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NORTHERN METHODISM IN TEXAS.

In "World-Wide Missions," a periodical published by the Mission Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. A. B. Leonard, one of the Missionary Secretaries, gives an interesting account of his recent official visit to the four conferences of his Church in Texas. The white conference is known as Austin Conference, and it includes nearly the entire State within its boundaries. It has been here about a quarter of a century, perhaps longer, and according to Dr. Leonard's figures it has thirty-three ministerial and 3024 lay members. There are but two self-sustaining Churches in the entire State. One of these is in Fort Worth and the other in Dallas, and these are weak. And both of them are in cities where Southern Methodism is strong and flourishing. And the few members here reported are scattered among our people who number more than 200,000. Think of that great Church spending a quarter of a century and thousands and thousands of mission money with this insignificant result to show for the investment! Yet the heathen world is perishing for the gospel. Why not stop this waste which is being thrown away to no purpose and take the money and support mission enterprises among benighted people who never hear a sermon or see a missionary? The next is the Southern German Conference. It covers all of Texas and Louisiana, and has a ministerial membership of 38 and a lay membership of 2786. Dr. Leonard adds in this connection, "The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is doing a small amount of work among the Germans, but there seems to be no probability of its becoming important." Well, now let us see. In Texas we have a German Mission Conference about ten years old and it has a lay membership of 1379, while in Louisiana we are doing our work among the Germans in connection with the Louisiana Conference. So that in Texas alone we have half as many members among the Germans as they have in both Louisiana and Texas together. Beside this the Northern Church has had its work organized among the Germans about twice as long as the Southern Church. In the two Negro Conferences in Texas there is a lay membership of 28,177. So that if you will take away the Negroes, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Texas does not amount to a hill of beans. Yet Dr. Leonard says: "There should be no talk or thought of the Methodist Episcopal Church abandoning Texas." As to the white work in Texas, we venture the assertion that if the rank and file of their membership in the Northern States only knew the facts as they exist in this State, as we know them here on the ground, there would be no more missionary money dumped into this territory to carry the gospel to the whites. It would be hard on a

few mission preachers down here who are eking out a precarious existence pretending to carry on the work, but it would be a great saving to the mission funds of the Church. But these connotional men who pay an annual visit to Texas feel bound to throw as favorable a light upon these conditions as possible in order to hold their places and rally the sentiment of the Church about them. The fact is the M. E. Church is simply doing nothing among the white people of the State and their figures from year to year will demonstrate this statement. We admire the energy and aggressiveness of this great branch of the Methodist family, but endeavor forces us to repeat that among the whites in Texas the Methodist Episcopal Church is a dead failure. And the reason of it is there is no field here for them to occupy any more than there is in Ohio for the Southern Church.

THE WILLACY LOCAL OPTION BILL.

The Willacy local option bill has passed the Senate and is now with the lower house for action. Having examined the changes which it proposes in our present local option law, we wish to say that it is very objectionable and ought to be defeated. In three particulars it will very much weaken the law as it now stands. (1) It contemplates giving the liquor interests three whole months in which to do business after the precinct or county has voted in favor of local option. This is unfair and a virtual suspension of the will of the people expressed at the ballot box for the fourth of a year. (2) It proposes to make an election in any precinct or county impossible under two years where local option is defeated. As it now stands the anti can not bring on an election under two years after prohibition has been adopted. This is to give the law a fair chance before submitting the question again to a vote of the people. But where local option fails an election can be again ordered at the will of the people. This is an injustice to neither side. Now the bill in question proposes to make an election impossible for two years, it matters not which side wins. (3) Its purpose is to require all counties where there is an incorporated town or city to secure the signatures of one-fourth of the voters voting for Governor at the preceding election to a petition before the Commissioners are authorized to call an election. At present any county can call it with a petition of two hundred and fifty votes. Now to require one-fourth of the voting population of a county to sign a petition before an election can be ordered is an outrage, and it ought not to be perpetrated upon the people of the State by the Legislature. These changes are all in the interest of the liquor men and against prohibition. A large majority of the people of Texas are favorable to our local option laws as they now stand, and our law-makers ought not to tamper in this way with the will of the people. We want them simply to let us alone. If they do not they will force a State election on the subject of prohibition long before it will be necessary under the present regime of local option.

THE CHARACTER TOUCHES OF JESUS.

In one of our exchanges we are told of an aspiring youth who was studying art under the famous master, Apelles. One morning while working on a painting that was nearing completion he dropped his brush, and leaving his palette and colors beside the easel, departed for some time on an errand. In the meanwhile the great master came in and saw the painting. He hastily took up the brush and rapidly gave the unfinished work a few delicate touches and then remained himself in the room to await the coming of the student. Soon he entered and gazed in profound astonishment at the perfected painting, luminous with an exquisite beauty of which he had never dreamed. For a moment he gazed round the room, but saw no one. Then he exclaimed, "Apelles! Apelles!" He knew that there was no hand in all the world capable of giving such delicate and perfect touches to the work except that of the master. He did not need to see him. The strokes spoke for themselves and told him that the great artist had been there in his absence. So it is with human character when Jesus touches it with his vital and delicate spirit. It becomes transformed and it shines out with a splendor and a beauty that no human touch can impart. No wonder that in the older days the people took knowledge of the disciples that they had been with Jesus. When we come under the spell of his transforming power the result can not be explained on any other ground than that Jesus has wrought upon us. When we enter his presence, submit to the operations of his law of righteousness, we become new creatures in him. And upon us there rests a radiance of moral and spiritual brightness that never shows upon land or sea. Then we scarcely need to see people who Jesus has done for us. The light that shines through us and the works that we do through him will convince the world that we have fellowship with him and that he is transmuted into our conduct and character.

MORMONISM IN THE SENATE.

Mormonism has again bobbed up before the country very conspicuously. Recently the two branches of the Utah Legislature met in joint session and elected Mr. Smoot to the United States Senate. He is recognized as a Mormon both in profession and practice. It will not be long until his credentials will be submitted to that body, and then will follow a general discussion of the eligibility to membership in the Senate of a man who is living in open violation of the laws of the land as a polygamist. Mormonism promised most faithfully to desist from its polygamous marriages if the National Government would admit Utah as a State into the Union. Suitable laws were drawn up and passed forever forbidding that sort of practice by the Mormons, and they accepted the conditions and their territory became a State. But they have adhered either openly or clandestinely to their old practices and to-day it is a well known fact that the Mormon Church still teaches and practices

polygamy. It is foolishness to know that Apelles painted the pictures which are in no way obscure the facts governing that question. Now, as such, he is an excellent for membership in the highest legislative body in the world. All those who will encounter the Federal question and will most likely be found in the right way, but to know all this when he departed himself to be elected. The reality, however, is that our government would be a church is translated in the fact that it is moving its claim under circumstances that will bring out and emphasize the evil of Mormonism before the world. But then they shall not leave the lovers of the fullness of revelation. They are persistent and independent to an amazing degree. And if the Government does not call them down and crush them a lesson of modesty is our duty, they will continue to grow and develop and all good people will rejoice as to that Northern section of our country.

TAKING DOUBTFUL CHANCES.

Recently a lightning express train was running at a fearful rate of speed upon the New Jersey Central Road, and it crashed into the rear end of a passenger train, bringing it to a slower pace in front of it. As a result more than twenty people were killed outright and among them was the engineer on the fast express. When he was carried out of the wreck in a wretched and dying condition he was heard to murmur: "I am responsible for the accident. I saw the danger signal, but expected it to pass safely." In other words he saw the signal, but took the chance that after all it might turn white instead of red, and he left his faithful eyes and rushed into death. How often this is the case with many people rushing through life toward eternity! They are warned of the dangers confronting them, and they realize it, see the signals, but they conclude after all that they can continue with their usual speed, but health gives way, good resolutions fail them and they finally slow up precipitately to the noise of the workings of body and soul. No man can afford to take the chances where his health and his spiritual soul are at stake. When the organism grows unduly nervous, the appetite drags and sleep is hard to induce, then the air brakes had better be turned on and the throttle shut off. Or when the conscience begins to admonish, the spirit to reprove and the evil habits are fixing their grasp, the alarm bell is sounded and your course arrested. Otherwise physical and spiritual ruin is just in front of you. God is constantly throwing out the danger signals and we had better heed them before it is too late. Under such circumstances it is worse than folly to take any chances in the race of life.

Isaac was a boy who was tied to his mother's apron strings and she led him and nurtured him very carefully through his youth till he reached mature manhood. And his is one of the most beautiful characters in the Old Testament scriptures. No mother ever wastes her life when she gives it to the proper training of her boy.

"IF A MAN DIE SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?"

By Judge L. H. Browne.

The affirmative answer given by Job to this interrogatory, propounded by himself, should be given great weight because God recognized Job as his servant and pronounced him to be upright and serious. Again, mankind have in all conditions and all ages, with practical unanimity, acted on the theory that man has an immortal soul, from which the reasonable conclusion is that the Creator implanted this belief in man, and it is, therefore, instinctive and true. Again, the soul is incorporeal, and its capacity to acquire and retain knowledge is infinite so far as we can discover—its strength and power being constantly increased by exercise; while, on the other hand, the body is corporeal, and the law of growth first and then decay is manifest in all its members, from which the inference must necessarily be that the body was created to die and the soul for an immortal life. But God has freed this question from all doubt. Jesus Christ taught the immortality of the soul, and on that fact, as a foundation, established the Christian religion, and demonstrated by his own death and resurrection that though a man die, he shall live again.

It is not my purpose, however, to argue the immortality of the soul. I am too much accustomed to regard the future life as a settled fact to raise a question about it. What I propose is to invite attention to a new field of facts—to facts of a scientific nature that bear on the future life. I believe this most important of all truths is susceptible of scientific demonstration, and will eventually be scientifically established. This is a bold announcement, and I am aware I ought to have some argument to offer to justify making it. The future life can not now be demonstrated. Soul phenomena is too meager. The fact can only be proved by induction, and the number of facts known is not sufficient. All I can do is to open the subject from a scientific standpoint and point out some facts and present some views that tend to prove it; and this must be done very briefly not to transcend the limits of a newspaper article.

To pose a question before the mind in a form as simple as possible is most important; and so also is a clear conception of the source of the evidence to be brought to bear on it. For both these purposes it will be best to make a statement at this point, cutting away from my proposition matter that might appear to be relevant and limiting the field in which facts are to be sought.

It is not contended that the physical sciences throw even a glimmer on the future life; on the contrary, during all the past ages the students of physical phenomena have been unable to advance one step in the solution of this question; and the fact that no light has been thrown upon it by such studies has been taken as conclusive that physical facts have no bearing on it at all. It is true that within the last half century a school of investigators, led by Darwin and Spencer, have, by certain physical facts assumed to exist, questioned the soul's immortality; but the overwhelming opinion now is that even if the evolution theory is sound, it in no way affects the question of a future life. So the whole realm of material facts are to be shut out from our consideration. And it is to be further stated that the psychological phenomena, by which the ancient, as well as modern, philosophers were able to determine the laws that govern man's intellect, of themselves throw no certain light on the future life. Those philosophers anxiously went over, again and again, all their phenomena in an endeavor to find the proof of a future life, and while many of them firmly believed the doctrine, they were forced to admit that the phenomena did not demonstrate it. So neither are those psychological facts to be regarded further than as they are related to another class of phenomena which has only late begun to attract the serious notice of scientific men. It is this other class of phenomena that is, in my opinion, to furnish the scientific demonstration of the soul's immortality. It is purely psychic. We have had glimpses of it through all the ages, but we have invested it with an air of mystery; so much so that we have been disposed to turn with superstitious fear from it. It is only recently we are coming to see that there is no real mystery about it at all; and that it is a proper subject of investigation. For the most part, it is abnormal to this life, which accounts for the mystery with which it has been enshrouded.

I must refer again to the term intellect, used above, and explain what I mean by that. It is that spiritual entity known as the objective mind, which operates within the field of our consciousness and has a vital connection with our brain and that receives the impressions of the senses and reasons and determines what is true and what is false, and that suggests,

guides and controls our thoughts and actions in this life. There is another intelligence also, a part of our mental organism, known as the subjective mind, the normal operation of which is mainly below the plane of our consciousness, and which seems to be an entity, separate from the objective mind, and of like powers, though undoubtedly more perfect powers.

My proposition may now be shown as naked as I am able to present it. This subjective mind is the soul, and the facts by which its immortality is to be established are its own manifestations, the most important of which are abnormal to this life.

I have stated this duality of mind as though it actually existed, because the scientific theory of the future life seems to require this duality; but, as matter of fact, it is the chief proposition in the theory, and is yet to be proved.

I wish to enlarge a little on these two intelligences before offering any facts tending to show that they exist. The objective mind, during all our hours of consciousness, is the sole arbiter in our lives, dominating the soul as well as the body. But much of the time we are unconscious—chiefly from sleep—though it may be from insanity, excessive fevers, violent shocks to the brain, or from hypnotism; and during those periods the subjective mind manifests itself and becomes the controlling power. We are responsible for our actions when our objective mind is in control—responsible as moral agents to God and as citizens to the State—but not during manifestations by the subjective mind, because the element of consciousness is then wanting. The objective mind receives all impressions, all facts and all knowledge that comes to us from without, and reasons, judges and executes. The subjective mind is the seat of our instincts and emotions in addition to possessing nearly all the faculties of the objective mind; and it is indelibly impressed with all our thoughts and experiences. The subjective mind, while in the body, exercises no will power, and it appears to act alone upon suggestions from without, and a most wonderful quality is that its fancies and imaginations are realities to it, in like manner as are the objects of sense to the objective mind. Such, then, are these two intelligences. Do they both actually exist? No one will question the existence of the objective mind. That it is a distinct entity may be taken for granted. The difficulty is that it will be claimed this mind is all there is of man's intellectual organism, and that what I am seeking to make a separate entity is the same intelligence operating in a plane below the normal consciousness.

Let us look at some facts now. Take the state of sleep, in which the objective mind is in abeyance. There the subjective mind manifests itself and dominates our being as completely as did the objective mind when we were awake. If we compare the operations of the former with those of the latter, and their different effects upon us, it seems to me we must conclude they are different intelligences. In sleep we only imagine things, and yet they are actual realities to us, as much so as were the real events transpiring when we were awake; we smile, we weep, we laugh, we cry—we absolutely live in all the fullness of physical life. Are such effects possible to the objective mind? If our daily experience be regarded, they are not. Again, the imaginations of the objective mind are its own volitions, and our dreams are suggestions from without; and while the former proceed at a measured pace and are logically connected, the latter have little or no coherency, and pass with a rapidity that is marvelous. Can phenomena so inconsistent and contradictory be reasonably attributed to the same intelligence? Is it not more likely there are two separate intelligences in our mental organism? In our dreams we are frequently associated with persons as living, who are, by our objective minds, well known to have long been dead; and we are constantly acting on propositions as reasonable which our objective mind at once repudiates as absurd. Can this experience be reconciled on any other theory than the dual mind theory? The intelligence that dreams must be a different entity from that which disapproves and condemns the dream. Another fact of dream life is that we sometimes in our dreams attain to a perception of truth and a correctness of reasoning impossible to us when awake; this experience, hardly less than the former, tends to prove my theory.

But the phenomena that shed by far the clearest light on this great question are the abnormal facts I referred to, and are revealed by hypnotism. As I can only consider a few of these, I will take up the more important, and first, of telepathy. Telepathy is the direct communication of one mind with another, with-

out the aids of words, looks, gestures, or other signs. Whether the persons be in each other's presence or be apart, is immaterial. It can not take place, however, if they are under the control of their objective minds. In order that telepathy may occur, the objective mind must first be put in abeyance by hypnotism. Then the case stands thus: During the period of normal, conscious, active existence, the intelligences that control us afford us power of communication by material signs only; but put this active, conscious, normal life in abeyance by hypnotism, and the intelligences that then control us open a communication between us that is purely spiritual. If, in the latter state, the intelligences which dominate us can communicate with each other without the aid of the sense organs through a purely spiritual medium—and this is impossible to the intelligences that control us in the former state—here is a difference in power and capacity that so differentiates them that it is hard to believe they are one and the same entity. But while this difference in capacity and power strongly tends to prove the duality of the mind, it is of far greater importance as showing the existence of another fact necessary to be proved in a demonstration of a future life. In that life our souls must dwell apart from our material bodies, and the ability to communicate, independent of physical functions, must exist. Is not this fact of telepathy, by itself, sufficient to show we have intelligences within us that may dwell together independent of our bodies, and when they have been dissolved? What a fact! Arrest the operations of that intellect that stands out in the forefront of this life to meet and solve its problems; shut off the senses that connect us with the material world; de-throne reason; lay out the will, and put all this outward intellectual machinery in abeyance; break, as it were, our connection with this world and all its concerns, and then there is still, deep down within our being, intellectual entities that remain intact and that then manifest themselves in actions—actions that are indeed abnormal to this life, but normal to spirit life! What is this but a great fact almost of itself establishing, with scientific certainty, that we have an immortal part?

What is known as "mind reading" is another very important fact. It is an art by which one person discerns the impressions that are in the mind of another. The operator puts himself in the hypnotic state by auto-hypnotism, and he then places himself in communication with the spirit of his subject. In this proceeding the objective mind of the subject is not put in abeyance, but it performs no function whatever—is not even conscious of what is taking place within. The operator readily reveals the past experiences of the subject and whatever was at any time in his memory—even such impressions as he can not himself recall, and that are lost to his objective mind. A familiar illustration is where a person has put important papers away, and, subsequently, when he has use for them, finds his memory of the place of deposit gone from his mind, and a hypnotist will at once reveal to him all the occurrence. These psychic facts strongly indicate that the mind is dual, that below our objective intellect is a sub-conscious mind, where, though our past acts and deeds be lost to this life, the memory of them all is carefully preserved. The conditions that expose this perfect register are abnormal while we live, and it seems, therefore, it was not intended for our use here; but it is clear that when our fleshly part is dissolved, and what is now the subjective becomes the objective, the conditions for its exposure will then be normal. God never made anything without a use; and the fact that this register exists, and is not intended for use in this life, strongly indicates that there is a life for us beyond this. The fact of mind reading is valuable in support of my theory as tending to prove that our minds are dual; but, like telepathy, it is still more important as showing the existence of another fact necessary to be proved in a demonstration of the future life, which is, that we carry into that state all we have achieved of value in this—thus exhibiting this life as a mere preparatory state, which it must undoubtedly be, if we are immortal beings. Nay, more; this faithful record is necessary to us that we may have a sense of the justice of God when he shall judge us for the deeds done in the body.

The hypnotic phenomena we have all witnessed exhibited by persons hypnotized, showing the loss of individuality and a complete subserviency to the will of the hypnotist, are striking psychic facts which, like telepathy and mind reading, seem inexplicable only upon the theory that we have two separate intellectual entities—one of which is objective, pertaining to life in a material world; and the other subjective, pertaining to existence in a world that is immaterial. Let us look at the phenomenon: We see the individual appear before the hypnotist, under control of an intellectual organism that is connected through sense organs with

the material world, and through brain functions with the spiritual, and endowed with an independent will and the capacity to solve the problems of realms, and in less time than I am writing this the hypnotist, by practices so simple that any of us may learn them, puts aside this organism and substitutes in its place another of entirely different capacities and powers. The substitute intelligence that now controls the individual has no connection with the physical, no relation to brain functions, no independence of will, and instead of capacity to try issues and decide upon them, it is a mere automaton moved by the suggestions of the hypnotist. That we have here two distinct intelligences seems certain, for one is the very opposite of the other. But I may claim more for this experiment than the dual mind theory. As soon as the objective mind was put in abeyance and the subjective assumed control we observed that the fancies and imaginations of the individual were no longer "airy nothingings," but realities to him. That intelligences which then dominated him evidently had no connection with objects of sense, and needed none; it was nothing if not intended for a spirit life in a spirit realm.

If I had the space I might examine in detail each psychic fact brought to light by recent experiments in hypnotism, and show that they all have a bearing of more or less weight on this great question of a future life. In every instance the dual mind seems to be implied, and the feature that they are abnormal and useless to this life appears in them all, and in most of them it is easy to see they have adaptability and naturalness to a purely spiritual existence.

I think the facts referred to and the views presented tend to show, and with much force, that there are two separate entities existing in man, one of which pertains to his physical existence in this world and the other to a spirit life beyond it.

It seems to me that one set of faculties could hardly, by acting under different physical conditions, produce phenomena so variant as that which I have pointed out; and that it cannot be true, as contended by materialists, that all psychic phenomena result from one intellectual organism, acting on different planes of consciousness, and can be accounted for by reference to cerebral anatomy and physiology. But if, instead of a dual mind, we have only one intellect, and the difference in the facts observed results from its operating in different planes of consciousness, still it being shown that its operations in the lower plane pertain not to this world, but to another, the final effect would be the same as if there was duality of mind.

In closing I wish to state that the soul is in the body, not as a governing spirit, but it is passive and to be acted on; and while its processes of intellection, such as I have been considering, are all abnormal to this life, not all its manifestations are so. The soul is the seat of our emotions and intuitions. Self-protection, religious worship spring out of it intuitively. Love, joy, sorrow, delight, anguish—these are its responses to its environments, and they are manifestations natural to the soul and normal to this life. We work out the destiny of our souls, and we are advised by it of our success or failure as we proceed. How wisely and mercifully God has provided all things. Soul development is dependent upon our emotional status, and these are determined by our environments, which we ourselves create or choose. Thus the responsibility for our future state is largely on each one of us. What could be more inspiring and ennobling than such thoughts? God help us to work our salvation with fear and trembling.

San Marcos, Texas.

DUE TO BAD SALOONS.

Louisville's "Carnival of Crime" is So Declared.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 11.—At a meeting of wholesale liquor dealers and distillers held at the Galt House here a resolution was adopted stating that: "The carnival of crime," which recently has held sway in Louisville, is due largely to a few disreputable saloons, and expressing hostility toward every saloon conducted in violation of the law. The President of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers is instructed to prepare a model license law for submission to the Legislatures of the various States to the end that improper persons may not be licensed to retail liquors.

