blessing. It has lifted my whole life into the sunshine, to which all my precious experiences

were but as pale and passing April gleams compared with the fullness of the summer's glory. It was on Advent Sunday, December 2, 1873, I first saw the blessedness of true consecration, as a flash of electric light."

Frances Willard, at Evanston, Ill., entered into this beautiful rest, which inspired and glorified all her wonderful life. She said: "I can not describe the deep welling up of joy that gradually possessed me. I was utterly free from care. I was blithe as a bird. I did not ask myself, 'Is this my duty?' but just intuitively knew what I was called upon to do. The conscious emotional presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit held me. I ran about his errands 'just for love.' Life was a halcyon day, for I was shut in with the Lord."

What if all Christians would cry out with Wesley,

"O, that I might at once go up;  
No more on this side Jordan stop,  
But now the land possess."

Then the world would be filled with burning, irresistible testimonies, and the Church would come up out of the wilderness, leaning upon the arm of her Beloved, and every Christian soldier would have a millennium in his bosom, where his Lord had come to dwell, and the whole earth would become "filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea."

O! day of the Lord, come to thy Church! Then "thy sun will no more go down, neither thy moon withdraw herself, for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of mourning shall be ended."—Rev. Edwin Whittier Caswell.

## CHARACTER.

There is more cause for joy than for complaint in the hard and disagreeable circumstances of life. Browning said, "I count life just a stuff to try the soul's strength on." Spell the word "discipline" with a final "g"—"discipling." We are here to learn Time's lesson for Eternity's business. What does it signify if the circumstances about us are not of our choice, if by them we can be trained, learning the lessons of patience, fortitude, perseverance, self-denying service, acquiescence with God's will, and the hearty doing of it. Circumstances do not make character. The noblest character can emerge from the worst surroundings, and moral failures come out of the best. Just where you are, take the things of life as tools, and use them for God's glory; so you will help the kingdom come, and the Master will use the things of life in cutting and polishing you so that there shall some day be seen in you a soul conformed to His likeness.—Maltbie D. Babcock, D.D.

## SORROW'S USE.

But the sorrow that is meant to bring us nearer to God may be in vain. The same circumstances may produce opposite effects. I dare say there are people who will read these words who have been made hard and sullen and bitter and paralyzed for good work because they have some heavy burden to carry, or some wound or ache that life can never heal. Ah, brother, we are often like shipwrecked crews, of whom some are driven by the danger to their knees, and some are driven to the spirit casks. Take care that you do not waste your sorrows; that you do not let the precious gifts of disappointment, pain loss, loneliness, ill health, or similar afflictions that come in your daily life mar you instead of mending you. See that they send you nearer to God, and not that they drive you further from Him. See that they make you more anxious to have the dura-

ble riches and righteousness which no man can take from you, than to grasp at what may yet remain of fleeting earthly joys. So let us try to school ourselves into the habitual and operative conviction that life is a discipline. Let us beware of getting no good from what is charged to the brim with good. May it never have to be said of any of us that we wasted the mercies which were judgments, too, and found no good in the things that our tortured hearts felt to be also evils, lest God should have to wail over any of us: "In vain have I smitten your children; for they have received no correction."—Alexander Maclaren.

## AS WE LOVE WE GIVE.

A man who loves his home gladly gives to the extent of his ability and its needs, and without being appealed to for such liberality. The man who loves God supremely will count it a privilege to give liberally to his cause. The plain if painful truth seems to be that most of us love him very little, else why are there empty missionary treasuries, and why unnumbered millions of heathen who have never heard about our Savior? Do we not give thousands to self-gratification and beggarly tens to world-wide evangelization? Are we not devoting days and years to acquiring wealth for ourselves and grudgingly giving a few hours each week to the service of him who redeemed us? Poorly sustained Churches and half-supported pastors at home and lamentable lack of Christian workers abroad all rise up to exclaim in the name of the Master: You do not love God! In times of financial depression what expense do you cut off first, the luxury of your home or the amount you pay to the support of your Church? Economy ought to begin last with what we pay into the treasury of the Lord, and if we loved him as we ought it would be so.—Sunday School Times.

## LIGHT ON SCRIPTURE TEXTS.

"Put thou my tears into thy bottle."

Mr. William E. Curtis, writing from the ancient city of Damascus, and describing the scenes and customs of that primitive people, throws an interesting light upon the above text. He says:

"In ancient times it was customary to preserve the tears shed on funeral occasions, each professional and actual mourner being provided with a bottle called a 'lachrymatory,' made of thin glass or pottery, with long, slender necks and funnel-shaped mouths, in order to catch the tears. It was customary to cork and seal these tear-bottles carefully and place them in the coffins of the dead as a complimentary testimonial, the amount of tears shed being a measure of the grief. You will find several allusions to this custom in the Bible, and if you have the opportunity of attending a funeral in Damascus, or any other of the ancient towns of Syria, which have not been affected by modern innovations, you will witness manifestations similar to those of David over the body of Absalom and Jeremiah over the daughter of my people."

"The marks of the Lord Jesus." "A slave once carried a secret message, written in punctures on the skin of his head, which had been shaved bare to receive the writing. When the hair was grown again he went unsuspected. The person to whom the message was sent, having shaved the letter-carrier's head, read the message. St. Paul carried in his body the marks of the Master to whom he belonged, and whom he served. The welts made by the Roman victor's rods, with which he was thrice beaten; the red lines of those most 200 stripes, which had been laid on him by the Jews, and the scars left by the stones which

had bruised and beaten him down, so that he was left for dead—these 'marks of the Lord Jesus' he carried with him, the proofs as to whose he was and whom he served.

"Such 'marks' are a badge of true nobility. Instead of shrinking from receiving them, we should rejoice to be permitted to receive them."—Exchange.

## LONG LIFE.

I got a good deal of comfort out of that promise. I don't think that means a short life down here—seventy years, eighty years, ninety years or one hundred years. Do you think that any man living would be satisfied if he could live to be one hundred years old and then have to die? Not by a good deal. Suppose Adam had lived until to-day and had to die to-night, would he be satisfied? Not a bit of it! Not if he had lived a million years and then had to die.

You know we are all the time coming to the end of things here—the end of the week, the end of the month, the end of the year, the end of school days. It is end, end, end all the time. But, thank God! He is going to satisfy us with long life; no end to it, and endless life.

Life is very sweet. I never liked death; I like life. It would be a pretty dark world if death were eternal, and when our loved ones die we were to be eternally separated from them. Thank God! it is not so; we shall be reunited. It is just moving out of this house into a better one; stepping up higher and living on and on forever.—Rev. D. L. Moody, D.D.

## A QUESTION AT A BALL.

A correspondent of the Indian Witness, warning its Christian readers against dancing, relates the following incident:

A young lady of my acquaintance in a city of India was preparing to join the Church and felt the solemnity of the vows she was about to make. At once she gave up dancing, and in vain worldly friends urged her to join this amusement; but, meeting a Christian lady, by whom she was told that "dancing is no harm," she, being very fond of the amusement, returned to it. She still regarded herself as a Christian, and would certainly not have resumed dancing but for her friend's assurance that there was "no harm" in it. At a ball shortly afterward, she asked a partner in the dance, "Are you a Christian?" His reply was, "No; nor you, or you would not be here!" She quit the ball-room and sought counsel from another Christian lady, who spoke of pleasures that were everlasting, and led her to Jesus.

She felt dancing to quite be out of the question, and has since then been satisfied with the joy she has in Christ. It is no self-denial to stay away from the dance, for she has higher pleasure in Him.

## THE LAW OF SERVICE.

Some Churches would do much for themselves by studying earnestly to do something for others. The law of service is the law of growth and happiness. "He that will be greatest among you, let him be your servant." It was said of Jesus, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." The law of his life was to save the world, to give himself for others. We should emulate his example. Service is the stuff out of which characters are made. We should always be rescuing somebody. Arouse the sleeping souls. Encourage the despondent ones. Infuse life into all hearts. Welcome strangers to the sanctuary. Give them a hand-lasp and a seat. Never fail to show hospitality. God forbid that Methodists should lose in any degree the habit of making the Church a spiritual home for every-

body, a complete and cozy soul refuge where humanity of every hue may find solace and repose.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

Do you recall those days when the home was darkened by the absence of one who was its light? There were six weeks once that seemed eternity to me. It was night, and they woke me to say that she had come! It was a child's resurrection from the dead. Oh, the dear face that lent to mine! I feel its benediction after three-score years and more. Often in those years since, I have seen God's children waiting for the vision that should make them glad. I see them now every day, those tired, toil-worn, time-worn faces; they are on every street, in almost every home. Sometimes the sight is too much; a city street is a moving tragedy. They go, they go with sweeping truly, weary and heavy-laden; life is harder than they knew; it beats like the billows on their tossing helplessness, it breaks in upon the happiest hours, the most sheltered homes, with cry and stress and woe. What could we do if we did not have the psalm of a personal trust: "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations!" How it soothes our spirits when we remember God's waiting and watching love! What a hovering, enrapturing presence is that bending over us in the night—"and God shall wipe away all tears from all faces!" That is the supreme triumph of His personality. That assures me of my own personal immortality. That teaches me to believe and to testify that those whom we call dead are alive now. For they see God's face, and their faces shine back to ours with the ineffable glory.—Rollin A. Sawyer, D.D.

In the holy land lived a man called Eliab, whom God had blessed with earthly goods. He was also cunning in all the wisdom of the East. But all this could not bring peace to his heart; he was often full of sorrow and wished to die. Then a man of God came to him, and showed him an herb possessed of wonderful powers of healing; but Eliab said: "What is that to me? My body lacks not health; my soul is diseased. It were better for me to die." "The herb will do thy heart good," said the man of God. "Take it, and heal seven sick men and then thou mayest die if thou wilt." Eliab did as he was desired, and sought out misery in its abiding places. He healed seven sick people and succeeded the poor with his riches. Then the man of God came again to him and said, "Here is an herb of death; now thou mayest die." But Eliab cried: "God forbid! My soul longeth no more for death, for now I comprehend the meaning and use of life."—Krummacher.