I find the above news note in Dallas News of Feb. 13. You will see that it indicates a change of policy on part of the wholesale liquor dealers. Their former policy was to override law, hire lawyers to defend the saloon keepers and thugs, to run blind-tigers, malt-liquor joints and prescription stores in prohibition quarters, and in every way foster vice and crime. But their course was stirring up prohibition sentiment to such an extent and so sweeping were the local option victories that they saw a change of policy was de-

manded. Some weeks ago they called upon the people of Texas to help them make the liquor business a decent business. Some of the bills now before the Texas Legislature are planned in line with that policy, and have the backing of the saloon element, despite denials to the contrary. The plan is to allay the public indignation against the saloon business and to enable them to run their death-dealing business in quietude. They are the same men who permit malt-tonics, hop ale and other brands of beer to be sold in local option sections. They are the same men who secure the lowest characters of a community to violate the local option laws and defend them in courts by lawyers and expert chemists when on trial, and they are the same men who have been responsible for all the vice and crime growing out of the liquor business. If you think for a moment that they have become a more decent set themselves just watch them as they sought to bribe voters by buying up blocks of tax receipts in the Dallas election. The wholesale liquor dealers are the men who need to be made decent. They are the men behind all of this crime and rascality. It is not the poor tools who run their beer joints for them. It is the gigantic liquor trust who has been flying in the face of the laws of the land, and who has been carrying on their murderous business. Let us make the wholesale liquor dealers, business decent, and let us do it just like you make a snake good—kill it. We are doing that with local option, and we want no tampering with that law. T. H. MORRIS.

CHAPPELL HILL.

For Texas Methodists there are many sacred memories lingering around Chappell Hill. Here rests the mortal remains of their first missionary, Robert Alexander, sent to us in 1837. His widow and one daughter still live here. From this place went the two Misses Toland, Miss Rebecca to be a missionary, first in Mexico and now Cuba, and Miss Irene to die as a martyr for the soldiers in Cuba. Here our earliest educational enterprises were launched (Soule University) in 1852, and Chappell Hill Female College in 1852. Tread reverently; 'tis holy ground. But this is to deal more with the living present than the dead past. As we all know Soule University was moved to Georgetown and rechristened Southwestern University. Through varying fortunes of Civil War, burn out, and even the great Galveston storm, Chappell Hill Female College is still here and doing a noble work. Although thus warned they do not aspire to do college or university work. The literary course is a little higher than the regulation high school, while its mission is the great one of preparation. Start right is the first; and perhaps the greatest thing. Give a girl thorough early training and the results are sure. A baby needs a nursing bottle, but a 19-year-old boy don't. The solitude and care needed for a girl would be unbearable tyranny to a young lady. So place boys and girls, young men and women, primaries and prep., all in one school under the same management to be inspired by the same sentiments, controlled by the same rules, and you have something that would be hard to define, even with the dictionary.

Chappell Hill's highest ambition is to be a Christian home. With the true parents' solicitude and care for the physical, mental and moral nature, they give the girl the right start in life. How well they are carrying out such a holy ambition may best be told in a sketch of each day's work. Rising bell at 6 a. m., breakfast 7 a. m., morning prayers at College Chapel from 8:25 to 8:40, 8:40 to 12 recitations, 12 to 1:25 dinner, 1:25 to 4 p. m. recitations, 4 p. m. physical culture, 5:30 supper, followed by family prayer. From 7 to 9 study hall, conducted by teachers in turn. At 10 lights are out. Any period not occupied in class work is spent in the chapel studying under the care of the presiding teachers. Saturday night study hall is devoted to the Sunday-school lessons. All attend Sunday-school and both preaching services. At 4 o'clock they attend League or not as they may desire. Sunday from 2 to 4 p. m. are the silent hours. All must be in their rooms, and the whole home quiet. Monday is holiday, and Monday night study hall begins again. Tuesday all classes recite a lesson in the Bible. There is also a department of art, elocution and music, each under a trained specialist. There are four industrial girls who pay half of their expenses by work in dining-room, sewing department and general house-cleaning. One of these is preparing for missionary work. Teachers and pupils are all together as one family, so the girls have their constant care day and night. The capacity of the home is between 50 and 60. We are always reaching out for something better. Beginning with the September term they expect to have German taught by a German, and a commercial department. Do you doubt? Come and see. B. W. ALLEN.

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Christ abhorred a mere street-religion. He loved the religion that prayed and glowed in the closet, and that radiated its influence out into the street. But a mere street-religion He hated. He told us more than once of men who love to "pray standing at the corner of the street that they may be seen of men," and He bade us be not like unto them. He could not do with a piety that advertised itself to gain public applause. No man shall "hear his voice in the streets." If He goes to pray, then the midnight or the early dawn shall be a convenient season, and the desert or some remote height an appropriate place. "Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father which is in secret." No man shall hear the Master in a self-advertising piety; no man shall hear His voice in the streets engaged in a notoriety hunt, which seek its ends by the use of unctuous speech.—J. H. Jowett.

PATIENCE.

Patience is stronger than fate. Prometheus is no fable, but a symbol. It is not possible to escape affliction, but it is within our reach to endure it. Patience outwears adversity; she outlives scorn; she conquers pain by silent endurance. She is not clamorous; she never boasts; but she ever holds her own against all her foes. Patience is blind, but strong. Not to her is faith's keen vision and the glimpse of the joy to come; but she knows the duty of the hour and does it. The good man may lie in dungeon gloom bound with heaviest fetter. Patience transforms the clanking of his chain into the music of victory. Longfellow has well said:

"And thou, too, whoso'er thou art
That readest this brief psalm,
As one by one thy hopes depart,
Be resolute and calm.

"Oh, fear not, in a world like this,
And thou shalt know e'er long,
Know how sublime a thing it is
To suffer and be strong."

—Selected.

The apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things. . . . And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart . . . and rest awhile.—Mark 6:30, 31.

The disciples were not losing time when they sat down beside their Master and held quiet converse with Him under the olives of Bethany or by the shores of Galilee. Those were their school hours; those were their feeding times. The healthiest Christian, the one who is best fitted for godly living and godly labors, is he who feels most on Christ. Here lies the benefit of Bible reading and secret prayer.—Theodore L. Cuyler.

FUEL AND FIRE FOR PRAYER-MEETINGS.

Over a large part of our country there has been a serious apprehension of a famine of fuel. To the familiar and stereotyped question "What shall we get to eat and drink?" has been added the question—"Where shall we find a supply of fuel?" and "How shall we keep our houses warm?" Christian brethren, if the want of physical heat in our dwellings is a calamity, it is equally a calamity to have a famine of spiritual fuel in our prayer rooms. I know of no surer thermometer for the average Church than its prayer-meeting. Frigidity there pretty certainly indicates a cold and unfruitful Church. It is at once the cause and effect of a spiritual declension, if the appointed place for meeting the Master and

for their Master and his cause that their lips are sealed; or if they speak at all, it is too often in a formal and half-hearted fashion. The fuel they bring is only water-soaked wood, or burnt-out cinders. When a Church is under the quickening influences of the Holy Spirit, there is no place that feels the baptism of fire more than the devotional meetings. The "gift of tongues" descends there abundantly. New converts give their testimonies; restored backsliders make penitent confessions; and a single sentence or two spoken by a new recruit thrills an assembly more than an elaborate sermon. "Come aboard, all hands!" I once heard a young sailor shout out in a revival meeting; "whosoever will, let him come and be saved—captain and mate, cook and cabin-boy!" That nautical paraphrase by the enthusiastic "blue-jacket" gave a fresh idea of the comprehensiveness of the gospel invitation.

This leads me to say that all the revivals in the Churches under my pastoral charge began in the prayer-meeting; certainly the first tokens of them appeared there. Let it not be forgotten that as all the coal in the mines of Pennsylvania is of no use until it is kindled, so all our methods and measures and movements are of no avail without the "power from on high." We may bring in the fuel; but the baptism of the fire is often in one or two, or in half a dozen hearts; then the flame spreads. The most powerful revival my beloved Church ever experienced began in the house where I am writing, and at a prayer-meeting held on a bitter mid-winter evening. When the spark kindles, then we must fan the flame; never despise the day of small things.

Bonfires of pine shavings and tar barrels are sometimes lighted by human hands and make a transient blaze; but "the Lord is not in the fire." Prayers for the Holy Spirit, working with the Holy Spirit, and with the simple desire to honor Christ and save souls is the only sure way to secure the indispensable, precious blessing. Bring in the fuel. I beseech the infinitely loving Jesus to kindle the fire. The new year opens with many weeks of praying, giving, working, and clean, honest living. God never broke his promises. Pray without ceasing; labor without ceasing; and above all, quench not the Holy Spirit!—Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.

Prayer-meetings should never be frozen by formality. They are family gatherings; let every one of the household, old or young, male or female, be allowed to bear his or her part. If any one monopolizes too much time, let the pastor or the leader kindly admonish such offender. Absolute freedom should be encouraged—in exhortation, in confession of sin, in asking for prayers, in stating questions of conscience, in personal experiences, and in suggesting lines of Christian effort. Intellect is not so much in demand as heart. Pastors had better not turn devotional meetings into preaching services; they are the people's meetings for their spiritual development and for their direct personal converse with God.

Prayer—and of the right kind—is the main thing in these family gatherings of Christ's household. But as when a family hold a reunion at a Thanksgiving Day dinner each one contributes the fuel of his or her personal experiences and feelings to the warmth of the feast, just in like manner the individual members of the Church ought to bring their increment to the interest of the prayer-meeting. Much is made in the New Testament of witness-bearing. Those early meetings for social worship which Paul and Peter and John and Silas held, must have been largely occupied with personal testimonies. They testified of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. What a prodigious power there is in the narrative of our actual and deep experience of Christ's goodness and indwelling grace! No skeptic can answer that.

There is a sadly large number of tongue-tired Church members. They can talk fast enough elsewhere—in a social company or at the table, or behind a counter in a store or a shop. They can use their tongues when they want to gain a customer, or secure a bargain, or a vote. It is only when a good word is to be said

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Charity suffereth long, and is kind . . . is not easily provoked . . . beareth all things . . . endureth all things. . . . Follow after charity.—1 Cor. 13:4, 5, 7; 14:1.

The highest achievement of charity is to love our enemies; but to bear cheerfully with our neighbor's failings is scarcely an inferior grace. It is easy enough to love those who are agreeable and obliging—what is not attracted by sugar and honey? But to love one who is cross, perverse, tiresome, is as unpleasant a process as chewing pills. Nevertheless, this is the real touch-stone of brotherly love. The best way of practicing it is to put ourselves in the place of him who tries us, and to see how we would wish him to treat us if we had his defects.—Francis de Sales.

AN ORPHANED LIFE.

There is one thing more pitiable, almost worse, than even cold, black, miserable atheism. To kneel down and say, "Our Father," and then get up and live an orphaned life. To stand and say, "I believe in God the Father Almighty," and then to go fretting and fearing, saying, with a thousand tongues: "I believe in the love of God, but it is only in heaven. I believe in the power of God, but it stoppeth short at the stars. I believe in the providence of God, but it is limited to the saints in Scripture. I believe that



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"The Lord reigneth," only with reference to some far-off time with which we have nothing to do. That is more insulting to our heavenly Father, more harmful to the world, more cheating to ourselves, than to have no God at all.

Have a good conscience in all things.—Hab. 1:18.

Prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.—Rom. 12:2.

The conscience sustains to the will of God some such relation as the eye sustains to any work that we have to do. Your eye may be very accurate, but who would trust you to build a wall if you have no dependence but your eye? You must drop the plumb-line alongside and lay the level upon your work, and then the united action of eye, plumb-line and level helps you to make a perfectly upright wall. In the matter of truth and duty your eye is the fallible conscience, the plumb-line and level the revealed will of God, and the action of the two together enables you to build a character and to do works that are according to the will of God.—Arthur T. Pierson.

We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.—Acts 14:22.

Those whom God calls to a kingdom he calls to sufferings on the way to it.—Archbishop Leighton.

LIFE TRANSFIGURED.

"The full beauty of the smallest leaf—its living green, its wonderful tracery, its exquisitely-formed tissue—can only be seen when the sunlight shines through it, transfiguring every part. So the full beauty of every life can never be developed until the sunlight of God's grace shines through it, and transfigures its smallest details."

Bless the Lord, O my soul . . . who crowneth thee with living kindness and tender mercies.—Psalms 103:1, 4.

Seek to cultivate a buoyant, joyous sense of the eternal kindnesses of God in your daily life.—Alexander MacLaren.

DARKNESS AND SLEEP.

Darkness favors sleep. They that sleep sleep in the night. Light arouses men. Hence, if the candle in the pulpit be gone out, men will be comfortable because asleep; but if the pulpit light burn bright, men will be apt to get restless. The main question regarding a preacher is not, "Do men enjoy his preaching?" but, "Does his preaching arouse men?" Woe to the land if the pulpit lights burn low!—Exchange.

Life's highest, hardest lesson is trust. When we have learned that, blessed are we. Happiness comes when we have what pleases us, but blessedness—finer and deeper than happiness—comes when we rejoice in what we have, being confident that God's goodness is in it all. God never hangs a scarf of cloud up in the sky but He drapes it beautifully; God never strikes a harp

amongst the fir trees with the fingers of the wind but He does so harmoniously; and a life—God never so places or times it but that beautiful and harmonious possibilities are there. Our lesson is to have eyes that see, and ears that hear, and a heart that understands the wonderful working of our God.—S. S. Times.

Ye also helping.—2. Cor. 1:11.

Once a little stream was heard complaining, "What is the use of my being here? I am not doing this sort of duty as you are doing it. I am not needed to water the little valley, for the river fills in abundance and blesses the grass and the flowers. The trees sink their roots deep and lift their branches high, and the birds come and sing to them and nest in them and man respects by their shade. As for me, the thick growing underbrush and the low hanging branches of trees shut out my view. I flow over the rough stones and they hurt me. I am tired and helpless and ready to die." Just then a workman came along. He cleared out the undergrowth and cut down the low hanging branches, and the little stream saw the mighty river flowing by, bearing proud vessels on its bosom. And ere it could recover from its amazement the river cried, "Ah, little stream, how happy you should be. For you are one of my many little friends that make it possible for me to carry commerce from port to port and bless the life of man." Thus the little stream returned to its task humbled and rejoiced in its tributary to that greater life of which it formed a part.—Henry K. Doolinger.

After all, it is not what is around us, but what is in us; not what we have, but what we are, that makes us really happy.—Geiske.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

What Postum Did There.

A well-known figure at the National Capital is that of an attorney-at-law and solicitor of patents, who has been practicing before the courts and the Department of the Interior at Washington for more than 25 years. The experience of this gentleman with coffee is unusually interesting for it proves that although the ill results from coffee are slow they are sure. He says: "I have consumed coffee at my meals for many years, but of late years have been annoyed by increased stomach and sleeplessness, pain in my head, nervousness and confusion of the mind. About 18 months ago I quit coffee and commenced to use Postum Food Coffee and have experienced the most pleasing and beneficial results therefrom.

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"I look on Postum as an absolute cure for the ills that coffee causes. It not only cures the ravages of coffee but stimulates to vigor and healthy action the brain and all the organs of the human body. It has with me and with many of my friends and this is my authority for the statement. Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Some weeks ago they called a couple of Texas to help them liquor business a decent business of the hills now before the legislature are planned in line policy, and have the backing on element, despite denials (rary). The plan is to ally indignation against the sales and to enable them to death-dealing business in They are the same men it malt-tonics, hop ale and ds of beer to be sold in local tions. They are the same scurs the lowest characters unity to violate the local opnd defend them in courts by id expert chemists when on they are the same men who responsible for all the vice growing out of the liquor If you think for a moment have become a more decent lves just watch them as they bribe voters by buying up ax receipts in the Dallas The wholesale liquor dealers in who need to be made de-y are the men behind all of and rascality. It is not the who run their beer joints It is the gigantic liquor has been flying in the face s of the land, and who has ving on their murderous Let us make the wholesale lers business decent, and let just like you make a snake it. We are doing that with on, and we want no temper-that law. T. H. MORRIS.

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Secular News Items.

The anti-trust bill passed the House of Representatives last week by a vote of 245 to 8.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., has agreed to give \$100,000 per year for the next ten years in the South.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has purchased a \$7,500 house in Kansas City, Kan., and will establish a home for drunkards' wives.

Another tremendously rich gold strike is reported in Alaska, on American soil, on the Tanana River, 700 miles from its source. There is a stampede thither.

The President has signed an Anti-Trust bill.

The principal storehouse of the United States arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois, blew up on the 11th inst., at a loss to the Government of \$2,000,000.

The United States Senate, February 16, confirmed the nomination of Hon. George B. Cortelyou to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor, under the act creating the new department.

Sixty-three out of seventy-five counties of Mississippi are under the rule of local option.

Hoi Fong and Ham Ming, President and Vice-President of the "China Commercial Steamship Company," say the first steamer of the line will leave Hong Kong March 27, calling at Shanghai, Yokohama, Honolulu and Manzanillo, Mexico. On the return trip the steamer will call at San Francisco and thence direct to Yokohama.

Secretary Root recently transmitted to the House an abstract showing the militia strength of the States to be as follows: Officers, 8,921; enlisted men, 199,338. The aggregate of persons in the United States available for military duty is given as 10,853,396.

A Washington dispatch, dated February 16, says: "President Roosevelt expressed to those Senators who called on him last week the hope that the Senate would confirm the nomination of Dr. C. S. Crum to be collector of the post of Charleston, S. C. The President has no intention of withdrawing the nomination and desires that the Senate take definite action on it."

The hull of the "Niagara," on which Perry stood when receiving the surrender of the British fleet in the War of 1812, lies where she was sunk in Presque Isle Bay. Portions of the hull have been carried away by ice and storms until the remaining timbers are now buried deep under the sand and mud. Mr. Bates, of Pennsylvania, has introduced in Congress a bill appropriating \$10,000, for the expense of digging out and raising the hull of the "Niagara." Commodore Perry's flagship in the battle of Lake Erie, and erecting a building for it on public grounds in the city of Erie, Pa.

The Republic of Liberia, through Bishop H. M. Turner, of Atlanta, has donated to the Colored National Emigration and Commercial Association the sum of \$25,000, to assist in purchasing a steamship to ply between the United States and West Africa for commercial purposes as well as to encourage emigration to Liberia.

Narodni Manolekji Wadia, of Bombay, India, has set aside \$5,000,000 from his personal fortune for the purpose of founding a charity trust. The purpose is to relieve the great misery caused by disasters, famines and disease that sweep that country.

"Local vital statistics show," says a Boston dispatch to the New York Herald, "that there were thirty-five mixed marriages in Boston last year. There were thirty-one in 1901, and the annual average recently is between thirty and forty. In nearly every case it is a colored man that marries a white woman."

Pasteur, the great French scientist, stated his views on materialism as follows: "Posterity will one day laugh at the foolishness of the modern materialistic philosophers. The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the works of the Creator. I pray while I am engaged in my work in the laboratory."

The professed anarchist, Gerone Ruino, who attempted to assassinate King Leopold of Belgium several months ago, has been found guilty by a jury and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Mrs. Eddy, the mother of Christian Science, fell on the ice recently, and thinking herself seriously hurt was reported as turning her thoughts wholly

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to the Divine Helper. Dr. Cushing, who was called in to see her, says in the Springfield Republican he found her hysterically nervous, but was not seriously hurt, and was taken to her own home next morning.

Over one thousand persons are said to have perished in a destructive storm which swept over the South Sea Islands, January 13. The survivors are said to be destitute of food, shelter and clothing. Eighty isles were visited by the storm. Some of the isles were totally depopulated.

The building of a railroad in South Australia, 1,200 miles long, is contemplated by a syndicate. It is estimated that it will cost \$20,000,000. In return for this expenditure the syndicate is to be given 50,000,000 acres of land and the right to all the minerals which may be found within the limits of the land concession.

Minister of Commerce Moeller, in an address to the Hanover Chamber of Commerce February 14, said: "The United States will be Germany's chief competitor in the world's markets in the future. We must therefore learn from the Americans to adopt their business methods, the most marked feature of which is the concentration of capital and trade into trusts. The strong resentment existing in Germany against such conditions certainly will be replaced in time by a better view, especially after the evils of the syndicates have been removed."

A changed condition seems to be apparent in Ireland. The overtures which the Tory party are credited with making to Ireland are taken as an encouraging indication, especially as they come at a time when the Liberals, under the lead of Earl Rosebery, have abandoned the home rule issue. However, there is no intimation that the Tories will grant home rule in the near future. It may come some time, but the fact that they offer concessions to the Irish is construed to mean that the harshness of the opposition to the cause of reform across St. George's Channel is growing less.

Archaeologists, historians and artists believe that whenever Rome was besieged and captured, many notable works in marble and bronze and precious metals and numerous other achievements of cunning artificers were cast into the yellow stream of the Tiber. The stupendous triumphs of English engineering in Egypt at Assiout and Assouan suggests the possibility of the exploring of the waters of the Tiber within the territory of the city of Rome. It is predicted that such an exploration would result in the disclosure of treasures of art, over which every civilized nation would rejoice.

Princeton Theological Seminary may not get the \$1,000,000 bequeathed to it by Mrs. Mary J. Winthrop, lately deceased. The will is to be contested by four cousins of Mrs. Winthrop. The grounds upon which it is sought to set aside the bequest to the seminary are that the amount of the bequest will increase its property to a larger amount than that provided by law; that the will seeks to create a trust, which is invalid and void, because it does not name any trustees competent to take the bequest; that the trustees of the attempted trust violates the rule against perpetuities.

Reports have gained circulation that it was the intention of the Interior Department at Washington to build the first Government dam in Arizona under the new irrigation law in the Tonto Basin, instead of at San Carlos, for the benefit of the Pima Indians. But Secretary Hitchcock officially states that the surveys which have been conducted by the Geological Survey to demonstrate the feasibility of either of the projects named have not yet been completed, and the Department is unable as yet to determine which of the two dams proposed would be most practical or advantageous to the Indians; therefore, no steps have been taken towards the construction of either of them.

Governor Taft and Archbishop Guidi, the papal delegate, have against resumed the friars' land negotiations, which interrupted for the purpose of gathering data concerning the estimates. It is expected that the prices asked by outsiders having equities in the friars' lands will prove excessive. Neither the outsiders nor the members of the religious orders have as yet formally submitted their figures. The Filipino labor union has issued a protest against Chinese immigration, threatens violence to prevent its introduction in Manila and asks the people to cooperate in the efforts to prevent such immigration.

The breach between the Boer factions seems to be widening. A conference was held in Bloemfontein last week between Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and forty Boers of the extreme party, including Christian De Wet. Mr. Chamberlain is said to have rebuked the delegation for presenting him with an address which he regarded as insulting, inasmuch as it impugned the good faith of himself and the Government. Christian De Wet who spoke after Mr. Cham-

berlain, prefaced his statement with saying that his remarks would "come like mustard after meat," and concluded with asserting that no co-operation of the Boers was possible so long as Piet De Wet and Christian Botha represented the people. The country would not be ruled by them, but would rule them. He, the speaker, would not rest until he had caused a rebellion; not an armed rebellion, but a rebellion of agitation and discontent against the Government.

The opinion seems to be gaining ground that Russia and Austria-Hungary may not have an opportunity to test the efficacy of the reform proposals which they desire to press upon the Sultan. The Porte apparently relies upon assurances from Berlin that neither Power would incur the responsibility of exclusive action and that combined action on the part of the Powers is out of the question. Accordingly the Sultan has issued a remonstrance against the implications of the Austro-Russian memorandum, and insists that the existing law is all that is needed to give Macedonia relief, provided the people of the province obey it. This action of Abdul Hamid is taken to mean delay and equivocation on his part. Next April is fixed by the agitators as the time of rising. Reports state that they hope to exasperate the Mussulmans to commit atrocities upon the Christians and thus to provoke European occupation of the disturbed districts. The theory is that Abdul Hamid will grant autonomy in order to rid the land of the foreign soldiery, whose presence would be a standing affront to his dignity. In carrying the plot—for plot it is—into effect, the revolutionaries seem to care nothing of how much blood they may shed or cause to be shed.

The Captain of the German cruiser Gazelle, anchored at Puerto Cabello, on the German Emperor's birthday, invited the members of the German Colony to celebrate the day on the cruiser. All refused. One of them answered: "Tell the Captain that his invitation surprises me, under the present circumstances, when Venezuela is suffering from unjustifiable aggression on the part of Germany. I will not attend nor allow any of the young German clerks employed by my firm to attend the celebration."

The total amount contributed to aid in relieving the famine in Finland, according to late reports, is nearly \$200,000. The correspondent of the Associated Press at St. Petersburg announces the measure for the relief of the distress in Finland to be apparently well organized. But the amount received is not nearly sufficient for the great needs.

Word has been received in Havana that three hundred American citizens, property-owners and residents of the Isle of Pines, are preparing to forcibly resist, if necessary, any further exercise of sovereignty there by the Cuban Government. Formal demand has been made, so it is said, upon Minister Squires for the protection of American citizens on American territory.

Senator Wellington of Maryland, has introduced an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the holding of fortunes exceeding \$10,000,000 by any one individual in the United States. In case of such holding, the amendment provides that "the excess shall all be condemned, whether or not, as a public nuisance, a public folly or a public peril, and be accordingly forfeited into the United States Treasury."

It is expected that the Cuban Senate will in a short time approve the reciprocity treaty with the United States. It is estimated that the decrease in customs due to the treaty will amount to \$2,000,000. The duties on articles of general consumption are to be increased. Announcement is made that United States Minister Squires and President Palma have agreed upon Guantanamo and Bahla Honda as the sites for two of the American naval stations.

Four hundred Americans Sunday afternoon, the 15th, observed the fifth anniversary of the destruction of the Maine, proceeding to where the Maine now lies with a flag draped with crape and a wreath which was hung on the wreck as a tribute to those who lost their lives in the disaster. Representatives of the Cuban Veterans' Association took part in the ceremony and brought the finest of all of the floral offerings.

The most hazardous section of the Manila telegraph cable is that completed between San Francisco and Honolulu, in which the sea bed is precipitous, with valleys 31,000 feet deep. The next two sections, extending to Guam, will cross level plains of mud at a depth of about 18,000 feet, while the last section is over a series of mountains.

Bryan's newspaper, The Commoner, said in its last number: "The Eastern Democrats are looking around for a Presidential candidate. Why is it that they ignore such timber as that furnished by Rhode Island, where a Kansas City platform Democrat officiates

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as Governor? Because the reorganizing element does not want a President who will be Democratic in office. Governor Garvin lives in an Eastern State, but he would be as obnoxious to the reorganizers as any Western or Southern believer in the Kansas City platform."

A cable dispatch from Berlin to the New York Sun says: "Dr. Dempwolf, who succeeded Prof. Koch as the head of the German anti-malaria expedition to New Guinea, announces that he has discovered an aquatic insect which destroys the anopheles mosquito. He proposes to cultivate the creature artificially in the hope of exterminating the mosquito, thereby exterminating malaria."

Senators Stone, of Missouri, and Berry, of Arkansas, both Ex-Governors of their respective States, have been counting the Ex-Governors who now hold seats in the United States Senate. Three Governors or Ex-Governors will take their seats after March 4. They are McCreary, of Kentucky; Clark, of Arkansas, and Stone, of Missouri. Both the Senators from Louisiana have served their States as Governors and Billingham and Proctor have been Governors of Vermont. One-fifth of the present membership of the Senate is composed of Ex-Governors. The list includes Berry, of Arkansas; Perkins, of California; Mooney and Foster, of Louisiana; Cullom, of Illinois; Alger, of Michigan; Nelson, of Minnesota; MacLaurin, of Mississippi; Dietrich, of Nebraska; Foraker, of Ohio; Wetmore, of Rhode Island; Tillman, of South Carolina; Culbertson, of Texas; Proctor and Billingham, of Vermont.

A correspondent wires from Kansu, China, that a "crisis is imminent and the officials are powerless to act. There is cause for grave apprehension unless Tung Fuh Siang is suppressed." The missionaries are reported to be fleeing from Kansu. Two of them have reached Shanghai. They confirm the news that Tung Fuh Siang is gaining ground and intends to lead the army he is marshaling to Singan. They say it is Tung Fuh Siang's purpose to make Singan his capital and place Pu Chun, who has been proclaimed emperor, on the throne. It is claimed that there are strong indications which point to the fact that Tung Fuh Siang has governmental support.

A communication is said to have been addressed to M. Delcasse, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, by Archbishop Ireland, on behalf of the English Passionist Fathers of the Roman Catholic Church in Paris. According to reports, it is the policy of the present Government of France to cause them to disperse, forcibly if necessary. In this communication it is claimed that Archbishop Ireland informs M. Delcasse that the dispersal of these Passionist Fathers will be viewed with repugnance and horror by all sections of the American people. He adds that such procedure would be considered in this country a needless and wanton act of religious persecution. It is understood that in making his appeal on behalf of the Passionist Fathers, Archbishop Ireland was joined by General Porter and Sir E. J. Monson, the American and British ambassadors. But notwithstanding the influence brought to bear, word has been received in this country that Premier Combes has determined to make a clean sweep of the Passionist congregation.

Announcement is made that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and the leaders of the mining community at Johannesburg have arrived at an agreement in the matter of a financial settlement. It is understood that the agreement implies that the Transvaal mining industry will guarantee the interest on three hundred million dollars, half of which is to be devoted to public works, while the other half will be a war contribution to the Imperial Government. It is estimated that this will amount to \$50 per head yearly on the white population of the Transvaal. The London papers pronounce the arrangement as an equitable compromise and as likely to have a beneficial effect.

The last of the "hoodle" trials in St. Louis has resulted in conviction. Mr. Charles F. Kelly, a member and speaker of the House of Delegates, has been found guilty of perjury in connection with the Suburban Railway

case and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Thus far in all the "hoodle" trials Circuit Attorney Folk has secured a conviction, except in one case, in which the judge, on account of insufficient evidence, directed the jury to acquit. Shortly after the verdict was announced, one of Kelly's attorneys was heard to remark that the public mind is still inflamed against all who are implicated in the bribery and perjury cases. But would it not be a better way to state the case, that the people of St. Louis, more likely, are determined that the offering, giving or taking of bribes, and false swearing, when proven, shall not go unpunished?

The quartette of young women from an Ohio factory who for the past six weeks have been investigating the conditions of female labor in various industrial centers, have not yet published the result of their inquiries, but the status of "the woman who toils" in Pittsburgh, Lyan, Chicago and other big manufacturing cities will be described in a book to be issued some time during the present week. The work is said to have an approving comment by President Roosevelt.

Toward the end of the illness which terminated the earthly career of Abram S. Hewitt the doctors endeavored to keep him alive by the use of oxygen. Those nearest and dearest to the dying man assembled about his bed. The venerable patient slowly raised his hand, grasped the tube and removed it from his mouth. "And now," he whispered, with a flickering smile, "I am officially dead." His eye lighted up with its last flash and in a moment he was no more.

A bill introduced in the Utah Legislature makes the first Monday in October a legal holiday, to be known as "Health Day." On that day it is made compulsory for every person in the State to clean and disinfect thoroughly dwellings, stores, theatres, public halls of all kinds, and, in fact, every building of any kind used by the people. An amendment to the bill making a bath on that day compulsory might have beneficial effects on the Weary Willies, and maybe some others.

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NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

MATADOR.

J. W. Gibbens, Feb. 18: I was reappointed to Matador by Bishop Hendricks. Was gladly received by my people and the accustomed Methodist usage...

Senior League 23. The Woman's Home Mission Society is doing good, substantial work. Have had some very interesting Church Conferences. Our first committee to estimate the kind and cost of the new church is about ready to make its final report...

ARMOUR.

F. M. Winburne, Feb. 14: A majority of my people are having a delightful rest. In Church work, more it rains the more they rest—not disturbed by preachers, prayer-meetings nor collections...

CENTREVILLE.

W. D. Gaskins, Feb. 16: It has been two months since we arrived on this charge. We had a cordial reception and a good sounding, which is evidence of the fact that these people know how to receive their preacher and to inspire him to give them his best service...

DOUGLAS MISSION.

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WILLARD CIRCUIT.

J. T. Howell, Feb. 17: On the 16th inst. I arrived in Grovesville, in the Jacksonville Circuit, for instructions concerning Willard Circuit, of which I had been appointed pastor by Rev. Jas. B. Sears, P. E. I was given my instructions and here I am, on my charge. You old souls of the Cross know something of how inexperienced and unworthy I feel...

CLAYTON CIRCUIT.

L. C. Allen, Feb. 16: We are here and doing the best we can, owing to the circumstances. The weather is cold and the roads are bad; but we are filling our appointments. What? You ask if we had a sounding? Why, yes, the good people of Clayton met us with a good sounding, plenty of smiles and lots of things nice, such as flour, sugar, coffee, cakes, fruits and pickles and numerous other things, even sweet potatoes and a load of wood...

FARMER.

R. E. Wagner, Feb. 20: I have not been idle on this charge since conference. We were kindly received here. The morning came in due form. Our first quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Had a fine quarterly Conference. Every steward on the charge was present and a fine report for support of ministers. Our new presiding elder, Bro. J. H. Hays, made a fine impression. He had to travel all night to reach us on account of railroad work...

SALADO.

J. M. Armstrong, Feb. 22: Even a small sounding is a good thing, indicating as such things do, that God's people are prayerfully remembering His and their servants; but a brand-new sounding is better. The morning was fine and the people led by one of the stewards, are the guilty parties. It is needless to attempt an expression of our appreciation of this manifestation of generosity. The joy is heightened because it was so easily and cheerfully done. With all the brethren who are in such need could have been such fortune. To the average preacher few things add so much to his comfort as a good traveling outfit. May the Lord help us to prove worthy the many kindnesses shown us by his people.

VERNON MISSION.

Jas. A. Travis, Feb. 22: Wheat fine, weather bad; snow been on the ground over a week; congregations large and getting larger. Must paint two churches and possibly build a new one. Regarding parsonage, the other two have not done so well. More Advocates and fine revivals. Have put \$25 on parsonage improvement.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

D. F. Puley, Feb. 18: Our first quarterly Conference was held the 14th of February, at LaRue. Our presiding elder, Bro. Smith, was ready for the occasion. Bro. Clarke, the pastor from Arson, preached the fine sermon at 11 o'clock Saturday. Bro. Smith called us together at 2 o'clock for the business session. The official board assessed a liberal salary for their preacher and paid nearly one-fourth of the same. We were kindly received on the New York Circuit. We have not been sounded, like some of our good preachers, but, oh, what a downpour of the Holy Ghost fell on us at our first and prayer-meeting at Red Hill, Friday before our quarterly meeting. Sinners convicted, mourners converted and we were uplifted. Praise the good Lord. Everything moving off nicely. Eight Sunday-schools, eight prayer-meetings.

DOUGLASSVILLE.

S. N. Allen, Feb. 19: The first quarterly Conference for Lindley circuit is a thing of the past. The bell rang last Saturday morning and the brethren began to come in from all over the work. For every Church was represented. Our P. E., Bro. Jas. W. Downs, was on hand, looking after the interest of the Church. Brother Downs makes a good presiding elder. We have known him a long time; but as a

presiding elder, he is the right man in the right place. The people all like him, and his executive ability is beyond our expectation. We think his preachers all like him so much. God bless dear Brother Downs. We only had one sermon, Saturday, at 11; then the business part of the quarterly Conference in the afternoon. Of the Church gave me food for my own use on raining all day and from that it began sleeting and snowing, until we couldn't do anything but sit by the fire. So our P. E. had to stay with us till Tuesday evening. We had a pleasant time notwithstanding the weather. We have a good people to serve on the Linden Circuit. The Board of Stewards assessed for the support of the preacher \$200; paid first quarter \$60.55, for P. C. \$115.55, and for P. E. \$22.50. We think the work is moving off nicely. We are expecting a good year; a revival in every Church. God bless this good people and help us to do them good, in the name of our Lord.

shades, door locks, etc., to the amount of forty or fifty dollars and did two days' work before we moved into the parsonage. The stewards willingly assessed for the pastor \$200. This I am sure they will pay, as I have never had a delinquent one year since I have been in the Ministry. The clever man, and a member of the Church, gave me food for my own use. New things have been coming to the parsonage since we came, and on the 14th of February they came as "a mighty rushing wind." Lord, bless, bless, bless, four meat coffee, thirteen pounds fruit, canned goods, hay for horses, oatmeal, soda, etc. My heart was made glad on account of the kindness of this good people. Our prayer-meetings, Sunday-schools, and preaching services are very poorly attended on account of the month, but we look for better days. I hope to be able to preach the gospel with power and do this kind people good. Our faithful presiding elder has been on hand and made good impressions on the people. We look to him for his social qualities, his preaching ability, his administrative power. While I am snow-bound and road-bound, allow me to say, success to the Advocate and love to the brethren.

DOUGLAS MISSION.

W. H. Head, Feb. 20: Our first quarterly Conference is passed. Our P. E. was absent, which we regret very much. Except Spring Hill, each Church was fully represented. The preacher's salary was paid the same as last year. We were people who love the cause of Christ and have a great interest in the welfare of the preacher. This manifests itself in the interest taken in religious services and in the good things that continue to come to the preacher's home. We had a long ride yesterday to Spring Hill—road mud, but a steward gave us \$20 and we felt better.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

GANADO.

Jas. L. Wilson, The first quarterly Conference of Ganado charge convened at Ganado February 22, 14 and 15. We had a good and profitable meeting notwithstanding the inclement weather. Our dearly beloved presiding elder, J. C. Wilson, was with us and preached six most excellent sermons, one being a special to the children. Brother Wilson has now been a few years a preacher, and the time is not far distant when he will have a world-wide reputation. His preaching has shaken this place from center to circumference, resulting in a reformation of many souls. We had an excellent report for the first quarter and hope to excel this at the second quarter. We are praying and expecting a glorious revival of religion throughout Ganado Circuit. Brother Wilson, pray for us that this may be brought about in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Our next quarterly Conference will convene the first Sunday in May at Traylor's Chapel.

REPORT UP TO AND INCLUDING FEB. 17, 1903.

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AN APPRECIATION.

My heart was pained when I read the notice of the death of Miss Shirley Green. I had the pleasure of teaching Miss Shirley and I can say that of all the pupils I have taught I have never come in contact with a character more noble and lovely. She was a devoted and obedient daughter, a true and very charming in the social circle. It was my good fortune, when at Palestine summer before last, to be with her in her beautiful home, and to meet a group of that sweet little girl, my old friend, Sister Green, who has taken unto herself his own precious child. A sweeter, brighter spirit has never lived in the files of this church than in Miss Shirley Green. S. E. BURKHEAD, Waco, Texas, Feb. 24, 1903.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Our Sunday-School Institute will be held in San Marcos, April 24. The program will be ready for mailing in a few days. Please send me the names and addresses of your Sunday-school Superintendents at once. Also a contribution (at least 50 cents) from each Sunday-school toward the expenses of the Institute. Please attend to this and send me these names and contributions immediately. V. G. THOMAS, Treas. S. S. Board, Pearsall, Texas.

THE STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

The Leaguers of Texas have been informed of the decision of the State Board of League Officers to hold the next Annual Conference in the city of San Antonio April 21, 25 and 26, and the purpose of this communication is to announce the action of our Local Committee on Entertainment, composed of the pastors of our City Churches, and the officers of the League Union. We undertake to extend

HONEY GROVE CIRCUIT.

R. J. Smith, Feb. 16: I was delayed about two weeks from the fact that my predecessor could not move on account of the mud. The good people of White Rock placed furniture, cooking stove, seventeen window lights, eleven window



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the same hospitality enjoyed by the Leaguers at the hands of the officers of the State for the last six years. We are all in correspondence with the various State Boards of League Officers, and we are all in correspondence with the various State Boards of League Officers, and we are all in correspondence with the various State Boards of League Officers.

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THE DRUNKER'S LAMENT O'ER THE BIER OF HIS WIFE.

Disturb not her slumber, but let her sleep on. She came from her labors, to reward she has given. And it is just that I suffer, that remorseful my soul—For the pain I inflicted can never be told.

Oh! why did my heart become hardened and cold? Why forget all the tender affections of old? Why forsake and forget all that bound me to home. And I share in intemperance—a drunkard become!

I was fired by the wine cup, beguiled from my home. Enchanted by the demon, a wretch I became. Found with my loving children, happy home—All were mine. But I knew not their value, and exchanged them for wine.

I pledged deeper in vice and drank to excess. Flooding children's embraces and wife's fond caress. Caring naught for the suffering and pain they endured. For the wine by its sparkling my senses had freed.

While I was engaging in revelry and sin, The Angel of Death my home entered in; He chose for his victim the mother and wife. Making her orphanage orphans for life.

Now, sobered, I gaze on the form of my wife. Cold in death, never more to behold her in life. Oh, that I see my anguish, and heed now my prayer! Oh! pity the drunkard, and from his companions spare!

MRS. M. H. NEFF,
Paducah, Texas.

A HOUSE WITHOUT A BABY.

There was not a child in the house, not one; I was sure of it when I first went in. Such a speck-and-span look as it had. Chairs, grown-up chairs, plastered straight up against the wall—books arranged by rule and compass—no dear little careless finger-marks on furniture, doors or window glass—no hoop, or ball, or doll, or mitten, or basket, or picture-book on the premises—not a pin or a shred on the angles and squares of the immaculate carpet—the tassels of the window-shades, at which baby-fingers always make such a dead set, as fresh as if just from the upholsterer's. I sat down at the well-polished window and looked across the street. At the upper window of a house opposite, I saw a little baby, tied into a high-chair, speculating upon the panorama in the street, while its little fat hands practically essayed to grab distant pedestrians on the pavement. Its mother sat sewing diligently by its side. Happy woman—she has a baby. She thought so, too, for by and by she threw down her work, untied the fettering handkerchief, took the child from its prison-house and covered it with kisses. Ah! she had heard a step upon the stairs—the step! And there are two to kiss the baby; for John has come to his dinner, and, giving both mother and child a kiss that makes my lips quiver, he tosses the baby up in his strong arms, while its mother puts dinner on the table. But, pshaw! here come the old maids I was sent to see. I hear the rustle of their well-pressed silks in the entry. I feel proper all over. Vinegar and leeches—how shall I ever get through with it? Now the door opens. What a bloodless look they have—how dictionary-ish they speak—how carefully they lower themselves into their chairs, as if the cushions were stuffed with live kittens—how smooth their ruffs and ribbons! Bibs and pinafores!—give me the upper room in the house opposite, with kissing John and the little baby!—Fanny Fern, in Great Thoughts.

WHAT HE FEARED.

"Dear me!" said May, scornfully. "The idea of your being afraid of old Towser, a poor, old house dog! Why, he eats out of my hand!"

"I don't doubt it," replied Skeers, dubiously. "What I am afraid of is, that he may take a notion to eat out of my leg."

HEART BEAUTY.

"It is a pity that Margaret is so well, is so homely."

"Margaret homely? You would never say that if you knew her better."

Mrs. Carter looked up in surprise. "Certainly no one would call those irregular features anything but ugly! Poor girl, she must feel it when she is with her sisters, for their beauty is such a contrast."

You never think of her features when you are about her. She is so ready to do a favor, and is so kind and gentle in her ways. She has always a kind word for everybody."

I heard a slight rustle behind me and glanced around just in time to see Margaret disappear down the steps; she

must have been reading in her favorite nook among the honeysuckles at the end of the piazza. That night she came into my room as usual for a little chat before retiring, but she was unusually quiet as she sat on the stool at my feet and gazed at the fire in the grate, for the night was cool.

"I don't know what you will think of me," she said at last, and there was a tremor in her voice, "but I could not help overhearing what you said about me this afternoon, and I want to thank you for it. You see, I am so 'horrid homely,' as Mrs. Carter said, and I have always felt it, especially when people will compare me with Edith and Laura, and speak of their beauty. Don't think that I am envious; I am proud of them that that they are so pretty, but I can't help being sensitive about my ugliness. I used to get angry and fret because my hair wouldn't curl, and because my mouth was so large and my nose such an ugly shape; until I guess I was getting as ugly inside as I was out," she smiled sadly. "One day an old woman came to the house selling lace, and when she went out of the gate she fell. I ran down and helped her up and straightened the things in her basket for her. She laid her hand on my shoulder and said:

"God bless you, young lady, you've not got the beauty that a skin deep. No, you've not got the skin beauty; you've got the heart beauty; that's inside. You've got a kind word for an old woman, God bless you, child."