The Christian must have the mind of the Master, as far as possible, and he must obtain this by a study of Christ's precepts and example. Christ said: "I do always the things that please him." Just to the extent that we cannot say so, we come short of his example. We forget his presence, we neglect his power—criminal forgetfulness, an inexcusable neglect. He has provided for contingencies. He is always with us to the end. His grace is sufficient for us. "These things I write unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." He is a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. The duel for the soul that we neglect goes on. The adversary never ceases to tempt, to accuse, to entrap. The Advocate never ceases to plead, to persuade, and to save. Jesus Christ is always engaged in endeavoring to save your soul and mine.—Methodist Protestant.

# The W

On Monday morning left Houston in car Hendrix for Flores West Texas. Conto the Arkansas Pass passes the place on tonto. The rain and it kept up the distance we had 200 miles, and a sugar and rice west Texas. The immense, and it is came ready for the heading finely and excellent. A few years grew but little extra now they are valuable becoming more so tries are developed her of large mills prepared for market.

I found Bishop most companionable it has been my long time. He has all departments of has traveled largely has seen and read and he is a fine man. Then, too, he is a man. Add to this possessed of a bit and he is a most interesting. There is nothing better. On the contrary, he is a most interesting and general preacher him as far were an old-fashioned and talk with him place things of life, voiced in his philosophy. The more with him in the more the great and the brother reknown him rather great years, but the Houston has ever hanced my esteem brotherly companion and a splendid bit interested in all Texas work, and to learn our needs of sources. He talks and especially the condition of our good to find thorough interest in Church they want to meet him about any in them kindly and he comes to consult he is very well postelligently. He is ward all the precautions, studies, oughly and deals ingly. He also looks the work and malicern. He wants to to their fitness to think he has any deals impartially my decided imping 200 miles watching him in his conference.

We reached Flores and were met at Renfro and Webb home. I was pleased O. D. Rhode. Such the hour that I best home and disturb me with such a welcome that I was them. Tired and in a cozy room and bed, where I rest whole night. Bro, a day or so later, royally entertained homes in Texas.

On Tuesday the drop in, and at a meeting of the West Brotherhood, Dr. A erod the annual address a spare-made man complexion, possessed mind and gifted made a most fas



STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1901-02.

Table with multiple columns: NAME OF DISTRICT, Local Preachers, Members, Total Members, Additions on Professions of Faith, Additions by Certif. or Otherwise, Removals by Death, Certif. or Otherwise, Adults Baptized, Infants Baptized, Societies in Charge, Number of Houses of Worship, Value of Houses of Worship, Indebtedness on Houses of Worship, Number Parsonages, Value of Parsonages, Indebtedness on Parsonages, Value of District Parsonages, Indebtedness on District Parsonages, Value of Other Church Property, Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages, Churches Damaged or Destroyed, Amount of Damage, Insurance Carried, Premiums Paid, Loans Sanctioned, Collections on Income. Includes sub-tables for Epworth Leagues, Sunday Schools, and various financial reports.

West Texas Conference.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE THREE. was reported good and the church property is being rebuilt.

Rev. J. W. Stovall, of Cuero District, said that while his territory had suffered much, yet some church improvements were reported. The assessments and the salaries were in advance of previous years. The brethren keep in good heart and work faithfully.

Rev. A. L. Scarborough did a good work at Victoria. Cuero Station suffered during the year on account of the fact that the pastor, Rev. B. C. Roach, gave up the work early in the summer. Youakum did well under Rev. J. W. Johnson. Nearly all the other charges in this district are circuits, and they suffered greatly on account of the crop failure. Rev. I. T. Morris reported everything in full in Runge and Helena Circuit.

Llano District was represented by Rev. W. H. H. Biggs. His territory suffered greatly on account of the succeeding draughts. Nevertheless the interest and spiritual state of the district is measurably good. This is one of the difficult fields of the Conference, but Bro. Biggs and his preachers wrought nobly and well, and did their utmost in the name of the Master, and their labors were not in vain. That work has a future, and the men are there who will develop it.

Rev. J. H. Harrison reported the San Antonio Female College in a prosperous condition. It is filled with young ladies, and the faculty is first-class and they are doing good work. The property is very valuable, and it only has a small indebtedness. This is one of our best institutions, and doing a great work for West Texas. Scholarship is the aim of the college.

In the afternoon Rev. W. D. Bradfield preached to a full congregation on the text, "The joy of the Lord is

thy strength." It was a thoughtful and deeply spiritual sermon, and it was followed with an old-time hand-shaking and songs of rejoicing.

At night a great congregation gathered to hear Dr. A. F. Watkins, of Mississippi, deliver his address in behalf of the Endowment Fund for our superannuate ministers. Bishop Hendrix introduced the speaker with a few preliminary remarks of a very appropriate character. Dr. Watkins is a tall, spare man, with light complexion and hair, and a face and a form not unlike Sam Small. He is a cultivated and a highly polished speaker. His voice is a trifle husky, but he is a thinker and an orator. He has a profound and comprehensive grasp of his subject, and his diction is faultless. He uses no notes whatever, but his sentences are like carved marble bulged into a finished temple. He is lucid, perspicuous and magnetic in his ideas and delivery, and now and then he illustrates and enforces his utterances with a flash of genuine wit and humor. For one hour he held the undivided attention of his audience with the best and most all-round and convincing speech that we have heard from any connection officer since the time when Bishop Wilson was making the rounds as our Missionary Secretary. It was fruitful of results, and a collection in subscriptions followed amounting to \$585. It was refreshing to hear a man with such gifts thus represent so sacred a cause. There was no mistake made when Dr. Watkins was put at the head of this movement, for it is rare that a man of such platform gifts comes before our conferences. And yet there is no apparent effort upon his part to indulge excessive elocution or display. His eloquence is not that of words only, but of thought and consecrated earnestness. He convinces and moves an audience to liberal giving. He appeals to the head, he persuades the heart and he stimulates the conscience. I hope our other Texas conferences will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Watkins and come under the spell of his masterful speech.

The devotional service Friday morning was well attended. Dr. Watkins had charge of this service, and it was truly helpful. This is a departure from the regular order, but it is a needed one and it restores the spiritual fervor of the conference seasons, and Bishop Hendrix has done a wise

thing in starting off the business with this sort of special religious exercise.

Rev. I. K. Waller, the pastor of the Church, was present for the first time since the conference met. He was looking very tired, but it was a matter of gratitude that he had sufficiently recovered to take his place with his brethren. He had done a fine work, and had his people in good shape for taking care of the delegates. He was given a cordial reception.

Rev. Theophilus Lee reported the San Angelo District. Fell a trifle short in collections. Had a net increase of over 200. During his quadrennium he has had over 700 increase. Most of these come from revivals. Have improved our church property and built a good district parsonage. The work has steadily gone forward.

Rev. J. D. Scott: "San Angelo charge is in good condition. Collections in full, and have had accessions."

All the preachers made good reports from this district.

Nath Thompson made a characteristic report, with everything up. He remarked that he had a new parsonage, and that the people wanted a nice preacher next year. The Bishop brought down the house by replying: "I guess they will have to have a change."

At this juncture the Bishop called up Bro. Lee and made a very facetious speech, and then delivered to him a handsome gold-headed cane as a token of the good-will and love of the preachers of the district. Bro. Lee was taken by surprise, and his speech was short. They also gave him a fine Oxford Bible.

Rev. J. J. Callaway, of West Point Circuit, did not arrive until Thursday. He had the misfortune to lose by death his oldest son, Martin, who died early in the week, after an illness of several days. His father and mother are greatly distressed at this affliction, but their faith in God sustains them. We extend to them our heart-felt sympathy.

Dr. P. H. Whisner, Church Extension Secretary, was introduced to the conference, and spoke at length upon the Church extension work. Dr. Whis-

ner has managed the affairs of this office with dispatch and correctness. He has mastered its details in a business-like way, and his work is one of the most helpful arms of the Church. Drs. J. J. Tigert and G. B. Winton arrived and were introduced. The former is our Book Editor and the latter is editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate.

The class for admission into full connection came forward and were addressed by the Bishop. He said in part: "My brethren, you come before the conference making a profession. It is a distinct profession. It not only entitles you to a support, but it obligates you to do your full duty as ministers of the gospel. You not only are required to possess gifts, to be good and to be useful, but more especially are you expected to set yourselves wholly apart to the one work of the ministry. To do this you must have Christ formed in you the hope of glory, so that men will henceforth take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus. Your answers to the questions propounded to you from the Discipline will publicly commit you to a separateness from the world and your oneness with Christ. 'Have you faith in Christ?' This is a vital question. It means more than an admiration for his intellect, for his humanitarianism or for his beauty of character. This is as far as some men ever get. But this does not make men genuine Christians. You must know him as the Christ of God, the Savior of men, the forgiver of sins. This question, then, involves the supernatural character of Christ—the one who is the final arbiter of men's destiny. Not until then can you preach Christ to men. There will come times when this doctrine will be your sole strength. Keep it alive and growing in your hearts, and men will know more and more that you are the sons of God. Now, another question: 'Are you going on to perfection?' The initial work begins in your regeneration, but it manifests itself in growth and maturity. If you remain an infant in your faith you will dwarf your possibilities. By faith, prayer and reading the Scriptures you must become full-grown men in Christ Jesus. Thus, at all stages of your experience, you are to go on to perfection in life and character till you reach the stature of Christ. Another question: 'Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?' This means

that you are to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. Where does this love come from? It comes of Christ's love. We love him because he first loved us. When we become conscious of this fact, then we are perfect in his love. It becomes in us a divine passion. We love him with all our power to love. When this is the case, Christ can commit any and all things to us, and our ministry becomes a power with men. Now, 'Are you groaning after it?' The measure of this agony for God is found in the earnestness of our prayers. Do we struggle for it? Do the late hours of the night hear the echoes of importunity after God? If so, perfect love will come, and you will be filled with all the fullness of God. Again, 'Will you be subject to the Discipline?' You can do nothing only as you co-operate with law. Obedience is the secret of true success. You must observe our system of law. This system is the concrete wisdom of the wisest and the best men in Methodism from time immemorial. It is wiser than you are. Then conform your acts to its requirements, and it will make you a humble and devoted minister in the Church of God. And, finally, 'Will you visit the people?' This you must do if you are to reach them. It requires more grace and devotion to make a real pastoral visit than to prepare a sermon. In this way the gospel becomes applied." The above is an outline of what was a very fine address.

CHILDREN'S HOME.

A Well Run Place.