"Well, that 'heart beauty' was a new idea to me, and I thought over it a great deal; and I made up my mind that I would try to have that if I could not have the 'skin beauty,' and if I was kind to everybody they wouldn't think of my ugly face. What you said this afternoon—well, it made me feel that I was gaining a little at least. It was the first time I ever heard any one say that I was anything but horrid ugly." She laughed, but there were tears in the gray eyes that looked into mine.

"Heart beauty. I shall try to have it if I can," she said, half-aloud, then gazed fixedly again at the fire.—May Everett Glover, in New York Observer.

AN EVERY-DAY HERONE.

Miller's "Man with the Hoe" represents a laborer "like dumb driven cattle," but I would like to picture with the pen "a hero in the strife," whose path in life crossed mine for only a brief hour not long ago.

Driving through a delightfully picturesque bit of country, where groups of native trees graced the landscape and cosy homes were set at intervals amidst orchards "drooping fatness" in golden and crimson globes, I came to a small farm house, with a beautiful vine growing over the porch.

Wishing to examine it more closely I alighted at the gate, and following a beaten path around the house, I came suddenly upon a woman who was wringing out a mop. She had finished her task and hung her mop in the fork of a convenient tree while she returned my greeting, then rinsing her pall, set it aside with swift, energetic motions. Two children, whose size and likeness proclaimed them twins, were climbing the wet step, greatly to the detriment of their blue gingham slits. These she lifted down and spreading a rug over the dampness, she invited me to enter the house. I excused myself, making my errand known, and asked for a drink. "Certainly," she answered, "we have excellent water." Looking toward the pump where a tin dipper was lying in the grass, she continued, "Please wait a minute," and entered the house. She returned with a glass, holding on her arm a lusty baby, who was rubbing his eyes with his chubby fists and wailing a vigorous protest against neglect. "Mother's nice boy," she said soothingly, "he shall go bye-bye right away."

At this juncture another child came from the barn with her hat full of eggs. Gazing with wondering eyes at "the stranger in the midst," she forgot the fragile nature of her burden, and let the eggs roll to the ground. Then realizing that calamity had befallen her treasures she began to cry. "Never mind, Mabel," said her mother, "you should not bring so many at once." Then to me she continued: "She thinks she is helping, the dear, but she generally breaks half the eggs, and eggs mean all our groceries nowadays."

I said something inane about "hard times," and she returned: "It has always been 'hard times' with us, we have had so much sickness and other misfortune. Our skies are especially lowering just now, as we have obligations to meet. It means a great deal of sacrifice. My husband gets discouraged, but my motto is, 'Hope on, hope ever.' It seems as if the clouds must roll away soon. We have a large fami-

ly. Besides the four you see here I have two more in school, and none of them able to help much as yet. But I am glad and thankful that they are well and sound in mind and limb. I have my hands full to keep things going, there is much to do preparing for winter. I am making mixed pickles now and I must gather the 'stertion seeds; so if you love flowers come and see my garden. Bring a dish, Mabel," she called out, as followed by the children and myself she led the way through a grassy clothes yard, where the week's wash was swinging from the lines, to a small plot of ground roughly fenced from marauding fowls.

"Minnie's garden," hisped one of the twins. "Pitty fowers," cood the other. "Babies mustn't touch," said Mabel, warningly. "No, no," they cried in concert, shaking their flaxen heads energetically.

And ah, that garden! Such a wealth of bloom and color! And that woman with all her household duties had dug the ground, had planted roots and bulbs, and sowed seeds, and tended them with loving care. She knew the nature and needs of each plant. "It rests me just to look at them," she said. "I get so little time, but Joe helps me when he is out of school. He likes it and I am glad he does. It is good for a boy to love flowers. Joe takes an interest in everything about the place and will soon be a great help to us."

The baby bounced and gurgled on her arm while she searched out the seeds on the nasturtium vines, dropping them into Mabel's dish and we conversed about her flowers, her fowls and her household affairs. She discussed of her children's education, their moral and spiritual welfare, of her neighbors' needs and the public weal, with a comprehensive knowledge of affairs which amazed me. She persuaded me in "to rest," giving me an easy chair in a cosy sitting-room, where a cheerful rag carpet, a small organ in one corner, and a sewing machine with its accompanying basket of work gave an air of homelike cheer. "I sew whenever I can," she said, "mostly at night when the children are asleep, but I can scarcely keep up with the season." A popular magazine was lying on the crib. She took it up saying: "This means so much to me, I have to read while putting the baby to sleep, and it is such a comfort to know something of what is going on in the world. One can't stagnate."

When I rose to depart she accompanied me to the front of the house, giving me some seeds of her vine and its history, besides instructing how to care for it. As I bade her good-bye she said: "I am so glad you came in. You do not seem like a stranger. It has done me good to talk with you."

I too had received good from our brief sojourn together, although we may never meet again. I had not thought to inquire her name, but I feel that the heart of a heroine is enthroned in the woman I met that day, who could wield a mop or a hoe with energy, and who yet dignified the daily round of life's common cares with a grace and a patience which made her drudgery divine, and is a living proof of the poet's words:

"And woman in her daily round Of duty, walks on hallowed ground."

There are thousands like her in this broad land of ours—unregarded heroines, unknown to fame, yet leaving their impress on the rising generation in lofty ideals, wrought by plain living and high thinking. Shall it not be said of them, "She hath done what she could?"—Michigan Advocate.

A HOME-MADE CLOCK.

The small boy had sprained his ankle, and while he was waiting for it to mend the hours passed with terrible slowness. An ingenious uncle hit upon a plan for amusing the boy, and at the same time sparing the mother from constant interruptions.

"Please, mamma, what time is it?" asked Johnnie.

His mother sighed as she pulled out her watch.

"I believe," she said, "this is the twentieth time you've asked me this morning. It's fifteen minutes past nine."

Johnnie began thinking about his skates and the perfect ice down on the pond, and the situation became intolerable.

"What time is it now, mamma?" he asked.

"It is twenty-five minutes past nine, Johnnie. And now you must really let me sew a little."

Just then Uncle Dick strolled into the room.

"Let's make a clock of our own," said he, "then you won't have to bother your mother all the time. Take this pencil and paper." He looked at his watch. "It is exactly half-past nine, and the long ray from that south window has just touched the edge of the rug in front of the gate."

That item was written down.

"Now, at a quarter before ten we

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will make another record, and so on every fifteen minutes."

Uncle Dick lent Johnnie his watch and Johnnie spent the rest of the day billing out his record. As there was a west window in the room, as well as a south one, the record lasted all day long. This was what Johnnie proudly showed his uncle in the evening:

- 3:15 p. m.—Sun reaches southwest leg of the center-table.
- 3:30 p. m.—Sun has got to the first knob on the table leg.
- 3:45 p. m.—Sun shines on glass paper-weight on the table.
- 4:00 p. m.—Sun is in mamma's eyes, but she dare not pull down the shade for fear I'll begin to ask what time it is.
- 4:15 p. m.—Sun has climbed up the wall to the picture of Queen Victoria.
- 4:30 p. m.—Sun has touched Queen Victoria's nose.
- 4:45 p. m.—Sun has just reached picture-moulding.
- 5:00 p. m.—Sun has set.

Luckily the next day and the next were also sunny, and Johnnie scorned to ask what time it was. All he had to do was to observe the position of the sunshine in his room, and then consult his record. Not until a rainy day came did he find that his time-piece was not always to be depended upon. But by that time the lame ankle was well enough to allow him to hobble down to the parlor, where stood the cuckoo-clock.—Selected.

HOW DID THESE ANIMALS KNOW?

The newspaper dispatches from St. Kitts and from other cities in the West Indies tell about the wonderful action of animals just before the great eruption. Long before Mont Pelee began to rumble, late in April, the Eve stock in the vicinity became uneasy and at times were almost uncontrollable. Cattle bellowed at night. Dogs howled and sought the company of their masters, and when driven forth gave every evidence of fear.

Wild animals disappeared from the vicinity of Mont Pelee. Even snakes, which at ordinary times are found in great numbers near the volcano, crawled away. Birds ceased singing, and left the trees that shade the sides of Pelee.—The New Century.

SEVEN REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONS STILL PAID.

Nearly one hundred and twenty years have elapsed since the Revolutionary War came to an end. The last survivor of the thousands of men who took part in that great struggle for liberty died more than thirty years ago. Yet there are on Uncle Sam's pension rolls the names of seven persons, each of whom has been granted a small sum of money monthly on account of it.

Three of the seven are the only surviving widows of Revolutionary soldiers. The other four are daughters, and are pensioned by a special act of Congress. The widows are: Rebecca Mayo, aged eighty-nine years, of New-Born, Va.; Nancy Jones, aged eighty-eight years, of Jonesboro, Tenn.; and Esther S. Damon, aged eighty-eight years, of Plymouth Union, Vt.

Rebecca Mayo, whose maiden name was Rebecca Dawson, is the widow of Stephen Mayo, whom she married in Virginia on November 24, 1824, when she was twenty-six and he seventy-seven years of age. Her husband enlisted as a private in a Virginia regiment in 1776, and served three or four months. He enlisted again in February, 1777, and served for one year. He participated in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. In 1832, at the age of seventy-five years, he made application for a pension, which was allowed. He died in 1847, and the same year application was made by his widow, and her claim was allowed.

Nancy Jones is the widow of Darling Jones, who served for nine months as a private in a North Carolina regiment, and was in the battle of Monk's Corner and also in some skirmishes with the Cherokee Indians. Her maiden name was Nancy Huff. She married in Carter County, Tenn., at the age of twenty-five years, her husband being sixty-nine years of age. Mr. Jones was drawing a pension at the time of his death in 1848. Her claim was allowed in 1852.

Esther S. Damon, who was formerly

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The small boy who wrote the following letter was so eager to express his gratitude that he did not notice just what his letter seems to include under benefits received.

Dear Uncle Thad—I received the knife you sent me; it is just beautiful. I cut myself with it five times since I got it. I thank you ever and ever so much for the knife.

Your affectionate nephew,
Ted.

BUILDING BONES.

Of Great Importance That Children Have Proper Food.

A child will grow up with weak and small bones or strong and sturdy frame, depending on the kind of food given.

That's why feeding the youngsters is of such great importance. The children do not select the food—the responsibility rests with the parent or guardian, or with you if you select the food for a boy or girl.

The scientific selection of this food should begin as early as possible. That's when the delicate little plant needs the tenderest care. A well known lady of Callistoga, Calif., says: "About two years ago my little niece was taken sick. When medical aid was called one physician pronounced the case curvature of the spine; another called it softening of the bones and gave but little hope of her recovery. For weeks she had been falling before her parents thought it anything but trouble from her teething."

"She had been fed on mushes and soft foods of different kinds, but at last her stomach could retain scarcely anything. At this time she had become a weak little skeleton of humanity that could not much more than stand alone."

The doctors changed her food several times until finally she was put on Grape-Nuts which she relished from the first and ate at almost every meal and her recovery has been wonderful. She has been gaining ever since in strength and weight.

"She has eaten dozens of packages of Grape-Nuts in the last year and a half and the child is now a rosy-cheeked and healthy little girl, still clinging to her Grape-Nuts."

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W. H. Wright, at West Paris, is meeting all the demands of this important charge. When the plans proposed by the pastor are executed we look for a great forward movement.

Detroit Station, N. G. Ozment, pastor. The work under his faithful and painstaking ministry goes steadily forward. He and his people are looking forward to great things.

Clarksville Circuit, J. M. Langston. This circuit is perhaps showing more enterprise than any in the district under the wise leadership of the pastor.

Rosalie Circuit, H. K. Agee, preacher in charge. People all pleased with the pastor, who is pushing the work; outlook favorable.

Woodland and Kanawha, W. B. Douglass, preacher in charge. What a hard team we had to reach Woodland. But thanks to Bro. Tinsly and his good team we arrived in good time.

Blossom Station, C. W. Glanville, preacher in charge. Glanville has a way of bringing things to pass, and we confidently expect a good year.

Howland Circuit, S. T. Powell, preacher in charge. New circuit, new preacher; expected everything to be in place; not disappointed.

Roxton Station, A. L. Scales, preacher in charge. People well pleased. Good town. Pastor pleased. Outlook good.

Maxey Mission, C. P. Combs, preacher in charge. Sad home. Saturday night the death angel came and took home to the bosom of the Father the baby boy.

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IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION.

Having the kindest feeling for the Board of Insurance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for Bro. Wilbur F. Barclay, its Secretary, I write again.

The National Mutual Church Insurance Company of Chicago can not do business in Texas. Under the present law they can not get into Texas.

A foreign mutual company can not now do any business in Texas. To insure Church property in this company will subject one to a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for six months.

At present our people in Texas can not afford the risk. If we insure our Church property we must turn elsewhere.

I want to repeat that "question 17" of the rules, from my standpoint, is not a good business proposition.

I wanted to keep some of the boys out of trouble.

San Saba, Texas.

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Passing over a few months on my first circuit—the Louisburg—I meet my regular appointment at the residence of Bro. B. V. King, 3 o'clock Sunday evening.

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sons of noble parents. My only conference classmate that has been continuously effective is of Texas—Rev. John S. Mathis.

To all I send sincerest greeting, and humbly pray that both ministry and Church all over Texas may be imbued with the communion of the Holy Ghost.

P. S.—One of my conference classmates—Rev. James Mackey—fell dead in his pulpit somewhere in Texas.

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Georgetown, Bedford May 5
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Midway, Stamford May 25
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Geo. Thompson, of Van Alstyne, at our earnest request, has consented to take charge of the Epworth League column in the Advocate—except the devotional lesson, which Dr. H. M. Dr. Hoss will supply. Let all League letters intended for the League column be mailed direct to him. He will edit them and return them to us for publication. Rev. Thompson has had experience in this sort of work, and we feel sure that he can make this department interesting.

The pastor who calls occasionally to see his people when they are well will be sure to be notified by them when they are sick. Otherwise, they conclude that he does not have much interest in them, and they usually do not send for him when sickness and sorrow fall upon them. To know them by name and their children also, gives a preacher a wonderful hold upon their hearts and co-operation.

With the consent of all parties concerned, the Dallas District Conference has been changed from Trinity Church, this city, to Oak Cliff, and it will be held 14-18 of April. At the adjournment of the conference, then the District League Conference will meet at First Methodist Church, and the preachers and delegates will take part also in this gathering.

Judge Wilbur F. Barclay, of Louisville, Ky., in a business note to us, adds the following word about the insurance question: "I am working patiently and cautiously, but persistently, toward a satisfactory solution and removal of the trouble in Texas, and if the brethren will exercise a little forbearance and patience, I hope to soon relieve them of all anxiety in the premises."

A polite usher is a wonderful comfort to sitangers at the Church service. When they enter the place of worship and find a man at the door to give them a pleasant welcome, seat them in a convenient pew, and at the close of the service introduce them to the pastor, they feel very much at home. When thus treated, strangers will always seek that sort of a place to worship on Sunday.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

Faith is the trust of a child.

Christ reveals the father heart of God.

St. Paul measured swords with the sin of his day.

The weakness of faith limits the efficiency of grace.

Where one man is called to eminence, hundreds are called to usefulness.

It requires more faith to accept skepticism than to believe the gospel.

The transformation of a human life through grace is a stupendous miracle.

Such is the tenderness of God's love that he is willing to press the vilest man to his bosom.

A DAY AT GLENWOOD.

Glenwood is a suburb of Ft. Worth and a part of it. Out there we have a vigorous young Church organization, with Rev. J. D. Young as pastor. They have a membership of slightly over two hundred, and constantly increasing. The present church structure is entirely too small for them, and they now have a plan on foot to rebuild and enlarge the edifice. They propose to spend about \$2500 on the enterprise, and most of the money is secured. This is the result of the persistent effort of the energetic pastor. When he began it, the odds looked to be against him, but he has kept right on until the success of the undertaking is assured. Before the summer is ended he and his people will be in commodious quarters, and well housed. On the lot adjoining the church, there is a neat and comfortable parsonage, well kept and in good repair. Mrs. Young is the daughter of Rev. M. K. Little. She was brought up in a parsonage and would hardly be at home anywhere else. She is an educated Christian woman, and a real helpmate in her husband's work. I enjoyed my stay in their home. Bro. Young is not only young in name, but in years also, and he has the instinct and persistence of an itinerant preacher, and he is never long at any place without springing a needed enterprise. His people are devoted to him. This in his second year at Glenwood, and when he is through with it, he will have a good plant and a fine organization in this suburb. I did not see any of the other pastors, but heard a good report of them. I met a number who take the Advocate, and preached to a full congregation, notwithstanding the deep mud in that part of the city. They were attentive and devout, and it was a pleasure to open up the Scriptures to them. G. C. R.

A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

Recently we had the pleasure of joining an interesting party in the good home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Flanary, in Oak Lawn, where their hospitality and Christian communion were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Flanary is the daughter of Rev. R. C. Armstrong, D.D., of the Northwest Texas Conference, and at this time he was paying a visit to the family. There were present as the guests of the occasion, Revs. H. A. Bourland, W. H. Hughes, R. F. Bryant and Judge Nash. A man who could not enter heartily into the pleasures of such company and such a household would be hard to satisfy. For an hour or so we were entertained in the parlor with conversations upon various topics of interest, and then ushered into the dainty dining-room, where a most delicious dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Flanary are elegant hosts, and they made this occasion an ideal one in every particular. Bro. Flanary is a leading attorney in the city, and was, until recently, the assistant County Attorney of this county. His wife was brought up in a Methodist parsonage. She is an educated lady, deeply pious and an honor to the family of a Methodist minister. It always makes us glad to see that char-

acter of woman as the product of a parsonage. At a late hour we adjourned our gathering and all felt that it had been a happy commingling of friends. The next day we were pleased to have a visit in the Advocate office from Dr. Armstrong. He is now working in the interest of Polytechnic College. Though only nominal at this time in his Conference membership, yet his health is good and he does not propose to spend his mature years in resting. It is his purpose to do some of the best work of his life in connection with the financial agency of the college.

A HAPPY EVENT.

On Wednesday night of last week we had the pleasure to celebrate the marriage of Bro. J. H. Moore, of Thomaston, and Miss Lizzie Shanks, of this city. Some time back we had Bro. Moore's picture in the paper as the Sunday-school Superintendent longest successively in office, among our readers, though not by any means the oldest in years. So last week he came to this city and quietly took away one of the good ladies of the community to help him in his Sunday-school work. The occasion was a very pleasant one, with many of the relatives of the bride to take part in it. Mrs. Moore is sister to Alderman Shanks and County Clerk Shanks, of this city. She is a devoted and earnest Christian woman, and we wish the couple much joy and success in life.

OUR SUMMER INSTITUTE.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, D. D., is arranging a splendid program for our Summer Institute of Biblical and Theological Study, an account of which appears in this issue. He has come to great pains and to some expense to secure a number of leading men to take charge of several departments, and he is meeting with much encouragement from the workers and from those who expect to take advantage of the occasion. Hence we are expecting to have the most successful institute and the most largely attended one since it was organized. It will be greatly beneficial to the young men just beginning in the ministry, to the older ones who wish to review many books in the course of study and to many local preachers who have not had the benefit of a scholastic education. When you come to think of it, an institute of this sort is a real necessity to a large class of our ministers. It will bring them together from different portions of the State, give them several days of devotion to great books under the guidance of experts in the several departments, and it will equip them more thoroughly for the further investigations of subjects pertaining to their work. Then, too, the practical work of the ministry will be brought to their attention by men who have made the work of the Church a success. These are only a few of the advantages of this Summer Institute. Let our preachers as far as possible avail themselves of this opportunity to get an enlarged view of their calling, of the duties and obligations involved. The expense will be nominal, and this fact will put the institute within reach of all.

OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

We are gratified to learn that arrangements have been perfected for holding a round of Sunday-school Institutes in Texas similar to those last year. They will be under the immediate supervision of Dr. H. M. Hamill, General Superintendent of Teacher Training Work as directed by our General Sunday-school Board. Dr. Hamill will be assisted as last year by his wife, who has no superior as a lecturer on primary work. The two make a team that has never been excelled. Each conference will furnish some local talent for the program, and at the North Texas Conference Bishop E. E. Hoss will assist with two addresses. On the opening night the subject of his address will be "What Are We Here For?" and at another hour during the institute he will deliver an address on "A Pastor and The Sunday-

school." It is unnecessary to tell our readers that a rich feast awaits those who attend the North Texas Conference Institute at Greenville. The dates of the Institutes for all the Texas Conferences are as follows: North Texas—Greenville, April 1, 2 and 3. West Texas—San Marcos, April 6, 7 and 8. Northwest Texas—Cleburne, April 8, 9 and 10. Texas—Marshall, April 13, 14 and 15. Each institute will open on the night of the first and close on the night of the last date given for each place. All teachers and Sunday-school workers are invited and urged to attend. We hope every preacher and superintendent will see that his school is well represented, as we are sure great good will come out of these meetings.

THE KALIPH'S PARADE.

The Kaliphs of Dallas are contemplating a great parade to take place in this city in April. They are making great preparations and their floats now in preparation are said to surpass anything ever exhibited in the State. The parade will be miles long and it will afford instruction, amusement and entertainment for the thousands who will come to the city to witness it. The railroads will give reduced transportation so that people from all parts of the State can witness its display. We always go upon the streets with the little folks to see this parade, and we have not yet seen anything that was not a source of harmless amusement.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. V. G. Thomas, of Pearsall, is having great revivals in his charge. Within the last five weeks he had forty-five accessions. Rev. J. J. Morgan made us a pleasant call recently. He is moving on well at Garland despite the bad weather.

Rev. W. C. Young is again himself, after a severe attack of sickness awhile back. For a man of his age, he is active and good for several years of service.

Rev. E. A. Smith, of the Abilene District, is in labors abundant. Notwithstanding the bad weather, he is meeting all his appointments and preaching to the people.

Uncle Buck Hughes has kept remarkably well this winter and he has preached occasionally for the brethren. He is interested in all the work of the Church and he is a student of books.

Rev. E. A. Hawkes, the venerable local preacher of this city, was in to see us the past week. He is now in his eighty-first year, but he is as active as a young man and preaches with regularity.

In a note from Rev. W. H. H. Briggs, he tells us of the death of Rev. F. A. Knox, a worthy local preacher within the bounds of the West Texas Conference. He was at one time in the traveling connection.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, D. D., of Georgetown, was in the city last week looking after matters pertaining to the summer school at the University. He and his co-workers are planning for the best program possible and the Institute will be a great success.

CHURCH NEWS.

In 1902 Southern Methodists gave to missions \$17,500 more than they gave in 1901.

The Baptist Foreign Missionary Board faces a debt of \$10,000 at the beginning of the year.

Dr. Collins Denny will preach the commencement sermon at the Southern University this year.

Dr. R. D. Smart will preach the commencement sermon at Randolph Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.

There are six Churches holding services in English in Manila, two of which have Christian Endeavor Societies.

The Wesleyan, official organ of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, has given the final word for its denomination, refusing to enter the proposed union with the United Brethren and other

communions. The reason adduced is that they would be compelled to abandon much which they regard as fundamental in their system.

The Korean Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has a membership of 450, which is an increase of 47 for the year.

The Catholic New World, of Chicago, has found to its own satisfaction that Protestantism is dead and, of course, the battle is over.

Methodism has been making great progress in North Dakota during 1902. One charge served by one pastor two years ago is now served by seven.

As a direct fruit of the evangelistic movement among Presbyterians of Philadelphia, a mission will be opened for work among Italians in that city.

The next session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in Los Angeles, Cal. A number of places sought it, but the Pacific slope won.

After considerable controversy, the students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have, by a small majority, voted to affiliate with the Theological section of the Y. M. C. A.

The Presbyterian Churches in New York are gradually falling into the commendable custom of keeping open house for several hours each day that people may have places to rest and pray.

Dr. A. P. Morrison, Superintendent of the New Mexico English Mission of the Methodist Church, reports that during the last year revivals are the rule throughout the territory, not the exception.

The Chicago Theological Seminary has conferred the title of Doctor of Divinity upon G. Campbell Morgan.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Washington, D. C., will erect a boys' department building at a cost of \$75,000.

The United Presbyterian Church's boards will employ conjointly J. Campbell White, until recently a missionary to India, as Financial Secretary for all the benevolences of the Church. His work will be largely in the field, representing each board in its period.

Bishop Hoss has a thoroughly written article in the last issue of the New York Advocate on "The Negro Problem From a Southern Point of View." It gives to the readers of that central organ a great many facts concerning which they are only partially informed.

The Northern Presbyterian General Assembly has a special committee whose work is that of reducing the debt on the Presbyterian building in New York. Recently the committee has received another \$100,000 which brings up the total to \$1,120,000 since the committee was appointed.

A break is threatening between the St. Louis World's Fair management and the committee from the local churches having in hand the preparation of a religious exhibit. The committee wants a separate building for their exhibit and the authorities are not disposed to grant it.

The trustees of the Texas Presbyterian University recently met at Dallas and accepted the offer from McKinney, Texas, for the location of the institution at that city. The offer included a subscription of fifty thousand dollars for grounds and buildings at McKinney and thirty thousand dollars for the permanent endowment.

The tenth annual conference of the secretaries and representatives of twenty-five mission boards was held in New York City recently. Among the subjects discussed were the translation of the Scriptures into foreign tongues, the importance of pushing the native Churches up to self-support and the bringing into closer relations the various boards and college men who are volunteers.

President Harper, of Chicago University, after investigating the advantages of Washington as an educational center, said: "Give me \$1,000,000 and I will make here a better university than can be done in Chicago with ten millions." That is an advantage the great Methodist University that Bishop Hurst, of the M. E. Church, has had located there will have, and of which Bishop Wilson, of our Church, has recently been elected one of the vice presidents.

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Gleanings from the Exchanges

NEGROES APPOINTED TO OFFICE.

The New Orleans Advocate says ament the above subject:

Just at this time, when the negro question is eliciting so much attention, it is significant that Mr. Root, the Secretary of War, and a member of President Roosevelt's Cabinet, should declare that negro suffrage is a failure, and that the Senate's Committee on Commerce should reject the nomination of Dr. Crum, a colored man, to be Collector of Customs at Charleston. Two Republicans voted with the Democrats on the 12th instant to reject, and two Republicans were absent from the committee meeting. Had they been present, it is said, they would have voted for rejection. This vote signifies that the majority of the committee are of the opinion that a man should not be appointed to a public office over the protest of nine-tenths of the citizens who have to deal with him. In this case the objection to the nominee was to his color, which objection in the South is well founded. But we take it that the stand of the committee would apply, whether the nominee be white or black.

RELIGION AND THEOLOGY.

What Dr. Denney, in the preface of his late work on "The Death of Christ," says concerning some distinctions usually made between theology and religion in reference to the death of Christ, will have wider application than to this momentous fact. He says:

Of all subjects, the death of Christ is probably the one in regard to which it is least possible to urge the familiar distinction between theology and religion. There is such a distinction, no doubt; religion is one thing and theology is another. But it is not an absolute distinction. The two things are not two which have nothing to do with one another; they have a common root; there is a point at which they meet and are inextricably involved in each other; and that point is the cross of Christ, interpreted as the New Testament interprets it. * * * When we speak abstractly, we may distinguish theology and religion; when we speak of the death of Christ, if we are to say anything (which has reality in it), the distinction vanishes. If kings were philosophers, or philosophers were kings, we should have the ideal state according to Plato. If evangelists were our theologians, or theologians our evangelists, we should at least be nearer the ideal Church.

THE EVENING HOUR.

Says the Watchman:

For most of us the reward of labor is gathered between six and nine in the evening. The dinner or supper at six and the two hours immediately following it are the season in which we have opportunity to enjoy the companionship of those we love and for the amenities and pleasures of life. The enjoyment of having an abundance of money consists principally—for men at least—in the opportunity it may afford for having care-free and pleasant evenings. And yet some of the happiest men in their home life have but narrow means, and they find in simple games or conversation all that their richer friends gain from the social route or brilliant assembly. A woman has gone far toward learning the secret of charm when she saves herself for the evening at home with her husband and older children. Whether the dinner and the hours that follow it are a success will depend principally on her. The men return home fagged from the day's work, but unless she has to do her own work and be her own nurse maid, she should be at her brightest and freshest. "Yes, there you are," says some critical woman, "always laying the responsibility on women. I tell you they have just as much to do during the day as their husbands and they need entertaining as well as the men." Yes, perhaps so, but they have the option of leaving a good many things undone and, if they are wise, they will take it.

PROFANE SWEARING.

One of our exchanges quotes the following on profanity from a sermon preached in 1861, by Rev. G. Strachan, of Scotland:

While a sin of awful magnitude in the eyes of both God and man, the sin of profane swearing is one of the most unprofitable and senseless known to us. It has ever been matter of surprise with all reformed swearers why they ever swore. We can easily understand what profit a man will have in lying. A lie may sometimes do him a good turn, though he may have heavy interest to pay in eternity for his deceit. Stealing may have a profit after its own kind. Drinking will certainly yield at least a passing pleasure. Backbit-

ing may gratify the restless passion of malevolence. Forging may meet the tax which Satan ever levies from those who step within the hidden lines of his empire. But, pray, what does swearing yield? It is a nondescript in speech, an anomaly protruding itself upon us most lawlessly as we listen to the speech of senseless men. Give it a place in our books of rhetoric and elocution, and how shall we classify it? It is not a metaphor, hyperbole, irony, or ridicule. These are holy things. If it pertains to rhetoric, it is rhetoric of the pit-pleasing to Satan, corrupting to self, and polluting to society. It is the empty froth of thoughtless speech, that marks out the perverted heart, as the slime on the path marks out the course of the reptile. Not sense, and scarcely deserving the name of nonsense, it is only senseless and profitless wickedness. Swearer, answer us: What is the profit or sense of profane swearing?

OUR WORK IN THE SOUTHWEST.

An Arkansas correspondent to Zion's Herald has this to say of our work:

That our work in the Southwest is very important is evidenced by the selection on the part of the College of Bishops, from their number, of men only who are equal to the demands of this mighty section, and whose sagacity and statesmanship in conference chair and cabinet have stood the test in every place they have filled. Bishop Hoss has perhaps the most delicate matters to handle that ever engrossed the mind of a new Bishop, in his presidency of the Little Rock and White River Conferences; but both in the chair and cabinet he confirmed the wisdom of the General Conference which elected him by one of the most handsome majorities ever given a Bishop chosen on the first ballot. Bishop Hendrix, so statesmanlike and imperial of mind, so tender and sympathetic of nature, and so spirituelle in soul, held the gavel in the four great Texas Conferences. His realignment and rearrangement of the Dallas churches, so that about six indifferent organizations are made into four strong societies, three of them metropolitan in size and importance, bodes good fortune for our work in that growing city of the Empire State of the Southwest. First Church will rebuild at a cost of \$150,000, Trinity at a cost of \$60,000, and Floyd Street will put up a \$25,000 structure. The Knickerbocker brothers, Hubert and Percy, have charge of the two last named churches. Thirty-one and twenty-nine, respectively, we have no more brilliant young men in the Church than they are, and none who have been more uniformly successful.

FROM REV. C. S. CAMERON.

I thought I would write a few lines of the visit of Dr. G. C. Rankin to my town. I invited him here to occupy my pulpit on the fourth Sunday in January, and he kindly consented to come. I thought my people were entitled to see and hear the man who is so ably editing the best Methodist paper I have ever seen, and which I have succeeded in placing in every Methodist home here except two.

Sunday, at 11 a. m., Dr. Rankin gave us a very sweet sermon from the fourteenth chapter of John, as to how Christ came to show the Father to the world. Many big-hearted sinners who heard it are yet speaking in praise of this wonderful sermon; and then at night he preached from first Psalms. He showed us how sin will develop until it possesses the entire man, and many hearing this sermon resolved to live better lives. The congregations at both services were well attended. This preacher and Holland people will not soon forget his visit to us.

The Advocate grows on my people. I have succeeded in placing the paper in a few homes of a sister denomination, one of which has already more than paid me for my work. The husband of this home handed me yesterday \$1.50, saying, "Give this to your wife. Don't she entertain the preachers who visit you?" Now, a blind man can see the influence of the paper in that home. Any preacher who is successful in securing Dr. Rankin, even one Sunday, will be fortunate.

C. S. CAMERON.

Holland, Texas.

CHURCH INSURANCE.

After the action of our late General Conference in organizing a Board of Insurance, of which Jas. H. Kirkland is President and Wilbur F. Barclay is Secretary, it is strange that J. B. Turrentine should announce in the Advocate of Feb. 12 that the General Conference did not organize such a board, and that Barclay's action in urging

upon our member: the claims of the National Mutual Insurance Company is by instruction of our General Conference Board of Church Extension. Passing strange, especially after the explicit statement of Dr. Whisner at several conferences and through the Advocate that our Board of Church Extension, of which he is Corresponding Secretary, does not recommend any particular insurance company. Our Board of Insurance and Board of Church Extension are totally different boards. Wilbur F. Barclay's action is by authority of the Board of Insurance and in no way represents the Board of Church Extension. It is the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension to see that the Church buildings to which the Board makes a loan are insured in some reliable company, but the Board of Church Extension do not recommend any particular company. What the Board of Insurance does or has done is a "gray horse of another color." The Board of Insurance evidently recommends to our members the National Mutual Insurance Company of Chicago. We have nothing to say as to the merits or demerits of that company. J. B. Turrentine will extricate himself from the confusion of the Board of Church Extension being responsible for action of the Board of Insurance. This is not a matter of "tweedledee and tweedledum" by a long shot.

A HOLSTON NOTE.

You know that the Tennessee Legislature recently enacted a law that all towns thereafter incorporated would come under the Adams-Johnson law that extends the four-mile law to towns of 5000 and under. The four-mile law does not allow the sale of intoxicants within four miles of a chartered institution of learning. Yesterday we took a vote on the question of asking the Legislature to repeal our charter and reincorporate us. It was viva voce, and the vote stood two for saloons and 505 against saloons. In the November election the town cast about 750 votes. The liquor vote was withheld in this election. The whisky men will probably carry the question into the courts. The ladies were at the poles and exerted a powerful influence Bless their souls.

OUR CONFERENCE.

In spite of most wretched weather, Bishop Candler called the Mexican Border Mission Conference to order at the time and place appointed—San Antonio, Feb. 5. The local congregation had spent some \$250 in improvements on the old San Fernando property, so that all was in ship shape order to receive the brethren. Twenty-nine answered to roll call, J. J. Mercado, of Monterey, being absent. A notable feature of the session was that all the conference collections were in full, and this in face of a most terrible drought. It speaks volumes for these self-sacrificing brethren to see them rise in their places and report their efforts to clear the decks. Some of them have suffered no little during the year, and yet they count it all joy for the sake of the gospel's progress. There was a decided advance in the collections for missions, almost double last year; about the same amount as last year for preachers in charge.

The Bishop and every one else connected with our conference is convinced of the very great need for a training school for young ministers. At the Educational Anniversary on Saturday night our subscriptions for this school were renewed, amounting to \$7256 Mexican currency. Dr. Lambuth and Bishop Candler have obligated themselves to raise \$70,000 for this purpose provided the three conferences in Mexico contribute \$30,000. We are already lifting our end of the log—\$20,000 has been collected in subscription and cash up to date. The training of a native ministry is the one great need of this Catholic land.

The hospital at Monterey is now paying its own running expenses, thanks to the efficient management of Dr. Nixon. P. C. Cobb brought a fine report of his labors in Monterey.

The Methodist Churches of San Antonio united on a great mass-meeting at Travis Park Church Sunday night. Bishop Candler was tried, but rallied his forces and made a really remarkable address to the immense audience that had gathered. It was witty, incisive and timely. He dug up several old stumps hoary with age. He put in telling licks against the prejudice, contempt and ignorance that too often hold foreign missions in light esteem. With the grasp of a master he took in the problems connected with our labors in a Catholic land. We thank him from the bottom of our hearts for

his sympathetic interest and tireless labors.

Appointments Mexican Border Mission Conference:

- San Antonio District—J. R. Mood, P. E. San Antonio—Ignacio Escalante. Austin—G. A. Velasquez. Taylor and Round Rock—P. G. Verdugo. Pecos Circuit—S. Romo. Tobey Circuit—J. S. Tafolla. Bandera—J. P. Rodriguez. Corpus Christi and San Diego—F. Favarez. Pearsall Circuit—B. Soto. Del Rio—E. Chavez. C. P. Diaz—A. R. Cardenas. Allende—L. F. Castro. San Marcos Circuit—J. A. Phillips and one to be supplied. Editor Christian Advocate—G. B. Winston. Monterey District—W. D. King, P. E. Monterey (Mexican)—J. J. Mercado. Monterey (American)—P. L. Cobb. Hospital—U. H. Nixon, M. D. Saltillo—S. G. Paz. Laredo—R. G. Farias. Lampazos—M. D. San Miguel. Mondova—A. San Miguel. Teran—Supplied by A. Rodriguez. Rio Grande City—Pedro Grando. Mier—M. Trevino. Cerralvo—L. Gomez, F. N. Galvan. Student in the Seminary—Jose Velasquez. Professor in Seminary—J. J. Mercado. Director of "Colegio Ingles"—Saltillo, Miss Lelia Roberts; assistant, Miss McNemar. "Laredo Seminary," Laredo—Miss Nannie Holding, Miss Della Holding, Miss Modling, Miss Edith Park. "Laurens Institute"—F. C. Campbell, Director. J. R. MOOD.

DR. GREATHOUSE'S LETTER.

The bad weather has just closed a fine revival at Jacksonville. Our meeting had lasted but one week, but the Church was greatly blessed, and there were perhaps twenty conversions. It was one of the finest meetings I ever saw, considering the number of days it lasted. The Alexander Collegiate Institute students got a great blessing out of it. We hope to resume at an early day. We are delighted with this charge. The stewards keep the pastor paid up, and our missionary money for the year has been raised. The spiritual outlook is hopeful, but this terrible blizzard has alarmed everybody about the tomato and peach crops. If they should be killed the condition of this country will be deplorable; but while the tomato and peach crops are the chief reliance of the farmers in East Texas, if they are killed they can still fall back on potatoes—late potatoes—and corn and cotton; and it is generally thought the freeze will be beneficial to these, but the freeze and the bank failures make sure that this will not be as good a year as the last three have been. It is my experience, however, that close times do not retard Church work. "When Jeshurun waxed fat he kicks." So when the people are very prosperous they lose sight of the Lord. This feature in human nature makes the ministry of suffering necessary and justifies Peter's expression, "Oh, Lord, after that you have suffered awhile make you perfect, stablish, strength, settle you." The men who really believe in God and that he exercises a providence over this world must believe that the blizzard and the boll weevil are intended to accomplish some beneficial purpose. God ran a whole nation out of Palestine by hornets, and it may be that the boll weevil are intended to teach us that God still lives and will not suffer his laws outraged and his Sabbaths violated with impunity. This is the view of the subject taken by at least one good Christian man who was ruined by them. He said to the writer: "I used to warn my neighbors that something of the kind would overtake us if we did not quit gathering with the foreign element on Sunday afternoons to fiddle and dance and drink beer. I could sit on my porch and see such things nearly every Sunday afternoon." They may be more in this good man's belief than many less religious people think. If so, then it is strange some Christian men in the boll weevil convention has not suggested the idea of calling on God to stop the pest. He would have a precedent to quote that would be pertinent. In 1877, when the grasshoppers had been devastating Minnesota, Gov. Pillsbury issued the following proclamation: "A general desire having been expressed by various religious bodies in the State for official designation of a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in view of the threatened continuation of the grasshopper scourge, I do hereby, in recognition of our dependence upon the power and wisdom of Almighty God, appoint Thursday, the 26th day of April, to be observed for such purpose throughout the State, and I invite the people on the day thus set apart to withdraw from their ordinary pursuits, and in their homes and places of public worship, with contrite hearts, to beseech the mercy of God for the sins

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of the past and his blessings on the worthier aims of the future. * * * In speaking of the observance of the day, Gov. Pillsbury said: "I never, never saw a stiller day in Minneapolis." And when speaking of the effects, he said: "We have never seen any grasshoppers since." The skeptic who reads this historic fact will say, "An unusual coincidence." The real believer in providence and prayer will say, "It was the hand of God." If the boll weevil should bring such a recognition of God in Texas and furnish the occasion for such an answer to prayer, the lesson would be worth the price it would cost to learn it.

B. H. GREATHOUSE.

IN MEMORIAM

Resolutions in Memory of Bro. I. B. Julian by the Epworth League at Clark. Whereas, it has pleased the Giver of all that is good and beautiful to remove from our midst our dearly beloved Bro. I. B. Julian, whose death occurred at his home near Caps, Jan. 3, 1903, therefore, be it Resolved, (1) That we, the members of the Epworth League, bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well. Though we shall miss his counsel and his presence from our midst, we feel it is our loss and his eternal gain. Resolved, (2) That we extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and sorrowing friends. Resolved, (3) That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, also to the Christian Advocate for publication, and a copy be spread upon our minutes.

STELLA WILSON, JESSIE EDMISON, CLYDE NEWBERRY, JOHN MILLIKEN, Committee.

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Sunday-School Department.

First Quarter, Lesson 10, March 8.

PAUL AT EPHESUS.

Acts 19:12-20.

Golden Text: "The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified."—Acts 19:17.

From the Sunday-school Magazine we take the following "Explanatory Notes."

I. The Exorcists Put to Shame. (Verses 12-14.)

Verses 12. "Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, 'We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.' These 'vagabond' or 'strolling' Jews belonged to a class which as we know from many sources, was very numerous in the Roman Empire at that time. They wandered from city to city, everywhere professing to be able to perform marvelous deeds, and especially to cast out evil spirits from those who were possessed. Josephus says: 'God gave Solomon skill against demons for the help and cure of men. And he arranged certain incantations whereby diseases are assumed, and left behind him forms of exorcism, wherewith they put to flight the overpowered evil spirits that they never return. And this method of curing is very prevalent among us up to the present time.' These Jews at Ephesus were professors of this pretended art of healing. But they saw that Paul really exercised in the name of Jesus the power which they only claimed; and therefore they determined to make use of that name on their own account, hoping to turn it into a source of profit, for they expected to receive their services. With unblinking effrontery and audacity, and without the least moral or spiritual feeling they charged the evil spirits in the name of Jesus whom Paul preacheth, to come out of their victims. The whole process on their part was nothing more than an incantation, a show of monstrous irreligion and wickedness.

Verses 14. "And there were seven sons of one Sverra, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so." It was a sort of family business. Who this Sverra was we do not know beyond what is told us here. The statement that he was "chief of the priests" does not mean that he was either an actual or an ex-high priest, but only, as he probably was, the head of one of the twenty-four courses into which the Jewish priesthood was divided. In the Old Testament these "chiefs" were called "heads of fathers' houses."

Verses 15. "And the evil spirits answered and said, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are ye?'" This recalls the case in the gospels where the evil spirit said to Jesus: "I know thee who thou art: the Holy One of God." It carries the thought that even in the world of demons there is some sense of what is due to the authority of God. In the present instance the evil spirit meant to say: "I know Jesus as the possessor of power to command and control men; and I recognize Paul as his true and sincere servant and minister; but I see that ye are mere pretenders; who are ye, anyhow, that ye should venture to address me in tones of authority?"

Verses 16. "And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded." Driven by the spirit and with that almost superhuman strength which lunatics often display, the possessed man assailed them so suddenly that they were utterly unprepared for his attack; and unable to resist it. He was too much for them. The Greek pronoun is in the dual number, which leaves us to infer that only two of the seven brothers were present. Anyhow they were glad to escape, their clothes torn to rags, if not utterly torn off of them, and the bodies bearing marks of violence. An experience of this sort they had probably never had before, and it is likely that it made them a little more cautious for the future.