At a children's home in Fort Wayne, Ind., they have entirely abandoned coffee because of the bad effect of it. Mrs. M. B. Gorsline, who is the matron, is meeting with grand success. She was compelled four years ago to discontinue the use of coffee and after making several experiments concluded that Postum filled the bill and has used it ever since. She has charge of a family of children numbering from 22 to 30 and writes us, "I give Postum Coffee freely, using no coffee at all. The children are always well; we have had no sickness for two years, except such as they contract at school like whooping cough, measles, etc. No bilious attacks, no fevers, no skin diseases. The children are all plump and in good condition. Clear complexions, no sallow or muddy looking faces, such as result from the use of coffee. We always make Postum strictly according to directions and it gives pleasure and health to all."

West Texas

CONTINUED FROM PAGE THREE. In the afternoon D. D. our Church preached an earnest congregation.

At night was his anniversary. Rev. the Texas Conference appointed Compton, and who is responsible of rab fund of Southwest present and delivered had a large audience first address, and presented the subject practical manner, divided attention close. Bro. Kilgo well educated, wit ally, and a very success has had a fine built one of the be in the conference. success of his wo the curators and versity have ect position and place of working through in the special in school. He start bespeak for him t operation of all th men of Texas Me sort of support he our business met in the endowment The work is a gre gore has a stout will, and it is bi to a success.

At the close of gert made a spee and it was greatl sion made a deep have a right to ex a good harvest.

Friday mornin the exercises with was spiritual, ev



Large vertical advertisement for CUTI, featuring the text 'Assisted by CUTI the Great Skin C... fying, and bea... cleaning the scal... dandruff, and the... for softening, whit... rough, and sore i... itchings, and chaf... poses of the toil... Millions of Wor... SOAP in the for... inflammations ar... or offensive pers... washes for slic... which readily... women, especial... of persusion ca... once used these... beautifiers to use... Complete Treatm... Consisting of CUTI... the skin of stud... the thickened cut... (the), to instantly... tion, and irritation... CUTI'S BLOOD... and cleanse the bl... CUTI'S RISK... (Caused) are a ne... nomical substitute... CUTI'S RISK... blood purifiers and... cap veins, contain... salt throughout t... Charleston, S. C., L... P. O. Box, FORT... Prop., James, G. S. J.

West Texas Conference.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE FOUR. In the afternoon Rev. P. H. Whisner, D. D., our Church Extension Secretary, preached an earnest sermon to a large congregation.

At night was held the educational anniversary. Rev. James Kilgore, of the Texas Conference, who is the newly-appointed Commissioner of Education, and who is charged with the responsibility of raising the endowment fund of Southwestern University, was present and delivered the address. He had a large audience, and this was his first address, and for one hour he presented the subject in a strong and practical manner, and he held the undivided attention of his hearers to the close. Bro. Kilgore is a young man, well educated, with a popular personality, and a very successful pastor. He has had a fine year at Cameron, and built one of the best church structures in the conference. Such has been the success of his work as a pastor that the curators and trustees of our University have elected him to this high position and placed upon him the duty of working throughout the whole State in the special interest of our great school. He starts out well, and we bespeak for him the sympathy and cooperation of all the preachers and laymen of Texas Methodism. With this sort of support he will be able to reach our business men and interest them in the endowment of the University. The work is a great one, but Bro. Kilgore has a stout heart and a strong will, and it is his purpose to push it to a success.

At the close of the address, Dr. Tigrer made a speech of rare interest, and it was greatly enjoyed. The occasion made a deep impression, and we have a right to expect it to bring forth a good harvest.

Friday morning Dr. Ward opened the exercises with a fine Bible talk. It was spiritual, evangelical and greatly

uplifting to the congregation. Then Dr. Harrison spoke on the origin, progress and present status of San Antonio Female College. He has done a remarkable work during his eight years' connection with the enterprise, and the college is standing there as a monument to his energy and business sagacity.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made their report, and they spoke well of the Advocate. As the time of Rev. B. Harris expired as a member of the Joint Board of Publication, Rev. J. M. Alexander was appointed to fill the vacancy. Dr. G. B. Winton, editor of the Nashville Advocate, addressed the conference in the interest of that paper. He was given a good hearing and a cordial welcome. The conference listened patiently to me while I represented the claims of the Advocate. The West Texas Conference is loyal to their organ.

Tenth Street, Austin, was unanimously selected as the place to hold the next session of the conference. Bro. Bradfield extended the invitation, and it was accepted with pleasure.

The report of the Committee on Education created a good deal of discussion, but it was adopted by a large majority.

Rev. H. A. Boaz, President of Polytechnic College, was presented and delivered a brief address on his school. He said if they did not find a college down here to agree with their views, to come on up to Polytechnic. Bro. Boaz captured the West Texas Conference.

The general statistical summary was then read by Rev. V. G. Thomas, Statistical Secretary.

The Sunday-school Board reported 216 schools, an increase of twenty. Observed Children's Day, but only forty-eight observed it. The total collections were \$244.88.

On Sabbath observance, Rev. Joe F. Webb read the report of the Sunday League of America and the resolution of the General Conference, and pledged the co-operation of the West Texas Conference.

Rev. L. C. Matthis was, by special report, continued on the effective list.

A discussion regarding insurance of our churches brought out a statement from Dr. E. S. Smith that to solicit business for the mutual insurance company recommended by our Insurance Board would subject a man, under the laws of Texas, to a fine of \$500 and six months' imprisonment. Dr. Whisner explained that the Insurance Board and the Church Extension Board were in no wise connected; that his department recommended no company, but insurance was absolutely necessary before help could be had from the Church Extension Board.

The following letter was handed by the Bishop to the Secretary to be read. After its reading, the Bishop said its importance and remarkable statements demanded close attention, and that it ought to be published in the Texas Christian Advocate:

Llano, Texas, Nov. 5, 1902. Dear Bishop Hendrix:

As Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of West Texas Conference, I beg to trespass upon your time for a few minutes. The interest of the work demands it.

In all the eighty-four or five pastoral charges there are only twelve organizations of this society. This assuredly is not all that can be expected of this large territory.

We have no money to pay the traveling expenses of an organizer, therefore we must depend upon pastors for extension of work.

They admit, almost without exception, that this organization in a Church in no way interferes with conference collections, but that by reason of increased dissemination of knowledge of the needs of foreign mission fields increased interest is awakened, followed by corresponding liberality. The inestimable results of the influ-

ence of these awakened mothers over their children will make possible in their generation the Students' Volunteer motto.

That the work is not insignificant is attested by the sixty-five missionaries in foreign fields, employed by the Woman's Board, and the over \$100,000 collected last year, this too being only the gleanings. Almost every dollar of this would be lost to the Church were it not for these channels, since this is largely an aggregate of pennies and dimes.

Confronted with these facts, what will our West Texas pastors do with the cause? Judging from answers to letters sent to every pastor, save one, in the unorganized charges, there will be one new organization this coming conference year. My encouragement is the following quotation from one of the letters:

"I am ashamed that I have not looked after the Woman's Foreign Missionary work more than I have. Please notice for my appointment after conference and send me lots of literature, and I will organize a society."

There is no uncertain ring in these words.

It would be necessary for you to read almost all the other hopeless compositions to have appreciated my ardent "Bless his soul" as I read it, which evoked the query from my little daughter, "Bless whose soul, mother?"

If our pastors had faith in the possibilities of organized womanhood for foreign missions, even in small Churches, they would imbue women with faith in themselves and in the work.

The obstacle most frequently urged by our pastors is that they have a Home Mission Society, and they don't think it advisable to try to take up the foreign. The one required monthly meeting in Home Mission Societies is not an obstacle to the one required in the Foreign Society. I doubt if any other should do this work. God can not use a woman in saving the souls and bodies of heathen if they are not already engaged in doing this for those around them. They dare not do one and leave the other undone. One organization is as much a part of the Church as the other.

Our pastors are not indifferent, only thoughtless, of their responsibilities in the matter. Arrest their thought, and you will have won victory for us.

Thanking you in advance for your time and any attention in your judgment seems best, I am a co-laborer "In His Name."

MRS. SAMUEL SPEARS

Just before the adjournment Saturday morning Nath Thompson arose to a question of personal privilege and read the following, amid the laughter of the audience and blushes of the Bishop:

"Bishop Hendrix: My reputation is about to suffer at your hands. I must now speak or forever after hold my peace. Not only have you kept me seated, but the boys say 'have set down on me.' While we preachers of the West Texas Conference glory in our history, we weep not in melancholy at the grave of the past, nor lazily wait the coming of the future, but with a happy heart we believe in appreciating and appropriating the present. Rev. Lundy Harris, once a professor in Emory College, now connected with our Board of Education at Nashville, once said in a sermon to the college body: 'Young gentlemen, if you have any flowers to waste on me, wait not to lay them on my grave, but scatter them along my path. I have a notion after I am dead I can't smell good.' I asked Bishop Candler once if, after a fellow got to be a big man, was he as happy and did he enjoy as much religion as he did when he was a little fellow. He says: 'Nath, I do not know about the big man, but I find this: the greater the responsibility the Church lays on a man the less sympathy he gets. Fruit was never found in caves, nor any flower planted by God wasted on desert air. The law of nature is the law of appreciation. We believe in heavenly recognition, and want to begin to practice it on earth. The well routed river bed is great and useful, but never does it become grand and beautiful till its banks are laved with living water and thirsty flocks find relief at its sides and man is refreshed by its springs. Before you came we knew you were great and useful, but now, having been refreshed by your living touch, you are to us grand and beautiful. Before you came you were our Bishop; now you are our brother. Before you came we admired you; now we love you.

Generally, appreciation is shown by some token. A gold-headed cane first came in mind. You are already golden-headed, set with those diamond eyes. A Bible? Long ago that was hid in your heart and its contents incarnated in your character. Some other book? You write books. You are from Missouri, and having heard of that proverbial collar full of apples, we bring you a barrel, the biggest thing on hand. Not for a moment do we believe it would take these to satisfy your appetite, but knowing your generous disposition, we thought maybe you might want to treat your friends, and we fear this will not be sufficient, so numerous are they."

At its conclusion a barrel of fine apples was rolled in front of the altar. The Bishop authorized Nath to open it, which was quickly done, the Bishop remarking:

"That reminds me that I had a letter from Bro. Thompson's late preceptor, now dear Bishop Candler, saying he wanted him for an important work in Georgia. The matter was submitted to Nath, and he said no, he'd stay in Texas, one reason being that everything he had ever submitted to the Texas Christian Advocate had been published. (Great laughter.) So Bro. Thompson stays among you—and we will eat his apples." (Renewed laughter.)