II. The Effect Upon the People. (Verses 17-20.)

Verses 17. "And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified." It is not worth while to inquire how the news got abroad, though it is pretty certain that the exorcists themselves did not spread

it. In a curious and eager city like Ephesus the story would run from lip to lip, and in a little while would have a large circulation. The effect produced by it was natural. "Fear fell on them all"—believers and unbelievers—"and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified" by such as were his followers and disciples. The "name" of Jesus, it will be noted, stands for his person and character. Verses 18-20. "And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds," etc. Every one of the early Churches contained many immature and imperfect Christians. Nor was this strange. They had been fished up out of the Dead Sea of heathenism, and could not be expected to have cast off all at once the habits of thought and life that were prevalent around them. It seems that not a few disciples at Ephesus were at this time still holding on to their former practice of magic and sorcery, not realizing how inconsistent such conduct was with their profession. But this incident startled them into repentance. They came before the apostle and the Church, and publicly acknowledged the sins of which they had been guilty in this respect. Nor was this all. Better still, they brought forth fruits worthy of repentance. To show how thoroughly they now meant to break with these forbidden practices, they made a bonfire of the books or parchment rolls that contained the description of their curious arts "before all men." After the deed was done, they reckoned up their loss and discovered that it amounted to fifty thousand pieces of silver. As Ephesus was a Greek city, it is likely that each one of these "pieces" was an Attic drachma, worth about eighteen cents of our money. The total loss was consequently about nine or ten thousand dollars. But money then had a purchasing power three or four times as great as at the present time. The writer of the Acts pauses to make a comment on the transaction and its consequences. "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed"—grew in external diffusion—extended over a wider and wider area, and exhibited its power in the production of great effects.

Epworth League Department.

(Advance Lesson from Epworth Era.)

Topic for March 8: "Lessons from the Mount: What Christ teaches about heart-righteousness."—Matt. 5:20-48, 6:16-18.

Reference Word: "Heart."—Matt. 15:19; Acts 11:23; Heb. 10:22.

Daily Bible Readings.

Sunday—Sincerity in Prayer. Luke 18:9-14.

Monday—Renunciation of the World. Phil. 3:3-12.

Tuesday—Singleness of Purpose. Phil. 3:12-21.

Wednesday—Fidelity of Faith. Rom. 10:2-15.

Thursday—Consecration of Life. Ps. 15.

Friday—A Prayer for All. Ps. 135:1-14.

Saturday—The Topic. Matt. 5:20-48; 6:16-18.

The topic presents a study of the Pharisees. We are to contrast pharisaic or formal righteousness with spiritual or heart-righteousness.

The Righteousness of the Pharisees.

The Pharisees arose in the high-priesthood of Jonathan, 150 B. C. The name comes from a Hebrew word meaning "separated," signifying that the Pharisees claimed greater sanctity than other Jews, and were stricter in observing the law, the prophets, and the traditions of the elders. Perhaps the sect was organized by holy men who united for their own religious benefit, and hoped that they might stop the current of prevailing wickedness and lead Israel back to God. So John and Charles Wesley, and others at Oxford University, founded the Holy Club, out of which Methodism came. Receiving worldly and ambitious men into the sect, the Pharisees declined in purity of heart and life, and substituted the form for the substance, the letter for the spirit of the law. At the time of Jesus most of the high-born and wealthy Jews were Pharisees. They felt at once that Christ would not spare them, and they commenced a struggle with him, never ceasing their opposition and persecution until he was crucified.

Let us note in what the righteousness of the Pharisees consisted, remembering that Nicodemus, Gamaliel, and Saul of Tarsus were typical Pharisees. The one praying in the temple represents the sect: "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, . . . I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." (Luke 18:11.) The manner of this prayer is more objectionable than the matter. 1. Nicodemus was just to his fellow-

men. He may have driven a close bargain, but he tried to fashion his life according to the principles of legal and moral justice. (Doubt 16:20.) 2. He obeyed the ordinances of his Church, such as fasting, prayer, and attendance upon synagogue and temple worship.

3. He supported his religion, paying tithes of all that he possessed. If all Christians were as righteous in this regard, we should hear no more of poorly supported ministers, dying Churches, impeded missionary operations.

4. He was benevolent, supplying the necessities of the poor. To this day the Jews provide for their own poor. They frequently sounded a trumpet in giving alms, but it is better to give alms to the sound of a trumpet than not at all.

5. He believed in foreign missions. It was not all rebuke when Jesus said, "Ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte." (Matt. 23:15.) The charge implies that the Pharisees had a burning desire to propagate their own opinions over land and sea. If we all had this same missionary zeal and liberality, money to send and men to carry the gospel to heathen lands would not be wanting.

6. He diligently studied his sacred books, especially the law and the prophets.

7. Out of creed and practice he developed a wicked self-righteousness. One of the rabbis said: "The whole world is not worth thirty righteous persons such as our father Abraham. If there were only thirty righteous persons in the world, I and my son would make two of them; and if there were but ten, I and my son would be of the ten; and if there were but five, I and my son would be of the five; and if there were but two, I and my son would be those two; and if there were but one, myself would be that one." In one word, the righteousness of the typical Pharisee, like the rich young man, consisted in obeying the law and the prophets to the last letter. (Luke 18:21.)

Heart-Righteousness.

If no one can be saved whose righteousness does not exceed that described above, it is a most important and solemn question, wherein must our righteousness exceed that of the Pharisees?

1. It must exceed in spirituality. Theirs was a religion of externals; they cleansed the outside of the cup and platter; they had a perfect outward morality; as touching the letter of the law they were blameless. Our religion must be internal. Poverty of spirit, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, and purity of heart are spiritual principles. Our righteousness must depend on the union of the soul with God. Pharisaic righteousness is a beautiful form, but its beauty is that of a petrified corpse—no blood in it, no bounding life, no pulsing thought. We must equal the righteousness of the Pharisees in the form and exceed it in the principles of religion. We must appear to our Father in secret as we really are, and appear to men as we do to God. Our prayers and deeds of piety must be the expression of our true selves, as a flame of fire is the true manifestation of the hidden heat.

2. Our righteousness must exceed in its being founded on faith in Christ. Theirs had no Christ in it; ours must be full of Christ. They sought righteousness, not by faith, but by the deeds of the law. Thus they rejected Christ. (Rom. 10:3, 4.) He was a stumbling-block to them, but to us "the power of God, and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor. 1:24.) The Pharisees were Christless; we must be Christ-like. He is the center of true religion, the magnet that draws out the affections of the soul, the fountain whence issue streams of life that make glad all who drink. There is no joy in a formal religion. "Formalists, like Pharaoh's lean kine, are full-fed yet lean." It is a woeful thing to trust in self-righteousness and not in Jesus. An Indian said that Christ's offer to save is as if a prince should tender one a new coat. One looks at his coat and says: "I don't know; my coat is pretty good. I think it will do a little longer." The Indian looks at his old blanket and says: "It is good for nothing," so he flings it right away, and accepts the beautiful garment. The white man tries to keep his own righteousness, and is loath to give it up; the Indian has no righteousness, and is glad to receive that which Jesus gives him.

Who is sufficient for these things? Who of us can rear so beautiful a temple of good works, of benevolence, of attendance upon worship, of missionary zeal as Nicodemus or Saul of Tarsus—typical Pharisees? How often have we dealt unjustly with our neighbor? How often refrained from giving alms when conscience urged the gift? How often stifled the better nature as it impelled to missionary gifts and labors? How

frequently misused opportunities for doing good? How many times for vain and trifling excuses, or none at all, have we absented ourselves from the house of God? In fine, does not our righteousness fall short of the righteousness of the Pharisees, when it must exceed, or we cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven?

Our only safety is in equaling theirs in the forms and exceeding it in the principles of religion. We must be like Saul of Tarsus, who was blameless touching the righteousness which is in the law (Phil. 3:6), and then like Paul the apostle, who possessed "the righteousness which is of God by faith, which is through the faith of Christ." (Phil. 3:9.)

A ROYAL ROAD TO SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

(Selected from Scrap-book.)

Each one of us has often thought of the power evil habits have over us when they have once gained a foothold, yet comparatively few persons recognize the fact that good habits have an equally strong influence.

Many of our young people become discouraged in their efforts for self-improvement, because it is a long time before improvement is apparent. Instead of trying to improve in all possible ways at once, it would be better to give attention to some one thing until you have conquered an evil habit or acquired a longed for grace of character. An excellent plan is to consider what you most desire to improve in, and then give daily attention to this for a month. Do not fret because you are not making as much progress in other things. Some one thing thoroughly mastered is going to be a great help toward mastering something else. You will be gradually learning to concentrate your thoughts and at the same time learning self-control more rapidly than is possible ordinarily. Choose a motto, or some central thought; think of it daily and live up to it for a month, at the end of which time you will be surprised to see how seldom the old temptation assails you, or how easy it is to perform a task that was formerly distasteful. Our burdens cease to be such if we rise in the morning with a determination to do cheerfully whatever is given us to do. Select the task you dislike or dread most, and attend to it at the earliest possible moment. The worst over you will step around with a light heart as you perform the duties that remain.

The cultivation of good habits is as important for you as the conquering of evil ones.

It may be that you are of a temperament that is not susceptible to strong temptations. You may have a negative goodness and be inclined to be indifferent to what is going on around

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you. Then your object should be to cultivate an interest in others, and in some special pursuit. This will add much to your happiness and to the comfort and welfare of your friends.

On the first day of each month decide what you will give particular attention to and then write down a motto, whether it be a quotation or framed by yourself. Tack this card where you will be sure to see it every day. The frequent reminder will be a great help. Here are some that have been tried with noticeably good effect:

1. Do not interrupt others in conversation unnecessarily.
2. Be unselfish.
3. Have courage to speak the truth.
4. Do not shirk.
5. If you have been to blame do not try to throw the blame on some one else.
6. When you have used an article put it back in its place, especially if it is one used by the family in common.
7. Be careful to meet your engagements promptly.
8. Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.
9. Help others.

There is an infinite variety of ways to do this. You may share household occupations with mother or sister; give pecuniary aid to the needy; try to keep those around you in a state of cheerfulness. If unable to nurse sick relatives or friends, you can yet minister to them by giving them an occasional half hour, diverting their minds. If you have a real desire to be helpful you will soon find many ways to carry out your wish.

10. Let your friends feel that you can be depended upon to keep your word. It will be a comfort to them to have some one to whom they may turn in time of need, and it will be a deep and lasting pleasure to you to know they have confidence in you.

If you will try these plans for a year I am very sure your immediate friends will be surprised at the progress you make in building up a noble character. A club of young ladies have tested its merits and are delighted with the results. Of course individual tastes and aspirations will govern the selection of the monthly mottoes. One young lady took for her first motto: "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." So faithfully did she obey it that at the end of three weeks a relative said to her: "What a change has come over you. It seems as if we could tell the very day you made up your mind to do thoroughly everything you engaged in. You make me think of a text." She quoted the above and her niece then told her of the plan she had adopted. You will have time to try this. It is a royal road to culture, for once a good habit is formed you can give your attention to another subject with the assurance that you need not take up the last one again.

MATTIE HARRIS.

AN EPWORTH LEAGUE FORWARD CAMPAIGN.

To the Epworth League and Pastors of Texas:

That the Epworth League is invaluable to our pastors in their work has been clearly demonstrated. The League has been the means of bringing thousands of our young people into service and testimony, has quickened their spiritual lives, has helped them in their social and literary efforts, has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to the missionary and other causes of the Church, and has stood disciplined and ready to go at the command of pastors on ministries of charity and mercy. It has also been everywhere helpful to pastors in bringing up the yearly assessments. Yet it is plain that the League has not been fully planted in our connection, thousands of Churches remain without Leagues and many Leagues remain undeveloped as to their possibilities of experience and usefulness. These facts lead us to feel that a concerted movement should be made to secure the general organization of the League, and a complete equipment of those Leagues already existing. We are glad to learn that such a movement is on foot, and hearty join in the request that the third Sunday in March, 1903, or a convenient part of it be made "Epworth League Forward Day." We recommend that the special object of this movement be first the organization, as far as possible, of the League in all of our charges and Churches where it does not now exist, and the strengthening of those League Chapters already organized; second, an effort be made to put the Epworth Era, the organ of the League, into the hands of every Epworth Leaguer in the Church. To this end we suggest and recommend that the pastors, presiding elders and League officers of Texas be asked to indorse this plan, and, as far as possible, co-operate with it. This need not interfere with the regular Church services of the day. An afternoon hour of the Sabbath, or the regular League devotional hour, will meet the necessities. Let the campaign for the re-organization of these two ends begin at once, and let the results and the completion of the work be reported to the several Chapters on "Forward Day." The following additional suggestions

are made: First, where there is no League, and one is desired to be organized, write to the General Secretary, H. M. DuBose, Nashville, Tenn., for literature (free) giving directions for the organization and conduct of Leagues. Use this literature liberally, so as to prepare for organization. Second, where Leagues exist, appoint a special "Forward Meeting" to be held on "Forward Day," with as many more as possible on previous days. Let these meetings take the form of inquiry as to what may be done to strengthen the League and make it more useful, how it can better help the pastor, what special work it may take up in the department, consider also the possibility of taking up the Epworth League Reading Course for the year. Third, let every League make a special effort, beginning at once and going on daily until "Forward Day," to increase the circulation of the Epworth Era. If there is no Era Club in the Chapter make an effort to secure one or more. If there is already a club, inquire if a wider circulation may not be secured. Write to the General Secretary for sample copies of the Era free, and send your League down with them preparatory to a canvass. Let our motto be, "Fifty new Epworth Leagues, and 500 new subscriptions to the Epworth Era in each Texas conference." We can do it.

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May each delegate, when they go home, try to impress it upon the members of their auxiliary the importance of not neglecting the payment of dues.

And there is another means by which we can help in parsonage building; that is by increasing "The Preachers' Wives Loan Fund." Too many of our auxiliaries are neglecting to make their preacher's wife, or some member of the auxiliary, a member of this fund.

If I were to appeal to this audience to know if they would not, with joy, have furnished their homeless Lord, "who had not where to lay his head," with all needed comforts, the Christians in it would promptly reply in the affirmative.

There are strong and satisfactory reasons why there should be a parsonage in each charge. First, there is a degree of self-interest involved, which should induce the Church to activity in this work. If there was a parsonage in every charge there would be little or no delay in the coming and settlement of the preacher at the close of conference.

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W. F. M. SOCIETY.

Since last writing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Terrell has had several new members added to its ranks; also a Juvenile Missionary Society has been recently organized by Mrs. W. B. Dashiell as Lady Manager, with a membership of about sixty-two. Both organizations are in a very flourishing condition. The pledge money has been about all raised.

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Feb. 20.—Nance, sub. C. H. Ledger, sub. W. H. Howard, sub. John W. Hennessy, sub.
Feb. 21.—I. M. Bryce, has attention. C. H. Smith, sub. D. L. Conley, sub. I. M. Bryce, sub. T. J. Milam, sub. J. J. Clark, sub. B. C. Ansley, sub. A. L. Scarborough, sub. J. N. Broyles, sub. S. N. Allen, sub. A. W. Hall, sub. G. D. West, sub. W. T. Harris, sub. J. J. Conahan, sub.
Feb. 22.—R. Wagner, sub. H. T. Hart, sub. P. G. Hoffman, change has attention. B. C. Ansley, sub. T. W. Ellis, sub. G. J. Bond, sub. Chas. A. Corry, sub. W. R. Bachman, sub. J. T. McClure, sub. T. J. Duncan, sub. J. E. Tyson, sub. A. W. Waddill, sub. C. W. Dennis, sub. C. R. Gray, sub. R. T. Moon, sub. I. Alexander, sub. E. D. Ledbetter, sub. S. D. Hoger, sub. J. A. Riggs, sub. J. E. Roach, sub.
Feb. 23.—W. T. Gray, sub. Sam. C. Vaughan, sub. J. H. Braswell, sub. M. G. Koon, sub. L. G. White, sub. J. W. Moore, sub. D. H. Aston, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. I. N. Crutchfield, sub.
Feb. 24.—W. A. Edwards, sub. N. G. Ozment, sub. S. J. Burke, sub. J. L. Hillers, sub. G. F. Boyd, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. J. D. Hudgins, sub. and trial subs. Jno. E. Roach, sub. J. M. Sweeten, sub. C. W. Dennis, sub. Thos. Hanks, sub. H. M. Glass, sub.

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Abermont, at Shiner, G. Mar 10
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Haskell Station, Mar 15
Aman, at A. Ch. Mar 16
Sulphur, at Eula, Mar 17
Big Springs, Mar 18
Lynn and Terry, Apr 1
Gall, at Gall, Apr 1
Midland, at S. C. Mar 22
Colorado Mission, at Liberty, Apr 14
Snider, at Hobbs, Apr 18
Putnam, at Cottonwood, Apr 25
Albany and M., at A. Apr 28
Albany, at S. C. Mar 22
Roby, at Nienda, May 2
Bakota, at Cross Roads, May 3
Colorado sta, May 5
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Abilene, May 24
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Dale, at Sunset, 26 Sun Mar
Travis Street, 26 Sun Mar
Willow Street, 26 Sun Mar
Waples Memorial, 1st Sun Apr
Deakin mls, 1st Sun Apr
E-Thomas, at S. C. 24 Sun Apr
Whitesboro, 24 Sun Apr
Pilot Grove, 24 Sun Apr
Van Alstyne, 24 Sun Apr
Whitesville, 1st Sun May
Horse, 24 Sun May
Gardenville, 24 Sun May
Pottshoro and Preston, 24 Sun May
Sherman city, 1st Sun June
Clintville and Tigua, 24 Sun June
District Conference will include the last Announcements coming later. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round.

- Fruitland, at Sunset, Mar 7, 8
Bowie, at Sunset, Mar 8, 9
Chico, at Cundiff, Mar 11, 15
Crafton, at Pleasant Valley, Mar 15, 16
Bridgport, at Pleasant Valley, Mar 21
Parrilme, at Pleasant Valley, Mar 21
Rhode, at Annetville, Mar 28
Boyd, at Annetville, Mar 29
Draxon, at Oak Glen, Apr 1, 5
Jacksonboro, Apr 5, 6
Bryant, at Sunset, Apr 11, 12
Henrietta, Apr 12, 13
Bellevue, at Friendship, Apr 13, 15
Blue Grove, at Antelope, Apr 25, 28
Archer City and Holiday, Apr 27
Oiltown, at Oiltown, May 2, 3
Alvord, at Pleasant Hill, May 5, 10
Wichita Falls, May 15, 17
Low Park, May 17, 18
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P. O. Miller, P. E.

The District Conference for Bowie District will meet in Henrietta, Wednesday, June 3, at 2 o'clock p. m. Committees: For Officers—S. Crutchfield, J. C. Weaver, H. H. Vaughan.

For Recommendation for Orders and Admission on Trial—R. G. Mood, J. P. Lowry and P. L. Smith. F. O. Miller.

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A GREAT UNIVERSITY OUR GREAT- EST NEED IN TEXAS METHODISM.

Texas is now the greatest State in area in the South, not to say the United States, and her resources are greater than her area. She is not only one of the greatest cotton growing States in the Union, but she is rich in cattle, lumber, oil and minerals, not to mention her fruits and other commodities. For the last year Northern capitalists have visited her and have been almost unanimous in their praises of her great future and possibilities. Mr. Armour has erected his packeries at Fort Worth and a great many cotton factories have been built, besides the western portion of the State is having railroads built through it with a rapidity that is wonderful. What a few years ago were missions have developed into stations. Now shall our Church keep pace with the material and industrial progress of the country?

For some time I have watched the pages of the Texas Advocate for an article from some one capable of writing on the subject on the necessity of a forward movement in education, but so far no one has opened the question. Now I am going to say some things that may seem radical, but the time is coming when such a position as the one taken will not seem radical after all. There are many preachers and not a few laymen who are in perfect sympathy with these views. I have to think of the work already done, and there is not a man among us that does not feel our fathers succeeded marvelously in the past, but has the time not come for a forward movement that means more than any undertaking in the past? Our strength is measured by our institutions of learning. Old Lyman Beecher said, "We must educate or we must perish." Our Church has not been idle, but I believe she needs a greater faith. The Methodist Church in Texas can and ought to build a university in Dallas that would cost not less than \$1,000,000 and endow with \$1,000,000 more, and she can do it if the four conferences in the State will take hold of it and enlist the men of our Church who have the money. I believe Dallas will give a campus and \$300,000 to start on. If such an institution is built it will mean more for the future of Texas Methodism than any movement that could be projected. The time has come when if we succeed we must take and hold the centers. There is a great exodus from the country to the city, and we must go where the people are going. The farm is the best place to raise a boy, but somehow they don't stay there when they come into prominence. It is in the city where the problems are going to be solved and where questions will be decided that affect the nation and Church of the future. Romanism builds her schools and hospitals in the cities, and it is there they impress the great masses of humanity. Houston, Dallas, Waco, Fort Worth and San Antonio have not had a school built in them that commanded the wealth of these cities. But when the great Methodist Church in Texas organize around a movement like this they will be encouraged. I don't say those places have not helped, but they have done but little. No trouble to get money to run Vanderbilt, or Leland Stanford, or Chicago University because of their standing, but what about the secondary schools? When the Germans 500 years ago went to Leipzig and founded a university they planted wisely, and what is the result? In 1851 a few laymen met in Chicago and selected a few miles from her the site of Northwestern University. They to-day have property worth \$7,000,000. If we will but look at our Baptist brethren at Waco we will notice their advantage. They have there now the best buildings by far of any religious schools in Texas. I believe in the training school. Every presiding elder's district that can support one ought to have it; but I believe in having these as mere feeders to something higher. Nashville is the center, and it is there we have our greatest institution of learning. Dallas is our center in Texas. There we are to have our Bishop. There we have our Branch Publishing House, and last, but not least, our Texas Advocate. It's there we ought to have our university. Dallas is the commercial center of Texas. We ought to make it the religious center. God forbid that we should perpetuate our blunders. Now, says some

one, that would kill our University. Not at all. Correlate her and all others under her with something greater. I would not so write as I have but I feel the time has come to speak. Let us undertake great things for God, and then we can and will expect great things from God. Brethren, I have written this short article not to appear as a hypercritic, but because I feel our opportunity to do and not die is upon us. J. W. FORT. Lorena, Texas.

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PROHIBITION INSTITUTES.

For the past two years local option has grown very rapidly in Texas. County after county has banished the license saloon and raised the white flag of purity and sobriety. But at the expiration of two years after local option carries in a county an election can be called by the anti and the fight will have to be gone through again, and if the prohibitionists are not on the alert they will awake to find the saloons flaunted in their faces for another two years.

The prohibitionists cannot sit idly by until the election is called and expect to win, as many of them seem to think. I have visited a number of counties where local option has carried and hear some of the leading prohibitionists inquiring, "What do we want with prohibition speakers, we already have local option?" as if local option was the eternal rock of ages.

Let local option go on drying every saloon from the State, but in the meantime we will have to lay the foundation for a common law to cover the entire State. Some say it would not prohibit, people would override the law. I will admit it would be true under the present condition of affairs. No law is of avail until the subjects of the law rise to its level. Laws must not be written in statutes and laid on court shelves, but must be written in the hearts of men. No law is effective until those affected by the law have learned to respect the principle for which the law was created to protect.

The only way to get people to respect any great moral principle is to educate them until they are willing to obey the law from principle and not simply through fear of punishment if disobeyed.

Proper education is the only ladder up which man can climb to the great moral law of "the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God." Feeling our duty in this matter a number of prohibitionists, temperance workers and W. C. T. U. women have decided to arrange a number of prohibition educational institutes at various points over the State for the purpose of creating a more permanent and solid sentiment among all classes.

If we expect to make prohibition a success in Texas the people must be systematically educated on the question, but I hear a voice saying, "We have gone through several local option campaigns and are thorough prohibitionists," but they forget that in a few days a simple line upon a tombstone will be the only message they can speak and younger hands will have to grapple with this great problem. We owe to the younger generation a preparation for these moral problems and should not permit them to grow up in ignorance, having the saloons voted back on them and be forced to go through the same ordeals through which we are passing in order to get the education on the question we have. Give them the opportunity now, for I believe with Pope—

This education forms the common mind; Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.

And as Milton sings, "Childhood shows the man as morning shows the day." So truer is trained the mind of the child, surer will be the steps of the man. Humboldt, with a far-reaching vision, says: "Books, education, schools, are the scaffolding by means of which God builds up the human soul." Thus the education of the children enabled God to build them up to his own laws which are far above the laws of man and render the statutes "senseless and useless things."

Edward Everett remarked in passing: "Education is a better safeguard for liberty than a standing army." If so, the prohibitionists of Texas can make no better investment than spending a little time and money in educating the young on the question of prohibition, but it is going to require some time and energy, for while you are tuning the finer chords of the boy's nature the devil is thrumming the baser strings, and if allowed will soon draw them so tight they will break and you will find your boy a broken harp hanging on the castle walls of ruin. Feeling our duty in this respect, we

have united in an effort to arrange prohibition educational institutes in every leading town in the State if possible.

The speakers will be the best Texas affords. The institutes will last from two to three days at each place. It will be for the presentation of all phases of the liquor question.

I would be glad that any one who is interested in the prohibition cause and especially the educational side of the question would write me, and I will send circulars explaining our plan of operation. Address, R. E. GRABEL, 400 Elm St., Dallas, Texas.

A Warning.

To feel tired after exertion is one thing; to feel tired before is another. Don't say the latter is laziness—it isn't; but it's a sign that the system lacks vitality, is running down, and needs the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It's a warning, too—and sufferers should begin taking Hood's at once. Buy a bottle to-day.

NORTH TEXAS SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

This is to notify you that our Sunday-school Conference Board has arranged to hold a Conference Sunday-school Institute at Greenville, Texas, beginning Wednesday evening April 1, at 7:30 o'clock. The railroads will give reduced rates.

Entertainment will be furnished all Sunday-school workers, provided they notify the Entertainment Committee at Greenville, ahead of time.

Bishop Hoss will be with us and address the Institute the first night. Subject: "The Church and the Sunday-school;" also the following morning on the subject, "The Pastor and the Sunday-school;" (a) How He Can Help the School, (b) How the School Can Help Him." Dr. H. M. Hamill, our Superintendent of training work, together with his wife, an acknowledged expert in primary teaching and work, will be there and conduct the Institute.

No Sunday-school worker in our Conference can afford to miss such an opportunity to learn how to teach the Bible and run a Sunday-school successfully. Please keep this prominently before your school and see to it that a full delegation is chosen to attend. You will please send in your name, together with the names of all workers who can attend, to Rev. J. L. Pierre, Greenville, Texas, not later than March 29, so homes can be provided. Impress upon your school the great importance of keeping up with the procession, and if they hope to accomplish much for the Lord and their Church in Bible study and teaching, they can't afford to miss these Institutes, where they will get inspiration and ideas that will do them good and stay with them through life.

Help to make this a great success by advertising and getting your workers to attend. B. M. BURGHIER, Pres. N. T. Conference S. S. Board.

If thou hast but little, make it not less by murmuring. If thou hast enough, make it not too much by unthankfulness. He that is not thankfully contented with the least favor he hath received hath made himself incapable of the least favor he can receive.—Quarles.

We, your joint committee from the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society, on memorial of Mrs. Jane Catherine Munger, beg leave to submit the following report:

Mrs. Munger was active in all the work that came within the realm of both societies, and was a mighty force in provoking activity in all the membership. Her counsel was our safeguard from error, and her consecration our inspiration to purer and holier lives. We looked to her for help and encouragement, and in her wisdom found the tenderest sympathy and best advice. Too much cannot be said of her pure and lofty character. We desired to pay this tribute of praise to this life of usefulness and consecration that has been transferred from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. Her work is not done. We shall see, perpetually, the influence of her life as it flows on and on like a mighty current through the channels of active Church work and Christian benevolence.

Resolved, While we are fully sensible of the loss we sustain, we bow our heads in submission to the inevitable, and trust a Divine Providence to take this bereavement and turn it into a blessing to us. That we commend the bereaved family and relatives to our Heavenly Father, who will retain them in his holy keeping. MRS. R. L. ADAMS, MRS. L. M. VANCE, MRS. F. G. ROBERTSON, Committee.

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PROHIBITION SUGGESTIONS.

Noting so much comment from many sections regarding the prohibition movements going on in Texas, and those moves proposed to be made, I will ask you to kindly allow me the space this letter will occupy, and I ask the indulgence of all those who are interested in the glorious move.

First, I want to call the attention of all interested to the fact of so many poll taxes that have been paid for a set of low class aliens (who were too miserable, selfish and unworthy to pay their own just dues and save their franchise) by the liquor dealers, brewers, etc.

Can't we who represent the pro side of this question take it upon ourselves to make a personal request to our Legislators, individually, to frame a bill and use their united efforts to get it through the Legislature and Senate providing that where a poll is paid by other than the party whose name it bears, that it shall be null and void and will not thereby entitle him to the right of ballot?

It seems to me that no honest, intelligent man, seeing the corruptible mass of humanity that the liquor people marshal out into the field to ballot against morals, decency and respectability, can support anything but a dry ticket. Who do they neglect to see or assist the honest, respectable white man to pay his poll instead of the renegade, the negro and all those allied to the brute creation whom they can vote as they please for a drink of adulterated poison for 15 cents or allow them to lounge around on dirty floors and filthy backyards without charge therefor?

A number of our big dailies are trying to discourage the plan of a general prohibition campaign in the State. They know that it is certain to carry. Can't help it when about 75 per cent of the scum that the liquor dealers have hurled against us formerly at the polls have been totally disfranchised. Prohibition is good in any form. It is good if it prohibits one dozen saloons in the State. When we have wiped the political power of these accursed institutions out, then will the people be able to elect men who will enforce the law and give us clean, decent administrations.

Let us, as Sam Jones expresses it, wear the head of a billy goat and the heels of a mule and fight it with both ends and at all points where we can with avail. The time is rapidly approaching when Texas will wipe this damnable relief of corruption and barbarism from our fair State, and we

will all rejoice together in our immunity from it. The poll tax amendment is a step in the right direction, and we must take others to reinforce the weak points in it. WALTER S. PARKER, Kountze, Texas.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Young-Griffin.—At the home of the bride's parents, in Lawrence, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Edgar L. Young of Lawrence, Ark., and Miss Anna Griffin of Lawrence, Texas, Rev. A. H. Henson officiating.

Ricketts-Boyd.—At Jacksonville, Texas, at the Methodist Church, Feb. 15, 1903, Dr. J. A. Harkins and Miss Anna Boyd, Rev. J. E. Vason officiating.

Felt-Bough.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. George C. Felt, in Lawrence, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Dr. T. M. York of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Eliza Felt of Lawrence, Texas, Rev. C. H. Smith officiating.

Nease-Lake.—At the home of the bride's mother, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Mr. Henry Nease and Miss Lake, Rev. J. A. Dittick officiating.

Wells-Jewell.—At the home of the bride's mother, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Dr. H. J. Wells and Miss Jewell, Rev. J. A. Dittick officiating.

Wilson-Barber.—At the home of the bride's father, Feb. 15, 1903, in Dallas, Texas, Mrs. George Barber, Rev. W. S. Bailey officiating.

Rooster-Young.—At the home of the bride's mother, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Rev. W. S. Rooster and Miss Young, Rev. T. S. Hanks officiating.

Boyer-Holmes.—At the home of the bride's father, Feb. 15, 1903, Mr. M. Boyer and Miss Holmes, Rev. W. D. Gookin officiating.

Nichols-Tate.—At the residence of the bride's parents, at Rock, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Mr. L. Nichols and Miss Tate, Rev. S. Mitchell, Chas. Rev. J. W. Hanks officiating.

Garner-Rosenman.—At the residence of the bride's father, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Mr. W. H. Garner and Miss Rosenman, Rev. E. L. Stubbins officiating.

Boyd-Edwards.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Harwood, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Mr. J. W. Boyd and Miss Edwards, Rev. F. L. McNeely officiating.

Harrison-Martin.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Mr. Harrison and Miss Martin, Rev. E. L. McNeely officiating.

Parker-Smith.—At the home of the bride's mother, near Harwood, Feb. 15, 1903, Mr. J. C. Parker and Miss Smith, Rev. E. P. Hook officiating.

Geise-Fitzman.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Palestine, Texas, Feb. 15, 1903, Mr. W. H. Geise and Miss Fitzman, Rev. E. B. Wagner officiating.

Disappointment is like a slave. Through its coarse meshes the small ambitions and hopes and endeavors of a soul are sifted out relentlessly. But the things that are big enough not to fall through are not in the least affected by it. It is only a test, not a finality.—Wellspring.

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ALLEN, Joseph, the late, an unassuming man, came into the home of one of our best members and lived away the remainder of his life...

WALKER—Mrs. Carrie Walker (nee Howard), wife of Brother J. Walker, was born in the town of Wood, Texas, January 5, 1862...

LEATHERWOOD—Jesse Leatherwood was born in Sparta, North Carolina, December 18, 1818; was married to Delilah Bennett in Pickens County, South Carolina, July 8, 1841...

DONALDSON—Sister Elizabeth Donaldson (nee Linn) was born in Huddon, England, March 2, 1822; was married to David W. Donaldson November 19, 1841...

BLANTON—Mrs. Easter S. Blanton died at her home near Hamilton, after an illness of four weeks. She was 26 years 11 months old. She was born in North Carolina, March 25, 1828...

CARLISLE—Mrs. Lucy Jane Carlisle was born February 25, 1829; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when 12 years of age. She was married to William W. Carlisle, August 25, 1847...

ROBERTSON—The subject of this sad memoir, James Walter Robertson, was the son of James Walter and Mary V. Robertson. Walter was born in McLennan County, Texas, September 12, 1832...

CARANISS—John R. Caraniss was born June 2, 1827, in Springfield, Ill. When a young man he migrated to Missouri, where he was happily married to Miss Cecelia McLane October, 1848...

SMITH—John Henry Smith was born June 26, 1825, and in a meeting at Macedonia the last year of our pastor on Walter Street. He was converted and joined the Church July 25, 1841...

HOLLINGSWORTH—Miss Phoebe Hollingsworth was born in Colorado, Texas, March 1, 1828, and died near Santa Anna, Colman County, Texas, January 26, 1893. She was converted when eleven years old...

WEIR—Robert Weir was born in Tippah County, Mississippi, December 25, 1832. He came from Mississippi to Texas and settled in Blanco County, near the town of Blanco, in 1856...

NEVANS—Sister Mamie Nevans, the wife of F. Nevans, and the daughter of Rev. M. Mills, departed this life February 1, 1893, at the home of her father, at Cooperas Cove, Texas...

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Blanco, at Live Oak, Feb 28, Mar 1

Willow City, at Post Oak, Mar 1, 2

Johnson City, at Rockvale, Mar 1, 2

San Saba sta., Mar 1, 2

San Saba mis., at Colony, Mar 1, 2

Cherokee, at Valley Spgs., Mar 1, 2

Rock Springs, at R. S., Mar 1, 2

W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round.

West Point cir., at Muldoon, Feb 28, Mar 1

Cedar Creek cir., at Hill's Prairie, Mar 1, 2

Smithville sta., Mar 1, 2

Bastrop station, Mar 1, 2

Elgin sta., Mar 1, 2

Manor sta., Mar 1, 2

Manchaca cir., Mar 1, 2

South Austin sta., Mar 1, 2

Webberville cir., at Haynie's Chap., Apr 4, 5

McLoud cir., at Beakons, Apr 11, 12

Tenth Street sta., Austin, Apr 18, 19

First Street sta., Austin, Apr 18, 19

Walnut cir., Apr 18, 19

Hotchkiss Memorial sta., Austin, Apr 25, 26

E. S. Smith, P. E.

Beville District—Second Round.

Stockdale, Feb 28, Mar 1

Beville, Mar 1, 2

Sutherland Springs, Mar 1, 2

Lavender, Mar 1, 2

Oakville, Mar 1, 2

Pleasanton, Apr 4, 5

Corpus Christi, Apr 11, 12

Rockport, Apr 18, 19

Mathis, Apr 18, 19

Bianconia, Apr 25, 26

Joe F. Webb, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.

Lockhart Station, Feb 28, Mar 1

Waelder and Thompsonville, at T. Mar 1, 2

Tilton cir., at H. Chapel, Mar 1, 2

Luling and Sola Springs, at L. Mar 1, 2

Seguin and Mill Creek, at S. Mar 1, 2

Dripping Springs cir., at W., Apr 4, 5

Belmont cir., at Nixon, Apr 11, 12

Kyle and Pleasant Grove, at K. Apr 18, 19

Staples cir., at P. Ridge, Apr 25, 26

San Marcos Station, May 2, 3

Gonzales Station, May 2, 3

Sterling Fisher, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round.

Flanona, 1st Sun Mar

Rancho, at Hanco, 2d Sun Mar

Leeville, at Hancock C., 3d Sun Mar

Hallettsville, at Millon, 4th Sun Mar

Rungo, at Cabesa, 5th Sun Mar

Nursery & P. L., at Mis V., 1st Sun Apr

Edna, Wed, Apr 8

El Campo, at Ashby, 2d Sun Apr

Victoria, Tues, Apr 14

Sweet Home, at Shiner, 3d Sun Apr

Yakum, Mon, Apr 20

Clear Creek, at Seals' Ch., 4th Sun Apr

Cuero, Wed, Apr 29

Canado, 1st Sun May

J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round.

Carrizo and Batesville, 1st Sun in March

W. J. Johnson, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

Del Rio, 2d Sun Mar

Eagle Pass, Mar 11

Uvalde, 3d Sun Mar

Haltom, 4th Sun Mar

Chattalla Cir., at Millert, 5th Sun Mar

Laredo, Apr 1

Hondo and Devine, at H., 1st Sun Apr

Pearsall, Apr 8

Amphion Cir., 2d Sun Apr

Becker Cir., at Light, 3d Sun Apr

Moore Cir., at Tehuacana, 4th Sun Apr

Carrizo S. and Batesville, 1st Sun May

South Heights, 11 a. m. 2d Sun May

Prospect Hill, 7:30 p. m. 2d Sun May

Sherman St., 11 a. m. 3d Sun May

Travis Park, 11 a. m. 3d Sun May

Comal St., 7:30 p. m. 3d Sun May

West End, May 20

W. J. Johnson, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Lampasas mis., Mar 1

Water Valley, at Wild, Mar 1, 2

J. D. Scott, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Lometa, at Long Cove, 1st Sun Mar

Water Valley, at Wild Cat, 2d Sun Mar

Milburn, at Bethel, 3d Sun Mar

Brady, at Live Oak, Mar 14, 15

Fontote, at Fredonia, 4th Sun Mar

Mason, at Bethel, Mar 21, 22

Junction City, at London, 5th Sun Mar

Sonora, at Eldorado, Apr 1

Ozona, Apr 8

Sterling City, at Stiles, 2d Sun Apr

The San Angelo District Conference will be held at San Angelo, with the opening sermon Tuesday night, April 21, and hold over the fourth Sunday. Let all delegates begin now to arrange and shape their business so as to attend. I hope the pastors will have the collections secured in cash and subscription by that time. The main features of our program will appear in the Advocate and county papers throughout the district. J. D. Scott, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Dublin District—Second Round.

Carbon and Gorman, at C., Feb 28, Mar 1

Carbon mis., at Kokomo, Mar 1, 2

Riuffdale sta., at Post Oak, Mar 14, 15

Huckabay sta., at Extray, Mar 21, 22

Cisco sta., at Cisco, Mar 28, 29

Cisco mis., at Cisco, Mar 28, 29

Eastland cir., at Gunsight, Apr 4, 5

Morgan Mill cir., at Silvan, Apr 11, 12

Stephenville sta., at S., Apr 18, 19

Granbury sta., at Granbury, Apr 25, 26

Glenrose sta., Apr 25, 26

Carlton cir., at Graybill, Apr 25, 26

Hico sta., at Hico, Apr 25, 26

Green's Creek cir., at Bunyan, May 2, 3

Irodel and Fairy cir., at Lanham, May 2, 3

Duffau cir., at Skipper's Chapel, May 11, 12

Deedmona cir., May 18, 19

The Epworth League and Sunday-school Conference will meet at DeLeon April 22, 23 p. m. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round.

Jonesboro, at Jonesboro, Feb 28, Mar 1

Coryell City, at C. C., Mar 7, 8

Gatesville mis., at Winnfield Ch., Mar 14, 15

Brookhaven mis., at Sugarloaf, Mar 21, 22

S. W. Turner, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

First Church, Mch 1

Falo Pinto, at Vaughn S. H., Mch 7, 8

Mineral Wells, Mch 14, 15

Miss. Inst., at the Wells, Mch 14, 15

Weatherford Mis., at W. Ch., Mch 21, 22

Millisap, at Holders' Ch., Mch 21, 22

Santo, at Tarrleton, Mch 28, 29

Hanger, at Hanger, Apr 4, 5

Gordon and Strawn, at G., Apr 11, 12

E. F. Boone, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.

Stamford, at S. C., Mar 7, 8

Aspermont, at Shiners G., Mar 14, 15

Clairmont, at Hynton, Mar 14, 15

Haskell Mission, at Flat Top, Mar 14, 15

Haskell Station, Mar 15, 16

Anson, at A. Ch., Mar 17, 18

Eula, at Eula, Mar 21, 22

Big Springs, Mar 28, 29

Lynn and Terry, Apr 1, 2

Gall, at Gall, Apr 11, 12

Midland, Apr 11, 12

Colorado Mission, at Liberty, Apr 14, 15

Snyder, at Hobbs, Apr 18, 19

Putnam, at Cottonwood, Apr 25, 26

Albany and M., at A., Apr 25, 26

Sunday-school and League Conference will be held in Abilene April 21-22 District Conference at Stamford May 29 to June 1. E. A. Smith, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.

Comanche, Mar 1, 2

Glen Cove, at Crews, Mar 7, 8

Cross Plains, at Burke, Mar 14, 15

Robert Lee, at Sanco, Mar 21, 22

Hallinger, Mar 28, 29

Winters, at Barnett, Apr 4, 5

Wingate, at Hynton, Apr 4, 5

May, at Green's Chapel, Apr 11, 12

Santa Anna, at Rockwood, Apr 11, 12

Sipe Springs, at Downing, Apr 18, 19

Comanche cir., at Bibb, Apr 25, 26

Rising Star, at Macedonia, Apr 25, 26

Bang, at Fairview, Apr 25, 26

Hanket, at Turkey Peak, Apr 25, 26

Indian Creek, May 2, 3

Gustine, at Energy, May 16, 17

Proctor, at Graham's Chapel, May 16, 17

Brownwood, May 23, 24

The District Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference will be held at Hallinger March 27, 28 and 29. Let each delegate for secure, if possible, the entire assessments before this time. The District Conference will be held at Santa Anna May 29 to June 1. The first day will be devoted to the Sunday-school work. W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round.

Mo. Ave, Feb 28, Mar 1

Peach Street, Mar 1

Arlington, Mar 7, 8

Milky Memorial, Mar 7, 8

Trinity and Riverside, Mar 14, 15

Azie and Idaho, Mar 14, 15

Bum, at Blum, Mar 21, 22

Covington, at Center Point, Mar 21, 22

Hono, at Godley, Mar 28, 29

Cresson, at Long Creek, Mar 28, 29

Joshua, at Huron, Apr 4, 5

Cuba, at Green Briar, Apr 4, 5

Kennedale, at Kennedale, Apr 11, 12

Manfield, at St. Paul, Apr 18, 19

Smithfield, at Shady Grove, Apr 25, 26

Grapovine, at Minter's Chapel, Apr 25, 26

Cleburne, May 2, 3

District Conference April 28-30. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Moody, Feb 28, Mar 1

Pendletonville, Mar 7, 8

Seventh Street Church, Temple, Mar 14, 15

Bartlett, Mar 14, 15

Granger, Mar 21, 22

Taylor, Mar 21, 22

Salado, Mar 28, 29

Maxdale, Apr 4, 5

Holland, Apr 11, 12

First Church, Temple, Apr 18, 19

Troy, Apr 18, 19

Rogers, Apr 25, 26

Hutto, May 2, 3

District Conference will meet at Holland, Texas, May 6 and 7. Opening service at 7:30 p. m. May 5. Sermon by Rev. R. B. McSwain. Subject: "Experimental Religion," followed by sacrament of our Lord's Supper. J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.