After a most delightful love feast Sunday morning, conducted by Rev. J. T. Gillett, Bishop Hendrix preached a great sermon to an audience that crowded the Church to the doors. His text was Acts 26:16, 17: "But rise and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness, both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; delivering thee from the people and from the Gentiles unto whom now I send thee." We can give only an outline of the discourse:

The three great events in the New Testament were the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the gift of the Holy Ghost and the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. The last event is considered of such importance that it is recorded no less than three times in one book. The first was proof of the divine origin of Christ; the second was proof of the comforting presence of the Master; the third was the proof of the living Christ in the lives and hearts of men.

Paul, who wrote thirteen of the epistles, the greatest of all the writers of the New Testament, never stood before a king except when in chains. The Bishop took the birth, education, prejudices and office of Saul of Tarsus and showed that it was impossible for such a man to accept the fact of the resurrection of Jesus on any other testimony except divine revelation. What amazement must have struck this learned, enthusiastic young Pharisee when he heard Stephen, as he raised his shining, streaming face toward heaven, say that he saw this Christ living and heard this first martyr talk to this Jesus, and asked him to forgive the mob that murdered him! Why had not Saul seen this same Jesus killed and buried? This was to him a fresh reason why he—Saul—must stand up to this heresy, this mad fanaticism. It was in this belief that he went armed towards Damascus. Nothing would convince Saul except a personal experience, a personal view of Jesus. And when he got a direct view of the face of this Jesus, whom he believed was dead, the sight of that shining face struck him blind.

But Paul wanted to see Jesus. He had struggled with his doubts. I believe that Paul was anxious to know if it were true. And so being anxious to know and see, he was willing to accept the fact. And hence his first question: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Since that day to this there has never been a man who wanted to see Jesus but to such our Lord has revealed Himself.

I want to have you follow with me what followed the chosen minister of God: In the first the conversion of Paul meant the bringing out the best in a man. "Stand on thy feet and I will talk to thee." When God calls a man it is not in a vision. It is to him when he is at his best—when his strongest faculties are alert, when his intellect is at his best in all respects. I believe in depravity as I believe in the deadly poison, so I believe in the gospel as an antidote. "As sin hath abounded grace doth much more abound." Who can tell how much the moral perfection of Jesus had to do

CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.

The Oil Cure.



With Soothing Balm Penetrating Oils. Dr. R. E. Woodard, 502 Main St., Little Rock, Ark.



STOPS PAIN. Ever since the first application of my medicine I have been free from all my troubles. I suffered with great pain in my back, back, stomach and legs, with terrible bearing down pains in the abdomen. During the last month I have been taking Woodard's Oil and Balm, and I have been free from all my troubles. I have been free from all my troubles. I have been free from all my troubles.

What is life worth to a woman suffering like Annie Davis suffered? Yet there are women in thousands of homes to-day who are bearing those terrible menstrual pains in silence. If you are one of these we want to say that this same

WINE OF CARDUI

will bring you permanent relief. Consult yourself with the knowledge that 1,000,000 women have been completely cured by Wine of Cardui. These women suffered from leucorrhoea, irregular menses, headache, backache, and bearing down pains. Wine of Cardui will stop all these aches and pains for you. Purchase a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui to-day and take it in the privacy of your home.

For additional names, address, etc., write to: "The Ladies' Aid Society," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

STOP Making Medicine Sharks Rich.

WALL SCHOOL. HONEY GROVE, TEXAS. The following program for the year will be held at the school. The school will be held at the school. The school will be held at the school.

WALL SCHOOL

HONEY GROVE, TEXAS. The following program for the year will be held at the school. The school will be held at the school. The school will be held at the school.

LEARN PROOFREADING.

WALL SCHOOL. HONEY GROVE, TEXAS. The following program for the year will be held at the school. The school will be held at the school. The school will be held at the school.

A GRAND INVENTION!

WALL SCHOOL. HONEY GROVE, TEXAS. The following program for the year will be held at the school. The school will be held at the school. The school will be held at the school.

AGENTS wanted with big territory. Write to: WALL SCHOOL, HONEY GROVE, TEXAS.

Millions USE CUTICURA SOAP

Assisted by CUTICURA OINTMENT, the Great Skin Cure, for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, for cleaning the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening, and soothing red, rough, and sore hands, for baby rashes, itchings, and chafings, and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery.

Complete Treatment for every Humour, \$1. Consisting of CUTICURA SOAP (25c), CUTICURA OINTMENT (25c), CUTICURA RESOLVENT (25c), CUTICURA RESOLVENT PILLS (25c), CUTICURA RESOLVENT (25c), CUTICURA RESOLVENT (25c).

love God with all your mind and strength. Where does it come from? It comes from God. We love him because he is. When we become Christians, then we are perfect. It becomes in us a new life. We love him with all our heart, mind, and strength. Now, 'Are you a Christian?' The measure of our love is found in the ear of God. Do we struggle in the late hours of the evening, do we struggle in the perfect love will be filled with all God. Again, 'Will you be disciplined?' You can be disciplined if you cooperate with God. This system is the measure of the wisest and the most perfect. It is the measure of the wisest and the most perfect. It is the measure of the wisest and the most perfect.

ON PAGE FIVE. IN'S HOME. Run Place. home in Fort Wayne, entirely abandoned. The bad effect of it. The child, we have had no school like whoop. No bilious. No skin diseases. all plump and in clear complexion. Postum strictly aids and it gives to all."







L. BLAYLOCK, Publisher.

Office of Publication—Corner Ervey and Jackson Streets.

Published Every Thursday at Dallas, Texas

Entered at the Postoffice at Dallas, Texas, as Second-Class Mail Matter.

G. C. RANKIN, D. D., Editor.

SUBSCRIPTION—IN ADVANCE.

ONE YEAR \$2.00
SIX MONTHS 1.00
THREE MONTHS .50
TO PREACHERS (Half Price) 1.00

All advertising rates address the Publisher.

All subscribers in active work in the M. E. Church, South, in Texas are agents and will receive and receipt for subscriptions.

Subscribers asking to have the dissection of a paper changed should be careful to name not only the postoffice to which they wish it sent, but also the one to which it has been sent.

DISCONTINUANCE.—The paper will be stopped only when we are so notified and all arrearages are paid.

BACK NUMBERS.—Subscriptions may begin at any time, but we can not undertake to furnish back numbers.

All remittances should be made by draft, postal money order or express money order, express or registered letters. Money forwarded any other way is at the sender's risk.

TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Northern Texas, Temple Nov. 12
North Texas, Tarrant Nov. 26
Texas, Crockett Dec. 2

Rev. Ellis Smith, of Crockett, whose picture appears in another place in this week's Advocate, will have charge of the conference, entertainment in his town at the coming season.

BISHOP E. E. HOSS TO LOCATE IN DALLAS.

We have it on good authority that after a careful consideration of the invitation extended to him by our delegates to the recent General Conference to locate in Texas that Bishop E. E. Hoss, D. D., has finally made up his mind to come to this great State some time during 1903; and of his own accord he has selected this city as the most eligible place to reside.

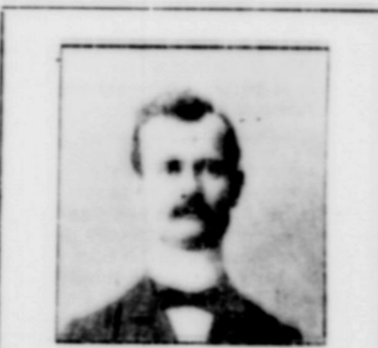
A SUNDAY IN SAN MARCOS.

For some time it has been my purpose to visit San Marcos and spend a Sunday with our good people there and see something of them in their Church services. So I left Floresville last Saturday, where I had been at the conference all the week, and dropped over to this most excellent community. On my way I stopped between trains at San Antonio and strolled about the city for a few hours.

The first place to which I repaired was our new Travis Park Church. I had read of it and I wanted to see it. It is built alongside of the old Church building in such a way as to make the old a part of the new auditorium when occasion demands it. But the old is now used as a Sunday-school room, to which it is admirably adapted.

Sunday morning a good congregation met at the Church and we had a profitable service. The Church structure is the best in the town. It is comfortable and roomy and it has about it an air of material and religious prosperity.

conference schools. It is under the charge of Professor Jno. E. Pritchett, a school man of large experience. His good wife has the boarding department in her hands and she is a woman of culture and a high type of refinement.



REV. ELLIS SMITH, Host of the Texas Conference, Crockett, Texas, Dec. 2, 1902.

men whom Southwestern University has ever sent out. The school has about fifty boarders or more in the building and in the homes of the people. In all they have more than two hundred matriculated so far this year.

I congratulate San Marcos on their good fortune. Such is the beauty and picturesqueness of location that naturally it is one of the most attractive places I have ever seen, and when you combine with this fact the exceptionally fine morals of the community, I know of no more desirable place for home and educational advantages.

THE SOUTHWESTERN ENDOWMENT PLAN.

Several weeks ago the Board of Curators of Southwestern University met at Georgetown to adopt a specific plan for the permanent endowment of the institution. The agitation in the Advocate created a great deal of interest on the subject and it was thought that the time was at hand when action should be taken.

It is under the charge of Professor Jno. E. Pritchett, a school man of large experience. His good wife has the boarding department in her hands and she is a woman of culture and a high type of refinement.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Maude L. Hendrix to Mr. Forest T. Reed, which event will take place the 20th of November, at the home of the bride's parents in Pilot Point.

We have an invitation to the marriage of Miss Bamah Randle to Mr. Porter R. Masters, which will take place November 19th, at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Randle.

West Texas Conference.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE FIVE.

with the mental perfection of Jesus? So it has been with God in dealing with men as he did with Christ. He recreated the very intellect of the man.

Paul's greatest thoughts are in his prayers. The Christian religion appealed to the best that was in him. "We thus become new creatures in Christ Jesus."

Our Savior was very careful to make plain to Paul that what he had seen and known. It is like our looking at the sun: turn our eyes away and we see the sun on everything—in every face we behold, in every leaf, in every hill. So after Paul had once looked into that blessed face he saw him in everything. It is most significant to me that thereafter Paul never tried to argue nor prove the existence, the reality of the living Christ.