Forreston, at Falls, Mar 1, 2

Boz, at Auburn, Mar 14, 15

Grandview, Mar 21, 22

Alvarado, Mar 21, 22

Ovilla, at Red Oak, Mar 28, 29

Ferris, at Clemma, Apr 11, 12

Milford, at Deer, Apr 18, 19

Hillyboro, Apr 18, 19

Hillyboro, Apr 25, 26

Hosca, May 2, 3

Lovance, at Woodbury, May 2, 3

Bardwell, May 9, 10

Ennis, May 16, 17

Palmer, at Dixon's Chapel, May 16, 17

Waxahachie, May 17, 18

Venus, May 23, 24

Milothian, May 23, 24

District Conference at Midlothian May 28-31. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Coriscana District—Second Round.

Coriscana cir., at Z. R., Feb 28, Mch 1

Colton Gin, at C. G., March 7, 8

Thornton, at T., March 14, 15

Wortham, at W., March 14, 15

Horn Hill, at Ben Hur, March 21, 22

Groesbeck, March 21, 22

Dresden, at D., March 28, 29

Rice, at Chatfield, April 4, 5

Alma, at Oak Grove, April 11, 12

Coriscana First Church, S. P. M., April 11, 12

Eureka, at Long Prairie, April 11, 12

Kerens, April 18, 19

Richland, at Pursley, April 18, 19

Dawson, at Mt. Zion, April 25, 26

Mexia, April 25, 26

Brandon, May 2, 3

Long Cedar, May 9, 10

Barry, at Cryer Creek, May 16, 17

Ronne, May 16, 17

Armour, May 23, 24

District Conference at Merrens, beginning April 29, at 8 p. m. to May 2. Jas. M. Barcas, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.

Channing, Mch 1, 2

Dumas, Mch 5, 6

Dalhart, Mch 5, 6

Stratford, Mch 12, 13

Clarendon, Mch 14, 15

Memphis, at Newlin, Mch 21, 22

Silverton, at Wright, Mch 28, 29

Tulia, at Fairview, Mch 28, 29

Plainview, Mch 31, Apr 1

Floydada, Apr 1, 2

Emma, Apr 8, 9

Lubbock, Apr 11, 12

Higgins, Apr 18, 19

Canadian, Apr 25, 26

Cataline, Apr 25, 26

Allentree, Apr 25, 26

Hereford Mission, Apr 25, 26

I am very anxious for all the preachers to attend the Missionary Institute at Clarendon, March 19-20. We expect to have Dr. Horace Bishop, our Conference Missionary Secretary, with us at that time and we feel sure that the Institute with the Preachers' Conference Meeting will prove a blessing to us all. Jas. M. Sherman, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

Chillicothe cir., Feb 28, Mar 1

Quannah sta., Mar 7, 8

Vernon mis., Mar 14, 15

Wellington cir., Mar 21, 22

Spring Creek mis., Mar 28, 29

Seymour sta., Apr 4, 5

Benjamin mis., Apr 11, 12

Munday cir., Apr 18, 19

Crowell cir., Apr 18, 19

Mataador cir., Apr 25, 26

Paducah mis., Apr 25, 26

Preachers' Conference and Missionary Institute at Quannah March 5 and 6. J. G. Miller, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Terrell District—Second Round.

Kaufman, Feb 28, Mar 1

Fate, at St. John, Mar 7, 8

Rockwall, Mar 14, 15

Garland, Mar 21, 22

College Mount and Elmo, at E., Mar 28, 29

Reinhardt, at Locust Grove, Apr 4, 5

Terrell Sta., Apr 11, 12

Crandall, at Crandall, Apr 18, 19

Terrell Mis., at Rose Hill, Apr 25, 26

Portney, May 2, 3

Shelton, M. Chap., May 9, 10

Kemp, at Becker, May 16, 17

Chisholm, at Allen Chap., May 23, 24

Royle, June 6, 7

Mabank, June 13, 14

J. M. Peterson, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round.

Copeville mis., at Copeville, Feb 28, Mar 1

Blue Ridge cir., at Blue Ridge, Mar 7, 8

F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round.

Iowa Park, Feb 28, Mar 1

F. O. Miller, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

Fotstboro and Preston, 1st Sun Mar

Sherman cir., 2d Sun Mar

J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.

Oak Lawn, 11 a. m. Mar 1

Oak Lawn, 7 p. m. Mar 1

Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth, Mar 7, 8

I. W. Clark, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round.

Brookston, at Brookston, Feb 28, Mch 1

Lanous, at Allen's Chapel, Mch 7, 8

Bonham Station, Mch 14, 15

Dodd, at Dodd, Mch 21, 22

Ector, at Revenna, Apr 4, 5

Fannin, at New Hope, Apr 11, 12

Gober, at Gober, Apr 18, 19

Randolph, at Edhube, Apr 25, 26

Trenton, at Trenton, May 2, 3

Trenton at Trenton, May 2, 3

Baley at Hickory Creek, May 16, 17

Prosper, at Prosper, May 16, 17

will be elected this round. Hope for a full attendance at each quarterly Conference and good reports. John H. McLean, P. E.

Galveston District—Second Round.

Pilot Point, Feb 28, Mar 1

Lubray cir., at Friendship, Mar 7, 8

Woodbine, at Spring Grove, Mar 7, 8

Ponder and Krum, at Stony, Mar 14, 15

Belleville, at Barrell Springs, Mar 21, 22

Nosoma and Montague, at M., Mar 21, 22

Wheatland, Mar 28, 29

Denton Street, Mar 28, 29

Bonita cir., Apr 4, 5

Greenwood, at Rush Branch, Apr 11, 12

Marysville, at M., Apr 18, 19

St. Jo, at Myra, Apr 25, 26

Rogers and V. V., at V. V., May 2, 3

Boonville, at Boonville, May 9, 10

Era, at Era, May 16, 17

Burns, May 23, 24

Dexter, at Mt. Gilead, May 23, 24

Missionary Institute, Denton Street, Galveston, at Houston, attending March 28-29 District Conference at Valley View April 29 to May 2. Geo. S. Sexton, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.

W. Dallas and G. P., at G. P. Mar 14, 15

Floyd and Haskell, 7:30 p. m. Mar 21, 22

Lewisville, at W., Mar 21, 22

Wheatland, at W., Mar 28, 29

Oak Cliff, 7:30 p. m. Mar 28, 29

Farmers Branch, at Cem. Hill, Apr 4, 5

Cedar Hill and Dville, at C. H. Apr 11, 12

De C. at Oak Cliff, Apr 18, 19

Lancaster, at Friendship, Apr 25, 26

Arvey, at Prairie Mount, Apr 25, 26

Denton, May 2, 3

First Church, 11 a. m. May 9, 10

Oak Lawn, 7:30 p. m. May 16, 17

Ervey, 11 a. m. May 16, 17

Trinity, May 16, 17

Cochran and Caruth at Chran, May 23, 24

I. W. Clark, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round.

Lamar Ave, Feb 28, Mar 1

West Paris, Mar 7, 8

Woodland and Kanawha, at K., Mar 7, 8

Levitt Sta., Mar 14, 15

Clarksville Sta., Mar 14, 15

Howland Cir., at El Grove, Mar 21, 22

Roxton Sta., Mar 21, 22

Rosale Cir., at Bogata, Mar 28, 29

Marvin Cir., at Reno, Apr 4, 5

Bosson Sta., Apr 11, 12

Deport Cir., at Milton, Apr 18, 19

Clarksville Cir., at Liberty, Apr 25, 26

Annora Cir., at Williams Ch., May 2, 3

Whitlock Sta., May 2, 3

Daughess Mis., at Oak Grove, May 9, 10

Maxey, May 16, 17

Emerson Cir., at Sumner, May 23, 24

Chicoita Mis., at Forest Chapel, May 23, 24

Bagwell Cir., May 30, 31

E. H. Casey, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round.

Merit, at Harrell, 1st Sun Mar

Celeste, at Lane, 2d Sun Mar

Leonard, at Orange Grove, 3d Sun Mar

Wolfe City, 4th Sun Mar

Commerce mis., at Century, 5th Sun Mar

Campbell, at Friendship, 1st Sun Apr

Floyd, at Caddo Mills, 2d Sun Apr

Kingston, at Ballard, 3d Sun Apr

Commerce sta., 4th Sun Apr

Patric, at Wesley Ch., 1st Sun May

District Con. at Celeste, 2d Sun May

Goidan, at Springtown, 3d Sun May

Nevanough, 11 a. m. 4th Sun May

Wesley, 8 p. m. 4th Sun May

Greenville mis., 1st Sun June

Neola, at Meadow View, 2d Sun June

Lone Oak, at Lawing, 3d Sun June

O. S. Thomas, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Marshall District—First Round.

Beckville, at Ebenezer, Feb 28, Mar 1

Kilgore, at Hickory Grove, Mar 7, 8

Arliston, at Bethany, Mar 14, 15

Henderson cir., at Marvyn, Mar 21, 22

Coffeeville cir., at Smyrna, Mar 28, 29

Henderson sta., April 4, 5

C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Meaumont District—First Round.

China and Sour Lake, at C. Feb 28, Mar 1

Livingston, at Livingston, Mar 7, 8

Call, at Catro, Mar 14, 15

Leggett, at Oakdale, Mar 21, 22

Wallisville, at Winnie, Mar 28, 29

J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round.

Maysfield, at Maysfield, Feb 28, Mar 1

Davilla, at Friendship, Mar 7, 8

Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round.

Lindale, at Lindale, Feb 28, Mar 1

Troup and Overton, Mar 7, 8

Trans-Cedar, Mar 14, 15

J. T. Smith, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round.

Lott, Feb 28, Mar 1

Ross, Mar 7, 8

Marlin, Mar 14, 15

R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round.

Melrose cir., at Smith's Ch., Feb 28, Mar 1

Nacogdoches sta., Mar 1, 2

Minden cir., at Lone Oak, Mar 7, 8

Clayton cir., at Clayton, Mar 14, 15

Appleby mis., at Pine Grove, Mar 21, 22

Carthage sta., Mar 28, 29

Hemphill mis., at Hemphill, Apr 4, 5

Sexton cir., at Patroon, Apr 11, 12

C. A. Tower, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round.

Musgrove Springs, at Marvin Chapel, Feb 28, Mar 1

Redwater, at Redwater, Thur, Mar 7, 8

Dalby Springs, at Lawrence, Mar 14, 15

Cason, at Cason, Mar 14, 15

Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Palestine District—First Round.

Kennard cir., at Bellview, Feb 28, Mar 1

Augusta mis., at Augusta, Mar 7, 8

Alto cir., at Mt. Zion, Mar 14, 15

Husk sta., Mar 21, 22

Hoover Valley cir., at Face's Ch., Mar 28, 29

Mount Selman cir., Apr 4, 5

Jos. B. Sicks, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.

Central Church, Galveston, Mar 1, 2

West End, Galveston, Mar 7, 8

Whitlock, at Whitlock, Mar 7, 8

Sandy Point, at Parker's, Mar 14, 15

Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round.

Zion, at New Hope, Feb 28, Mch 1

Madisonville, at M., Mch 7, 8

Midway, at Midway, Mch 14, 15

Waverly, at Waverly, Mch 21, 22

Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Mangum District—Second Round.

Door Creek, at Francis, Feb 28, Mar 1

Mountain Park, at Shiloh, Mar 7, 8

Clayton, at Drake, Mar 14, 15

Lager, Mar 21, 22

Gosnell, Mar 28, 29

Mangum, Mar 28, 29

Frank and Indiatoma, at L., Apr 4, 5

Granite, Apr 11, 12

Eldorado and Cobb, Apr 18, 19

Harrison and Cobb, Apr 25, 26

W. S. F. McLaughlin, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Albuquerque District—Second Round.

Cerrillos, Mar 1, 2

Watrous, Mar 7, 8

Albuquerque, Mar 14, 15

Gallop, Mar 21, 22

Robt. H. Morgan, P. E.

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MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, PASTORS' CONFERENCE, GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

We were all sorry that Dr. Bishop, on account of sickness in his home, did not arrive in time to preach Tuesday night as was announced. C. W. Daniel preached an earnest sermon and the power and presence of the Holy Ghost was felt in the first service.

The Institute proper was called to order in the Methodist Church at Bartlett, Texas, Feb. 19, at 9 o'clock a. m. by Dr. J. S. Chapman, our worthy presiding elder. After a season of prayer led by R. V. Gainaway, C. W. Daniel discussed Woman's Home Mission Society by giving the history of the organization in such a way as to enmesh our appreciation of their work.

J. T. Griswood represented, in a well-prepared speech, Woman's Foreign Mission Society. He emphasized the spirit of missions, the educational work they are doing in the distribution of literature, which shows them to be intensely in earnest.

C. H. Wright handled with ease the subject, "How Can We Help Our Women?" He suggested an intelligent sympathy as the most helpful.

At this juncture Sister Craig, of Georgetown station, gave a report for the past year of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of her Church; Sister Coody, that of the Home Mission Society. Both reports show that they have done a good work.

At 11 o'clock S. H. Sawyers preached a strong sermon on "Holy Ghost in Missions." Truly the Holy Ghost honored his effort, and the occasion was one of spiritual uplift.

In the afternoon Dr. Bishop presented his plans for the year. The institute was pleased with them, for he is doing a great educational work.

In discussing "Pastor's Responsibility for Connections," J. W. Story said that no man had done his best until he had given his people information and applied the best methods.

To the profit of all, "Best Methods" received the attention of Dr. Neims. He said no definite rule could be given, but that was the best which secured a contribution from each member.

At night a large audience attended to hear Dr. Bishop on "Missions." He laid a deep foundation upon which he built a magnificent discourse. It was a spiritual occasion—a great service that will bear fruit this year in the Georgetown District.

The second day opened with a spiritual prayer service, after which C. E. Gallagher represented Sunday-schools in Assanary Work. His thoughts were well founded.

In an earnest speech, J. D. Crockett discussed the importance of missionary literature. As the time had arrived for preaching, Dr. Neims was ready. Revivals was his theme. He preached with his characteristic earnestness and power, and not only was his sermon instructive, but a spiritual feast to all.

The afternoon of the second day was given to an open conference, which gave the preachers a chance to arrange their meetings and secure helpers.

After thanking W. C. Hiburn and the good people of Bartlett for their open-hearted entertainment and Dr. Bishop for his presence and valuable help, the institute adjourned until the night service. At which time Rev. J. K. Allen, D. D. preached on doctrines of Methodism. We expected something fine, and we were not disappointed. As he proceeded the Holy Ghost came upon the audience, and at the close, as we sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," we heard shouts of praise in the house. It seemed then that Methodism had not lost her old-time fire.

All the pastors but two were present, and they were unavoidably kept away. A few ladies, local preachers and lay-

men were there from different charges. Under the wise leadership of our presiding elder, the institute was a great success. We go forth with renewed courage, energy and missionary zeal to make progress along all lines of Church work.

A. L. MOORE, Secretary. Temple, Texas.

THE MISSIONARY INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

The institute met here Feb. 19 and closed Feb. 12, according to announcement. There was not a full attendance, seven of the pastors being absent. Serious sickness, railroad wrecks and fearful rains kept some away. The program, however, was well carried out and the addresses, papers and sermons showed careful preparation and hearty sympathy upon the part of those appointed to speak. The discussions which followed were edifying. The preachers were stirred and will surely make a mighty effort to bring up full collections. The spirit of revival and soul-saving effort was manifest. It is all yet to be done; no charge reported having taken the missionary collection or a revival of religion. But the district will be heard from in due time.

Rev. J. W. Downs, our presiding elder, prepared the program and appointed the speakers. The institute work was pronounced unusually fine. Two papers deserve special mention—one by Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, of Texarkana, the other by Bro. D. H. Abernathy, of this place. Pittsburg took the preachers into their homes and entertained them royally. No city in the State can excel then on that line. A resolution of thanks was voted the city by the institute. Thank the good Lord no other resolution was passed. Rev. J. T. Smith, of Tyler, was with us. He preached with power and spoke with great common sense, and prayed mightily in the spirit. Bro. Bowen was also with us. We shall be glad to see him again. He sings well, talks well and works hard for the Advocate. Selah!

D. F. C. TIMMONS. Pittsburg, Texas.

We have had from these brethren of the committees only words of hearty commendation and expressions of entire sympathy in this plan of our Church. This plan will greatly aid our preachers by giving them the help for ten days of four men prepared to assist them in studying their course. In addition thereto the preachers passing the examination at the close of the institute will be free to give all the time from then until conference to his revival meetings and collections. We have prepared a very fine course of study for the preachers and others who have completed their conference course. Of this we will write a little later. In addition to the under-graduate and post-graduate courses of study we will have a series of lectures by men of national and some of international reputation. We do not hesitate to say that we are preparing to give the best course of study work and instruction ever offered by such an institute in the South. Let it be well understood that the work being done by those in charge of this movement is done without any remuneration whatever, and the receipts from the tuition go to bear the actual expenses of the institute. The tuition including the course of study and all lectures will be \$5. Board for the entire time \$1. Full information, together with the full program, will be given just as soon as a few more details are settled. For any information wanted address either Rev. R. B. McSwain, Secretary, or myself.

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DR. TILLET AND THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY.

Of the institutes and summer conferences conducted in the interests of young preachers in our Church none has impressed me more favorably than that which has been held for two years past by our Texas brethren at Georgetown, the seat of their greatest institution of learning. The earnestness and hopefulness of those who have projected this enterprise are worthy of all success. I have examined the programs and read the reports of the two sessions of this institute which have already been held and have been greatly pleased with the work. It is held, I am sure, at the best possible place. The scholarly help afforded by the faculty of the Southwestern University gives the institute an advantage it could have at no other place of meeting. No young ministers in reach of Georgetown can afford not to attend the sessions of this summer gathering which was organized and is now conducted especially for their benefit.

The late General Conference at Dallas advised the organization of these institutes in all parts of our Church, directing that they should be correlated with the Correspondence School at Nashville. One of the very first of the institutes to fall into line and to seek to correlate their work with that of the Correspondence School and the Summer Institute that meets at Vanderbilt University is the Texas Institute at Georgetown. It gives all of us who are connected with the Correspondence School great pleasure to welcome our Texas brethren into this general movement to help the young ministers of our Church. I sincerely trust that the efforts to affiliate and correlate our common work in behalf of our young ministers will be a help both to them and to us. It will certainly give us pleasure to render what service we can.

W. F. TILLET

THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY AND BIBLE STUDY.

The third session of this institute will be held in Georgetown, Texas, June 1-12, inclusive.

The last General Conference adopted the following:

"We recommend the establishment of Preachers' Institutes in various parts of the connection, which shall be organized in connection with the above Correspondence School, and shall be carried on in co-operation with the General Board of Education, and the examining committees of the Annual Conference adjacent to each institute."

Notice that this enactment requires organization in connection with the Correspondence School at Vanderbilt University, co-operation with the General Board of Education and co-operation with the examining committees of the adjacent Annual Conferences.

In order to get into fullest sympathy

and co-operation, as well as to comply with the law, as the manager of this institute, I went to Nashville and submitted our plans in full to the proper authorities. From Dr. Tillett as Dean and Rev. J. L. Cunningham as Secretary of the Correspondence School, we have the heartiest endorsement and full authority for our work. Also, after correspondence with all the members of the examining committees of the Texas Conferences, we have about completed arrangements to carry on our work in co-operation with these committees as required by the General Conference. The plan is to have one member from each of the four committees for under-graduates from the several conferences in the State. These representatives will conduct the course of study for the under-graduates in their respective classes, and at the end of the session give an examination that will take the place of the examination at the Annual Conference.

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SUMMER INSTITUTE AT GEORGETOWN.

We are planning an enlargement of the Summer Institute. Our motto is, "A program no preacher in Texas can afford to miss." We are also striving to make attendance possible for every preacher in the State. A copy of our program (which we hope to make worth preserving for its intrinsic value) will be mailed you as soon as ready. You would confer a favor by sending us the names and addresses of:

- 1. All your local preachers and exhorters and any who expect to apply for license.
2. Two or three members of your charge whose interest in their pastor's attendance at the Institute might lead to a leave of absence with expenses paid or be helpful in some other way.

Every year we have had some laymen, some local preachers and some

preachers of other denominations and a large number of the Methodist pastors in attendance each year have been able to come only because some of their members became interested and provided a way.

We are arranging a program which we hope to make the strongest of the kind ever offered in the South. The date is June 1-12. Board costs \$1. The fee is \$5. Superannuate free; half rates to students of Correspondence School. This fee is to cover necessary expenses, including traveling expenses of lecturers and instructors. It is planned to expend over \$1,000 on program and arrangements, only a part of which will be covered by the fees. Neither the University nor any one connected with the Institute expect one cent of profit or remuneration for their services. Watch the Advocate for announcements of the Institute.

Please let us hear from you if only to express your interest, or to let us know what objectionable features or deficiencies in the plan or what unfavorable circumstances might probably interfere with your attendance. We shall eagerly await your reply. Yours, R. B. McSWAIN, Georgetown, Texas.

P. S.: Nearly 100 replies already received from all over Texas strongly commending the Institute prove the courteous promptness of Methodist preachers. R. B. M.

JUSTICE TO WHOM JUSTICE IS DUE.

Dr. Adams, in vindication of his work, said that "it was the Pittsburg District that paid the \$42," her full assessment, which was correct, but unfortunately the Doctor went too far and said, "And not the Marshall District," which statement was not correct. Then came Bro. Lamar with a large showing in support of the reputation of his district. And after a time appears Bro. Urquhart to set matters right and charges that the Marshall District paid only \$24 for that fund, \$28 from Henderson and \$6 from Jefferson. And that "no other charge in the Marshall District paid anything."

Now, as collector for the Board of Education, I write to say that Bro. Gus Garrison, of North Side, Marshall, paid \$8 for Paine and Lane fund, making the total of \$42 for Marshall District. And if Bro. Garrison failed to put the amount on his statistical report it was his failure. But he did not fail to pay the money.

As a matter of fact the minutes of the previous conference failed to show any assessment against the districts for Paine and Lane, and the other four East Texas Districts made no assessments against the charges for that fund; however, about \$19 was paid in from other sources.

How it occurred that the presiding elders of the two districts in question had their assessments for Paine and Lane and the other four had not, is more than this witness knoweth. G. W. RILEY.

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