But you are called to be witnesses. Paul was a faithful witness—even to the last, when he exclaimed: "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He was permitted to see things he could not even utter, as when he stood on the deck of the ship and testified that 14 years before he had been caught up with the third heavens.

The measure of God's revelation to us is the measure of how much we can stand. O, brethren, how many a man of God has broken down under the strain of trial. The measure of our strength is the measure of how much suffering we can stand.

their conversion are those who have not been with him in service.

I'll tell you when you will see Christ: When you are trying to withstand some great wrong; when you are undergoing some great injustice. We have never heard of Paul being afflicted in his own family.

To you, my brethren, called this day, I give this message: He will deliver you from the people and the Gentiles to whom he now sends you. To you he has already revealed himself, and will yet reveal himself, in service and trials and witnessings.

At the close of the sermon, O. F. Hatfield, G. C. French, E. H. Lovejoy and J. A. Pledger were ordained deacons.

Dr. Geo. B. Winton, editor of the Nashville Advocate, preached in the afternoon a heart-searching, comforting sermon that was an uplift to the great congregation, and fitly prepared every one for the memorial service that followed.

Dr. J. J. Tigert preached a sermon at night on the 139th Psalm that was strongly marked by his vigorous originality and keen analysis. It was a masterly presentation of the difference between the life lived by faith in God and that of the materialist.

At the opening of the last session Monday morning Bishop Hendrix took for the lesson, "Ministerial Friendship," and read parts of the third and fourth chapters of St. John's gospel. He said Plato's definition was about right: "A soul in two bodies."

When Brother J. C. Wilson had read the most flowery resolutions of thanks to the good people of Floresville for their splendid and cheerful hospitality to the Conference ever read before that body, the Bishop created a roar of laughter by remarking, "Well, brethren, there's enough perfume in that alabaster box to last more than a year."

Mr. Geo. F. Lupton, the genial and accommodating Assistant General Passenger Agent of the "Sap" road, came in for a good share of thanks. Mr. Lupton gave the reduced rate returning to those even who failed to get certificates, and he had extra coaches sent to comfortably care for the extra crowds.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The Conference now has seven districts and its borders are largely extended.

Nearly all the brethren in the territory ceded to the Conference by the Northwest Texas Conference returned to their old stamping-ground. But with only two or three exceptions all

the Texas brethren West Texas Confer

Rev. Theophilus I on the San Angelo Burnet and Marl splendid service as and now will try hi pastorate.

Rev. B. Harris, t of the Conference, g tonio District at th years and takes a p He neither wears o works splendidly at

Rev. J. W. Stova quadrennium on th steps down and ac tion. He is a schola ful preacher and a He will do well any

Rev. J. W. Johns San Antonio Distri strong, active and this the most impo Conference.

Rev. J. C. Wilson up and goes to the is a new experim will be equal to th a man of good ad a popular preacher move in his field.

Rev. J. D. Scott, stay in the pastori trict work. He will field with San An operation. He is c nable executives in He is strong and t not recognize the

Rev. J. W. Moor the Lonsville ( Travis Park Statio He is said to be a good pastor. He w up in a Holston par fine preaching sto ought to be able t And we have no fe succeed. He goes t lized.

We did not get speech of Dr. Seth stonary Anniversar as we had to leave ment on Sunday a we have heard go work and we know all responsibility t stand upon him. Texas.

The Bishop held practiced in Texas and changed ever whose four years t pastorate. Perhaps as it rotates the n gives the men and benefit of the chan it seems to have State. At least it satisfaction.

The Conference transfers from oth set the appointm charges supplied a That country is det works are being t these days it will our Methodism. t over there to mak

The brethren ha ever their educatio fected the practice They hit hard, but and the fur flew t vigor. But they t ground, laughed at the incident passed

SON Regular Edition. Each 25c. With Ch bound in cloth. Returnable copies for...



prison are those who have left him in service.

When you are trying to win some great injustice, ever heard of Paul being his own family.

B. Winton, editor of the Advocate, preached in the heart-searching, comfort-giving, and fitly prepared for the memorial service.

Rev. J. T. Graham, whose sermon transferred to the pastor and Mrs. Leona Buchanan.

Rev. J. W. Moore, a transfer from the Louisville Conference, takes Travis Park Station in San Antonio.

Rev. J. C. Wilson had read my resolutions of thanks to the people of Floresville for their cheerful hospitality.

Lupton, the genial and Assistant General Pastor of the "Sap" road, came to share of thanks.

CONFERENCE NOTES. The conference now has seven disorders largely explained.

The brethren in the terrible Conference by the returned stamping-ground. But or three exceptions all

the Texas brethren remained with the West Texas Conference.

Rev. Theophilus Lee, after four years on the San Angelo District, goes to Burnet and Marble Falls.

Rev. B. Harris, the veteran member of the Conference, goes off the San Antonio District at the end of four useful years and takes a pastorate in the city.

Rev. J. W. Stovall, at the close of a quadrennium on the Cuero District, steps down and across to Bastrop Station.

Rev. J. W. Johnson passes up to the San Antonio District. He is young, strong, active and capable of filling this the most important point in the Conference.

Rev. J. C. Wilson also takes a step up and goes to the Cuero District. This is a new experience for him, but he will be equal to the emergency.

Rev. J. D. Scott, after a four years' stay in the pastorate, returns to district work. He will career over a large field with San Angelo as his base of operation.

Rev. J. W. Moore, a transfer from the Louisville Conference, takes Travis Park Station in San Antonio.

We did not get to hear the great speech of Dr. Seth Ward at the Missionary Anniversary Saturday night, as we had to leave to fill an appointment on Sunday at San Marcos.

The Bishop held to the rule of late enacted in Texas by his colleagues, and changed every presiding elder whose four years were up back to the pastorate.

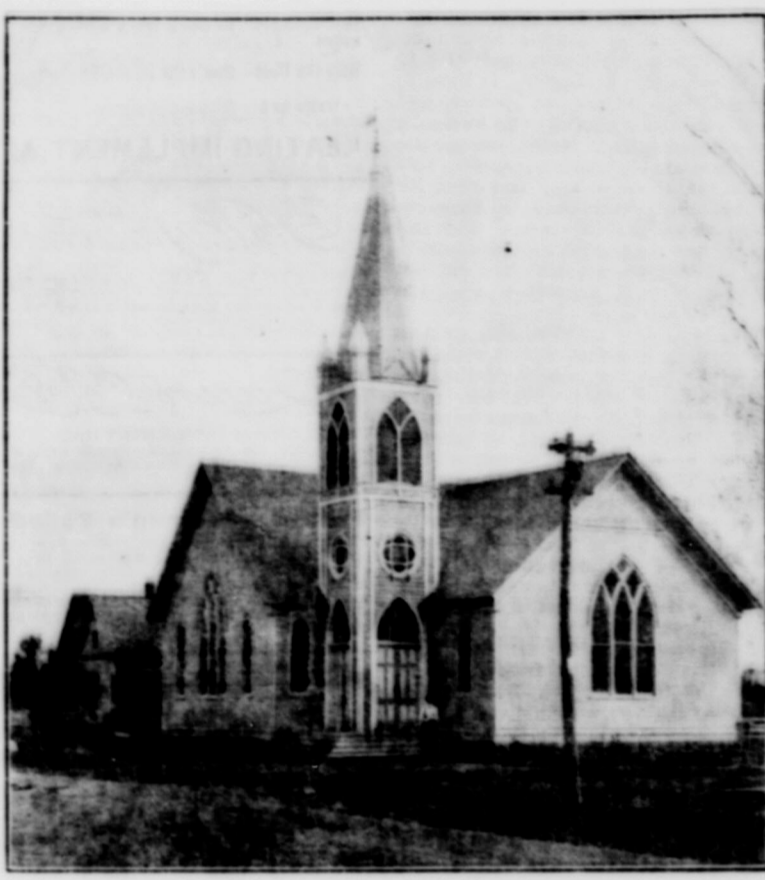
The Conference received many transfers from other conferences, and yet the appointments show many charges supplied with local preachers.

The brethren had a stiff controversy over their educational report, as it affected the practices of the local work.

Nath Thompson is the original man in the Conference. Had he never been born the world would have had no man of his kind.

men know how to give and take and then pass on as though nothing had occurred.

Not one thing was lodged against the moral character of any member of the Conference. There was one little irregularity left for the presiding elder of one of the districts to pass upon the case.



The M. E. Church, South, at Stamford, Texas.

Stamford is a new town—two and a half years old—the present terminus of the T. C. Railroad, situated in Jones County.

Those are splendid men and they are evangelical and devout. To be with them is like attending a good camp-meeting.

Rev. Morris Evans, D. D., transferred to the Illinois Conference and took work up there. He had spent the most of his active life in Kentucky.

Rev. John M. Moore, Ph. D., comes by transfer to the North Texas Conference. He was at Travis Park Church, San Antonio, for four years and did a great work in that charge.

Nath Thompson is the original man in the Conference. Had he never been born the world would have had no man of his kind.

another one, and we hardly think the future will duplicate him. He fits his place perfectly and his work is thorough and his life pure gold.

The greatest number ever before in the history of the Conference were admitted on trial. Our conference is literally taking in the regions beyond.

Floresville spread herself for the occasion. Homes seemed to be plentiful and hospitality abounded.

As we noted the great increase in our conference, we thought that whoever was the power behind the throne in manipulating the interests of West Texas Conference at the late General Conference should be voted as the permanent delegation.

Never before have we seen so many fine looking and healthy young men present themselves before the Bishop to be sent to the hard and difficult fields of the West.

Ten thousand dollars have been raised by the agent of the endowment fund for superannuated preachers since the commencement of the canvass in July last, and 1000 preachers have pledged themselves to present this matter to their people.

B. Harris' sermon Wednesday night was heard with deepest interest by an immense audience. Its historical data went back to 1855, the period of his entering the ministry.

When the report on education was presented, the air soon became charged with sulphurous odors. Nath Thompson arose, delivered a poetic speech and presented the Bishop with a barrel of apples.

Sixteen transfers! Eight admitted on trial! Ten or twelve new men, with large new territory! New talent, new influence, new blood, and our conference moves out on a wider field.

CONFERENCE NOTES. H. G. Horton. The church at Floresville was clean, neat and well arranged for conference, although the preacher-in-charge was in bed sick.

Wm. Monk says he is ready to go out, dig up the stumps and remove the heavy stones from a field for some Vanderbilt youngster to come along and cultivate it.

A. F. Watkins, without a moment's warning or preparation, made a rich and incisive talk to the Conference Brotherhood on Tuesday night.

The Bishop dispatched business with remarkable rapidity. Every man was made to feel easy, but he must be ready.

Years are telling on R. M. Leaton, but he is a happy old son of the Church.

John S. Gillett, who has been in West Texas Conference since its organization, was too sick at his home in Cuero to be present.

T. F. Sessions made the best report that has ever come up from the Del Rio drought-stricken country. The brethren felt like shouting over it.

Jac. McEvmont recently taken into the Church at Del Rio by T. F. Sessions gave \$200 to the support of the ministry this year, and, in addition,

sent up an \$100 bill for the endowment fund of the superannuated preachers, and Bro. Sessions turned over the \$100 to Dr. Atkins.

Bro. Smith's crowd of preachers literally overbalanced us. We are proud of them and our fine new territory. And the brethren from Northwest Texas are welcome—all of our additions welcome to toll, labor and sacrifice.

The greatest number ever before in the history of the Conference were admitted on trial. Our conference is literally taking in the regions beyond.

Floresville spread herself for the occasion. Homes seemed to be plentiful and hospitality abounded.

As we noted the great increase in our conference, we thought that whoever was the power behind the throne in manipulating the interests of West Texas Conference at the late General Conference should be voted as the permanent delegation.

Never before have we seen so many fine looking and healthy young men present themselves before the Bishop to be sent to the hard and difficult fields of the West. The sight was inspiring.

Ten thousand dollars have been raised by the agent of the endowment fund for superannuated preachers since the commencement of the canvass in July last, and 1000 preachers have pledged themselves to present this matter to their people.

B. Harris' sermon Wednesday night was heard with deepest interest by an immense audience. Its historical data went back to 1855, the period of his entering the ministry.

When the report on education was presented, the air soon became charged with sulphurous odors. Nath Thompson arose, delivered a poetic speech and presented the Bishop with a barrel of apples.

Sixteen transfers! Eight admitted on trial! Ten or twelve new men, with large new territory! New talent, new influence, new blood, and our conference moves out on a wider field.

CONFERENCE NOTES. H. G. Horton. The church at Floresville was clean, neat and well arranged for conference, although the preacher-in-charge was in bed sick.

Wm. Monk says he is ready to go out, dig up the stumps and remove the heavy stones from a field for some Vanderbilt youngster to come along and cultivate it.

A. F. Watkins, without a moment's warning or preparation, made a rich and incisive talk to the Conference Brotherhood on Tuesday night.

The Bishop dispatched business with remarkable rapidity. Every man was made to feel easy, but he must be ready.

Years are telling on R. M. Leaton, but he is a happy old son of the Church.

John S. Gillett, who has been in West Texas Conference since its organization, was too sick at his home in Cuero to be present.

T. F. Sessions made the best report that has ever come up from the Del Rio drought-stricken country. The brethren felt like shouting over it.

Jac. McEvmont recently taken into the Church at Del Rio by T. F. Sessions gave \$200 to the support of the ministry this year, and, in addition,

### Every Exertion a Task

There is failure of the strength to do and the power to endure; a feeling of weakness all over the body.

The vital functions are impaired, food does not nourish, and the whole system is run down.

A medicine that strengthens the stomach, perfects digestion, invigorates and tones is needed.

What Hood's Sarsaparilla did for Mrs. L. B. Garland, Shady, Tenn. It has done for others. She took it when she was all run down—without appetite, lost sleep, and unable to do her work.

### Hood's Sarsaparilla

Promises to cure and keeps the promise. The earlier treatment is begun the better—begin it today.

### NEW DEPARTURE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS

## The Boys' World

A new force for the Sunday school, to win the boy's attention. A paper to bring boys into the school and hold them there.

### The Girls' Companion

A weekly eight-page paper, printed in color, with news, stories, and puzzles. The girls in every Sunday school are waiting for it.

THE ONLY GIRLS PAPER OF ANY KIND PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTRY.

DAVID C. COOK PUBLISHING CO., 26 WASHINGTON STREET, CHICAGO.

### MADE \$105 THE FIRST MONTH

write FRED BLODGETT, of N. Y. J. L. BARRICK, of La., writes: "An making me \$10 to \$15 every week."

### For Climax Acetylene Gas Machines For Churches, Homes, Stores, Hotels or Towns,



Steel Tanks of any size for any purpose, Galvanized or Black. Steel Awnings, Clipper Fire Extinguishers, Metallic and Graphite Paint, write to Special Prices to Churches and Parsonages.

SE GETS A FIRST-CLASS SEWING MACHINE and the ADVOCATE 1 YEAR







Openface, Gents Gold Ring Case, \$30.00.

...with fine Elgin Mov... balance, broquet hair and all latest improvements. a written Guarantee. is generally termed a cheap oughly reliable, well-made id lower than poor watches

...cept of money, we send full Guarantee. We pay ke all risk and if watch ill refund all money for We refer you to the per.

...et & Company uring Jewelers. t Street, Louisville, Ky.

November 10 names of all attend the conference, save All the ladies who expect to r with delegates, candidates must have their names the date named above. If is, I can not promise you If any of the preachers i District expect to come, notify me.

ELLIS SMITH. ENCE CLAIMANTS. it upon the conference col- present condition is mate- l from last year, and needs by the Joint Board of te write statement of facts P. C. ARCHER, ndy St. Denison, Texas.

...ee and class of the second Texas Conference will meet t 9 a. m., December 2, 1902. hat the committees and Texas and East Texas Con- together and do their work ver, Bishop Hendrix will report of either committee. JOS. B. SEARS, Chairman Second Year.

...ee and class of the first Texas and East Texas Con- together in the Metho- t Crockett, Tuesday morn- 2, 1902, at 9 o'clock. O. T. HOTCHKISS, an Tex. Conf. Committee. C. F. SMITH, an East Tex. Conf. Com.

...ee and class of the third t in the Methodist Church t p. m., Monday, November C. M. HARLESS, For Committee.

...g elders of the Texas Con- t in Crockett on Tues- 2, at 9 a. m., at the Meth- JOHN ADAMS. Examina- and d year of the Texas and inferences will meet at the urch in Crockett, Texas, ing, 9 o'clock December 2. D. H. HOTCHKISS, A. A. WAGNON, Chairmen.

...ARGAINS IN PIANOS. Great Jesse French Piano. Jesse French Building.

EXCURSION RATES.

...ount No-Ten-Oh Carnival, es, November 16 to 21; lim- 23. count Masonic Grand Lodge ighter Committee Meeting, es, November 22, 24, 26, and mitted December 12. icount State Meeting Fed- man's Clubs, convention er 15, 16 and 17; limited No- 14. -Account Fine Stock Show of Roping Contest, conven- 11, 12 and 13; lim- 14. -Account Meeting State Fed- eration, convention No- 1 and 2; limited Decem- 14. -Account of Texas Chris- ds, one and one-third fare, d 8; limited December 12. S. KRENNAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

WERED LETTERS

...Siek, sub. S. D. Horner. Goodwin, sub. F. H. C. R. Gray, sub. Geo. H. Morris, sub. J. C. Hud- S. C. Littlepage, sub. A. sub. J. D. Hudgins, sub. dt. sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. sub. Chas. U. McLarty, nton. W. Goodwin, will have at- Riddle, sub. H. P. Shra- H. Harris, sub. C. G. W. D. Mountcastle, sub. sub. J. H. Chambliss, sub. sub. T. McDonald, sub. J. R. P. R. White, sub. I. F. J. W. Dickinson, sub.

TT'S For Fine and Medium Writ- ing - 30, 40, 60, 80, 100 Y. 60 E. F. T-1000 THE CENTAUR PEN. No. 1071, 1080. Writing - 1040 F. (Vertigraph). 1045, 1060, 1067. 1068, 1069, 1069 and others.

PENS

Cutting Thimble time, teeth and temper by read-Cutting Thimble. A lty. 10 cts. each. Special s. TICAL NOVELTY CO., Dallas, Texas.

# The Publishing House Number

On November the Twenty-Seventh will be issued a Special Number of the Advocate, containing the longest and most complete list of books we have ever published. This number appears as usual with the purpose of supplying information and prices of books for the Holidays. Do not miss this special issue, as the list will be well worth keeping throughout the ensuing year. Do not forget the value of books when you have under consideration the making of presents. A more satisfactory gift can not be found. You will find valuable books in all bindings ranging in price from ten and twenty cents for the dainty booklets to twenty-five dollars for various handsome sets. The list will include also Christmas Cards, Booklets and Calendars as usual. Books for gifts should be ordered as early as possible while our stock is complete.

## OUR COMPLETE CATALOGUE

containing all of this list and much additional information will be supplied free upon request.

### "UPPER ROOM MEDITATIONS."

Bishop Fitzgerald's New Book. "Of the many contributions from Bishop Fitzgerald to the literature of Christian experience, none surpass this. Shut in from the world, he has heard the voice of God in the inner depths of his soul, and the Father whom he loves has helped him to tell what he has felt. No man can be unmoved by these pages."—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

"Upper Room Meditations" is sweet, edifying, Christian. It cannot fail to do good, and I hope will be read by many thousands. It is a book for a sick room or a house in which sorrow sits enthroned."—Dr. Geo. G. Smith, Macon, Ga.

"Those who have read it pronounce it the best of all his devotional writings. 'He has saved the best until now.'"—Nashville Correspondent St. Louis Christian Advocate.

"It will be very helpful to the souls of God's children, for it comes out of a heart full of love and faith."—Texas Christian Advocate.

12mo. 317 pp. Price \$1. BIGHAM & SMITH, Agents, Dallas.

### THE EPWORTH LEAGUE READING COURSE FOR 1902-03.

- Four Volumes, Boxed and Sent Postpaid, \$2.25. 1. Books and Culture. By Hamilton W. Mabie. \$1.25 2. The Unseen Friend. By Lucy Larcom. 1.00 3. The Old Gentleman of the Black Stock. By Thomas Nelson Page. 75 4. Great Missionaries. By Charles C. Creegan, D. D. 1.00 BIGHAM & SMITH, Agents, Dallas.

### FOSTER'S "STORY OF THE BIBLE,"

A free rendering of the historical books of the Old and New Testaments, with pictorial illustrations, has been for years the most popular book of its kind in the country. It is peculiarly adapted to meet the tastes and demands of young readers. Its sale has gone high into the hundreds of thousands and there is no sign of decreasing popularity. It is a large 12mo book of 700 pages and the price is \$1.25 each.

### A CHARMING BOOK.

"Sunset Views," by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, is his last book, related to all that has gone before as "Over the Teacups" is related to the works of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

It embodies some of the best specimens of the Bishop's characteristic style. There is pathos, humor, and wisdom on every page, and rich nuggets are turned up in the most unexpected places.

To the readers of "California Sketches" and the "Cameos" nothing need be said in commendation of "Sunset Views." To others I would say, if you wish a day of delightful reading get this last book of Bishop Fitzgerald. It will prove a feast to any one who loves literature and fears God.—Bishop Candler, in Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

### "TRUTH IN TALE."

We have heard one of our preachers who carefully selects books for a family of growing children speak highly of Bishop Carpenter's "Truth in Tale." It has been claimed for the Bishop that he is now the greatest preacher of the Established Church. Whether this can be justified or not, he is certainly a most instructive and entertaining writer. The net price of this book for children is 80 cents; mailed, 90 cents. Our Sunday-schools should have it.

### CHURCH DEEDS.

In purchasing Church property it is best to have the deed carefully made, including the trust clause, according to the Discipline. These blank deeds are always in stock at the Branch House, Dallas, and cost 5 cents each, postpaid.

### GOING TO BUILD?

There are books and books of plans for residences. We have selected one from the whole list that seems to us the most practical collection we have seen. Architectural skill, harmony of proportions and great convenience of arrangement are all combined in these plans. If you think of building it will pay you to get it. \$1.00, postpaid.

### "WATER BAPTISM."

The above is the title of a treatise of ninety pages, muslin and boards, printed by our Publishing House, Nashville. The author is our good and well-beloved friend and brother, Rev. I. L. Peebles, of the Mississippi Conference. Dr. Peebles has written a number of books and tracts on mooted and important subjects, all of which are readable, instructive, and marked with the spirit and sincerity of one of the Master's most faithful servants. "Water Baptism" seems to us to be a very complete investigation of the subject of Christian baptism. The author, we know, has given patient years to the reading of the literature of the controversy which has been waged over it. If any of our young people seek a concise and careful study of the ordinance, we recommend them to read this treatise.—Epworth Era.

The price of the little book is 50 cents. BIGHAM & SMITH, Dallas.

### THE EPWORTH ERA.

The fall season is a good time to make up a club of subscribers to the Epworth Era. Every League should keep in touch with every other League by having a good list of Eras and urging the members to read it. If some will take the lead and make a little canvass it is surprising how easy a club can be secured. Single subscriptions \$1.00 per year. In clubs of ten or more in single wrappers to individual addresses, 75 cents a year. In clubs of ten or more in one wrapper to one address 60 cents a year. Agitate this in the League and let the clubs come thick and fast.

### LUCID, TERSE AND CONVINCING.

Under this head the New York Christian Advocate publishes an able review of "Christus Auctor," by Bishop W. A. Candler, of our Church. Among other excellent statements, we select: "We give this book our hearty endorsement. It is excellent in both matter and form, and deserves the widest possible circulation." Such strong words from such high authority are worthy of our attention. The book will be sent postpaid for \$1. BIGHAM & SMITH, Dallas, Texas.

### CHILDREN'S CATECHISMS.

One of the best Catechisms now published is "A Catechism for Small Children," by Alexander M. Thigpen, published by our House. A neat little 48-page booklet, containing well-framed questions and answers covering the Old and New Testaments. A thorough drill for young children. Price, postpaid, 60 cents per copy.

### NEW BIBLE CATALOG.

Our new Bible Catalog is now ready and it can be had free. It is illustrated throughout, and ought to be largely circulated. If you are interested in Bibles, write the House.

"The Way of the Preacher," by Dr. John A. Kern, "deserves to be in the hands of every lover of preaching, whether lay or clerical." said the Western Christian Advocate of Cincinnati, and all who have read the book agree. If we have a parsonage without this book, it should not remain so long. The price is \$1.25, with the usual discount of the House to our preachers.

The Congregationalist says that the foreign sale of Dr. Newman Smyth's last book, "Through Science to Faith," has been so large that a second edition for the English market has been ordered. The price of this book is \$1.50 net.

The new Year Book contains all the statistics of our Church in all lines of work and the names of all the members of all the new boards raised by the last General Conference. An invaluable book of reference, and only costs 10 cents each, postpaid.

Dr. Cunningham's "Young People's History of the Chinese" is a book to make a note of for the holiday season. It is a pretty book, an instructive book, a readable book. The price is \$1.

Many young people make Christmas money by selling books for the House. Any bright young man or woman can do well at this kind of work. Write us about it at once.

BIGHAM & SMITH, Dallas, Texas.

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 125 or 150 words. This privilege is reserved at...

Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price, five cents per copy.

DeLONG.—Mrs. Carrie DeLong was born in Washington County, Texas, July 6, 1828. Her father was Rev. Deleplain, one of the old-time Methodist preachers...

McNEAN.—The subject of this memoir, Rev. Theo. Duncan, son of Jas. T. A. J. and Mary Ellen Duncan, was born in Monroe County, Ky., April 9, 1805.

SMITH.—Bro. D. L. Smith was born in Anson County, N. C., August 2, A. D. 1815, and went to his reward July 25, 1902.

BURNETT.—Lem J. Burnett died at his father's home, in Erath County, Texas, October 11, 1892, at the age of 29 years.

McELVY.—D. K. McElvy was born in Florida, March 28, 1833, and served three years in the war. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South.

NELSON.—Addie May, the precious little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson, fell on sleep, near Rogers, Texas, 12 m., October 8, 1902.

MUNGER.—Mrs. J. Catherine Munger was born in Tennessee, January 16, 1822, and died at Mexico, Texas, October 29, 1902.

GILLILAND.—Mrs. Lillie May Gilliland was born July 22, 1855, and after a lingering illness of five weeks passed from the "earth life" August 2, 1902.

HERRON.—Mrs. Anna E. Herron (nee Anderson) was born August 22, 1849, was converted and joined the Church in early life.

SWEET.—Eula Huleman Sweet was born July 21, 1881, at Sexton, Sabine County, Texas, and died June 28, 1902, at Chico, Texas.

COSSAHER.—C. W. Cossahan was born at Williamsburg, Va., August 17, 1852, and died at Mexico, Texas, July 2, 1902.

ROSS.—William Ross was born in Scotland in 1820, came to Texas in January, 1847, and died at the home of his son-in-law, Fred Sossaman, Colton, Travis County, Texas, October 27, 1902.

McELVY.—D. K. McElvy was born in Florida, March 28, 1833, and served three years in the war. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South.

McELVY.—D. K. McElvy was born in Florida, March 28, 1833, and served three years in the war. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South.

McELVY.—D. K. McElvy was born in Florida, March 28, 1833, and served three years in the war. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South.

McELVY.—D. K. McElvy was born in Florida, March 28, 1833, and served three years in the war. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South.

McELVY.—D. K. McElvy was born in Florida, March 28, 1833, and served three years in the war. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South.

McELVY.—D. K. McElvy was born in Florida, March 28, 1833, and served three years in the war. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South.

undertaken to examine the statistics of Romanism. In England it is shown that of the 1,500,000 Roman Catholics but 200,000 of them are English.

In the United States the situation is even more striking. Of the 2,900,000 who have left Ireland during the century, 1,000,000 have gone to England and 2,000,000 to the United States.

Indeed, Romanism is losing ground in America so steadily that during the last twenty years her adherents have decreased from 12 per cent. of the population to 11.5 per cent.

Those who fear for the future of our country, or for the future of Christianity, because of the Roman Catholic Church, do so, probably, on account of a belief that that Church is growing in numbers and in power.

And after looking at the tyranny of the Church in the South American States, it can but be that its grip there is loosening.

The facts of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

As regards the rest of the world, the figures are striking. Taking for example the area of the planet dominated by the Greek, the Roman Catholic, and the Protestant Church.

- October 13, 1902. NORTH TEXAS CO. McKinley District—Princeton cir. at Wilson Copeville sta. McKinnley sta. Plano sta. Renner cir. at Alpha. F.

- Greenville District—Leonard mis. at Blanto Leonard and Orange Gr. Greenville mis. at Kell Lone Oak, at Miller Gr. O.

- Dallas District—F. Farmers Branch, at E. Oak Lawn. I. Terrell District—F. Terrell cir. at Elmo. Terrell sta. J. M.

- Sherman District—J. Southmayd. Tioga. Call session at Pottabou Willow Street. Travis Street. Sherman cir. at Waples Memorial. J. A.

- Bowie District—F. Holliday. Archer City. Bowie. F. Bonham District—F. Petty. Brookston and High. Gobler. Handolph. Fannin. Trenton and Marvin. Bonham. T.

- Galveston District—Dexter, at Dexter. Marysville. Geo. i. Paris District—F. Chicot, at Chicot. Emberson, at Sumner. West Paris. Maxey, at Maxey. Roxton, at Roxton. E. W.

- Sulphur Springs District—Laker Creek cir. at Endo Klondike mis. at Klondico Como cir. at Forest Ac. Itely Springs cir. at Art. E. TEXAS CONF. Brenham District—F. Ben Arnold, at Sneed's. Davilla, at Tracy. Rockdale. J. B.

- Houston District—F. Matagorda, at Bay City Shearn. Washington Street. McAsham. Tabernacle. Rose Street. Rosenberg, at Rosenberg. Geo. A.

- Huntsville District—F. Montgomery, at Montgol. Wills. Huntsville. Chas. A. Calvert District—F. Marlin sta. Brimmond and Reagan. E.

- EAST TEXAS CO. San Augustine District—Appley mis. at Appley Timps n sta. Sexton cir. at Hook. Spr. Hemphill mis. at Hemphill. San Augustine and Chirv. Clayton cir. at Gary. Carthage sta. A. J.

- Beaumont District—F. Burkeville cir. at Survey Call cir. Livington cir. Leggett mis. J. W.

- Tyler District—Fou. New York, at Murchison Big Sandy, at Gladewater White House, at Liberty Marvin. J.

- Marshall District—F. Kellyville. Kligore, at Bellview. C. B. Pittsburg District—F. Musgrove, at Soule Chap Cason, at Cason. Dalby Sp. and DeKalb, a Job.

- Palestine District—F. Augusta. Alto, at Alto. Frankfort. W. I.

- INDIAN MISSION C. Mangum District—F. Mangum. Yell, at Yell. Erick, at Erick. Blair, at Navajo. User Creek, at Madge. Hobart. Quaker, at Quaker. Legy. Mountain Park, at Mt. P. Faxon and Indiana, at Groom, at Groom. Eldorado, at Pleasant Hill. Harris, at Harrison. Ft. Cobb. Granite, at Granite. The District Stewards meet in Mangum Noveml. W. S. P. McC.



ARE YOU One of that great army of persons who suffer with Chronic Disorders in the Kidneys, Liver or Bowels? Do you have Heartburn, Biliousness, Headache, BACKACHE, Nervous Weakness, Disorders in the Urine or a Constipated Habit? Suffer no longer. There is a permanent cure for any or all of these troubles in PRICKLY ASH BITTERS. THE KIDNEY REMEDY AND SYSTEM REGULATOR. It heals and strengthens the kidneys, stimulates the liver, cleanses the bowels, promotes health and regularity throughout the body.

to examine the statistics... In England it is shown 1,500,000 Roman Catholics of them are English. The rest are Irish and were only they came to England. out of 30,000,000 English is not alarming. In all Kingdom of England and are only about half as many as the population as of Victoria's reign. falling off has been from 14 of the population to 10. In the United States the situation is striking. Of the 2,000,000 who left Ireland during the 30,000 have gone to England. 1,000,000 to the United States in the census of 1890. returns were made under total population was 62,000,000. These were distributed as follows: 1,000 non-Christians of 7,198,000 Roman Catholics. We have read in Roman reports and in reports of Roman meetings statements to the effect that had only been in the United States and grandchildren of the Roman Catholic emigrants, her adherents to number less than 25, probably many more. In the United States, its so vainly imagine, is poorer by at least 20, a result of the existence of Protestant community. Anism is losing ground so steadily that during 15 years her adherents ed from 12 per cent. of n to 11.5 per cent. So his that not many years Catholic layman in Rome shall hold our ground but we understand that of a hundred years we need."

the rest of the world, striking. "Taking for area of the planet dom-Greek, the Roman Catholic Church. Relate creek Church occupies 18 its surface, the Roman ch 28 per cent, and the urch 26 per cent. Take relations of countries un-reignty of races repre- three sections of the urch: 120,000,000 are representatives of the h, 242,000,000 by rep- of the Roman Catholic 29,000,000 by representa- Protestant Church. Take e languages especially the different faiths, spoken by 42,000,000, 000,000, Russian by 75,000,000, and 120,000,000." To under- gures we must remem- to the 19th century Ro- nearly everywhere domi- e not prepared to affirm the paper from which tes this reversal from Reformation, and, cor- he increasing spread of on races and ideas.— tian Advocate.

the Kidneys, Liver or Nervous Weakness, is a permanent cure

ATOR. ighout the body, and the painful Bladder. h, its action is prompt. it is strictly to stomach.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Table listing North Texas Conference events including McKinney District-Fourth Round, Greenville District-Fourth Round, Dallas District-Fourth Round, Terrell District-Fourth Round, Sherman District-Fourth Round, Bowie District-Fourth Round, Bonham District-Fourth Round, Gainesville District-Fourth Round, Paris District-Fourth Round, Sulphur Springs District-Fourth Round, and Texas Conference events like Brenham District-Fourth Round, Houston District-Fourth Round, Huntsville District-Fourth Round, Calvert District-Fourth Round, and East Texas Conference events like San Augustine District-Fourth Round, Beaumont District-Fourth Round, Tyler District-Fourth Round, Marshall District-Fourth Round, Pittsburg District-Fourth Round, Palestine District-Fourth Round.

A TEXAS WONDER.

HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY. One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists.

Read This.

Weatherford, Texas, Oct. 15, 1901. Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Texas: My wife has been affected with kidney and bladder trouble for seventeen years, and was confined to her bed for a year, and I tried many physicians without benefit. Two bottles of your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cured her, and I consider it the greatest medicine on earth. Very respectfully, J. C. PILAND.

MARRIAGES.

Tiffany-Walker. In Smithville, Texas, Wednesday, October 23, 1902, Mr. J. B. Tiffany and Miss Artie Walker, Rev. W. Wootton officiating. Pussel-Moore. At the residence of the bride's father, Oak Flat, Texas, October 25, 1902, Mr. J. Morris Pussel and Miss Ada Moore, Rev. Chas. B. Smith officiating. Moore-Wood. At the Methodist parsonage in Maxey, Texas, on the evening of November 2, 1902, Mr. J. H. Moore and Miss Nola Wood, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating. Maxwell-Dean. On October 25, 1902, at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Dean, near Erath, Texas, Mr. William T. Maxwell and Miss Frances Viola Dean, all of McLennan County, Texas, Rev. J. A. Rogers officiating. Patterson-Loomis. On October 25, 1902, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anna M. Taylor, in Mason County, Texas, Mr. H. M. Patterson, of Erath, Texas, and Miss Myrtle Loomis, Rev. O. A. Shook officiating. Robuck Daughtry. At the residence of the bride, near Bangs, Texas, October 21, 1902, Mr. Chas. H. Robuck and Miss Anna Daughtry, Rev. W. H. Matthews officiating.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, MRS. WINNLOW'S SOOTHING STRIP, for children's teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, kills all pains, cures wind colic and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Fishers for souls need big sinkers of sacrifice.

"But where to find that happiest spot below;

Who can direct, when all pretend to know?" —Goldsmith.

Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good Crop Raiser. Not only Cattle, but Wheat, Cotton, Corn, Feed-Stocks, Cantaloupes, Garden Truck and Good Health flourish here—in a district where Malaria is impossible and very little doing for Jails and Hospitals. Land, which is being sold at really low figures—the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and Farms and Ranches of all sizes, very happily located, are being purchased daily. We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little Book, published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statements of what PEOPLE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED along the line of

"THE DENVER ROAD"

Passenger Department, Fort Worth, Tex. N. B.—We find our passenger patronage very gratifying. It is necessary to run three trains daily each way as far as Wichita Falls, and two clear thru. We continue the year round, the excellent Class A service that insures the preference of Colorado and California Tourists, Winter and Summer. By the way, we offer now more than half a dozen routes to California, the newest being via Dalhart (also good for Old Mexico), with first-grade Eating Cars all the way. We sell a Home-Seeker's ticket, good thirty days, at one and a third fare for the round trip, allowing stopovers at Vernon and points beyond, both ways.

MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS.

THE HEALTH AND PLEASURE RESORT OF THE SOUTH. Reached via the WEATHERFORD, MINERAL WELLS & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY.

"THE MINERAL WELLS ROUTE." Excursion round trip tickets on sale with all the principal Rounds in the State, ALL THE YEAR ROUND. Close connection with the Texas & Pacific and Santa Fe trains at Weatherford, Texas. For any information address L. M. FOUTS, P. E. BOCK, President, V. P. and Supt. Weatherford, Texas. GETS A FIRST-CLASS SEWING MACHINE and the ADVOCATE 1 YEAR

CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS



ONE FARE PLUS \$2.00

TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 AND 26, LIMIT TO RETURN 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. SANTA FE TICKET AGENTS WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT RATES, ROUTES AND TERRITORY; ASK THEM.

W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A. GALVESTON, TEXAS.

ELECTRIC LIGHTED TRAINS

Advertisement for Electric Lighted Trains, Are operated by the FRISCO SYSTEM Between TEXAS North and East BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, North and West OKLAHOMA North and East. Observation cafe cars, under the management of Fred Harvey. Equipment of the latest and best design.

IMPORTANT GATEWAYS



2 FAST TRAINS 2 DAILY FOR St. Louis, Chicago and the East

SUPERB NEW PULLMAN VESTIBULE BUFFET SLEEPERS HANDSOME NEW CHAIR CARS (SEATS FREE)

ONLY LINE Running Through Chair Cars and Sleepers New Orleans Without Change.

Direct Line to ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO and CALIFORNIA

E. P. TURNER, Gen'l Passenger and Ticket Agt., Dallas, Texas

"SAP"

(San Antonio & Aransas Pass Ry.) Thro' Sleepers and Chair Cars between Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio. JUST TRY IT.

ANNOUNCEMENT 1902-3. DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE NEW ORLEANS to PACIFIC COAST SOUTHERN PACIFIC Sunset Route SUNSET LIMITED Every Day of the Week. Superb Service. Observation and Dining Cars. Day Coaches and Chair Cars. PACIFIC COAST EXPRESS Daily. Day Coaches, Chair Cars, Pullman Sleeping and Dining Cars. Meals a la Carte. Excursion Sleeping Cars through from Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and New Orleans.

Don't Forget "The Old Reliable." Houston & Texas Central R. R. HOME During CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS One Fare Plus \$2.00 for the Round Trip LIMIT 30 DAYS. Tickets on sale December 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 26. For all information see A. G. NEWSOM, IVON LEE, C. R. BULLOCK.

Now IS THE TIME XMAS VISIT To the Old Home. Will Sell Round Trip Tickets to Points in ARKANSAS, MISSOURI, LOUISIANA and the OLD STATES ON DECEMBER 13, 17, 21, 22, 23, 26, 1902, With 30 Days Return Limit. At One Fare Plus \$2. Lowest Rate in 3 Years. And will maintain the same high standard of service that has made it known as the best and most popular line between TEXAS and the SOUTHEAST.

THE TEXAS RAILROAD. I. & G. N. TEXAS' GREATEST RAILROAD. SUPERIOR PASSENGER SERVICE. MAGNIFICENT EQUIPMENT. International & Great Northern.

CLEAR TRACK "FOR THE" KATY FLYER BETWEEN ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, GALVESTON, AUSTIN, SAN ANTONIO, FT. WORTH, DALLAS, WACO, HOUSTON. DISTANCE SHORTENED ACCOUNT QUICKER TIME Sewing Machine and Texas Christian Advocate 1 Year for \$23.50

