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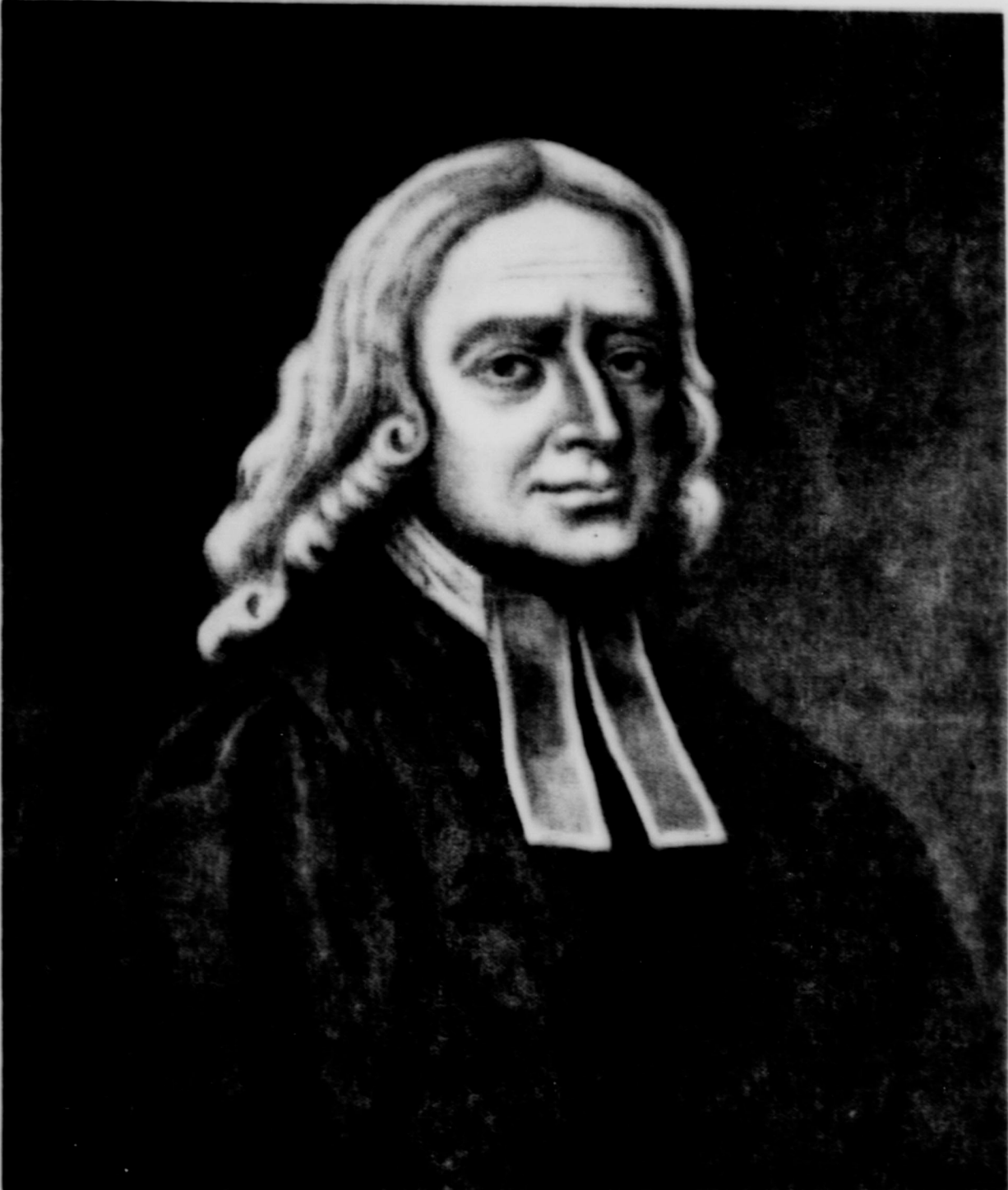
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# Devotional and Spiritual

## THE GETHSEMANE OF LIFE.

For every one of us, sooner or later, the Gethsemane of life must come. It may be the Gethsemane of struggle, poverty, and care; it may be the Gethsemane of long and weary sickness; it may be the Gethsemane of farewells that wring the heart by the deathbeds of those we love; it may be the Gethsemane of remorse and of well-nigh despair for sins that we will not, but which we say we cannot, overcome. Well, my brethren, in that Gethsemane—aye, even in that Gethsemane of sin—no angel merely, but Christ himself, who bore the burden of our sins, will, if we seek him, come to comfort us. He will, if, being in an agony, we pray. He can be touched, he is touched, with the feeling of our infirmities. He too has trodden the winepress of agony alone; he to has lain face downwards in the night upon the ground, and the comfort which then came to him he has bequeathed to us—even the comfort, the help, the peace, the recovery, the light, the hope, the faith, the sustaining arm, the healing anodyne of prayer.—Dean Farrar.

## THE GLORY OF GROWING OLD.

Growing old and getting old are very different things. There are many in the world who get old, but who never grow old at all. Growing old is a progress, like growing wise, or growing good. As the years pass by some people, they bring gifts, they add continually to their lives. As they pass others, they are for ever taking away something, subtracting from their lives.

One man loses physical powers—he cannot eat as much, or sleep as well, or enjoy his bodily life as thoroughly, and it is all a loss and a burden. Another man goes through the same experience, and he discerns it to be God's voice saying to him: "You cannot now live as much in the body as you have been doing; you cannot get your pleasure that way; you must look to the mind and the heart and the soul for pleasure and interest and power in living." The first of these gets old, and it brings nothing to him. The second grows old, and it is an enlarging, enriching, beautifying experience.

Ageing is like every other way of life; if we take it from God, as God meant it to be taken, it is a great blessing; if we miss the divine providence in it, maybe misery, and even a curse.

## PREACHING THE WORD.

It is the Word of God that effects good results in a religious assembly. Not the voice of the preacher, nor his manner, nor his magnetism, nor his learning, nor his eloquence, nor his skill in argumentation, but the word of the Lord makes men feel like living a better life. A discourse made up of history and poetry, philosophy and science, adorned by elegant quotations from classic authors, may be a remarkable address, but it is not a gospel sermon. It may do good, but it cannot be the power of God unto salvation. When a minister announces a text of Scripture at the beginning of his discourse for the sake of form or appearance, and then proceeds to address the people on secular subjects, never again referring to his text and making no further use of the Bible, he does not preach the Word.

It is the Word of God that awakens the sinner and shows him the way of salvation. It is the Word of God that converts the soul of the penitent, edifies and sanctifies the believer, and builds up the Church. It is like the rain which cometh down from heaven and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and causeth it to bring forth seed for the sower and bread for the eater. So is the Word of God. It shall not return unto him void, but

accomplish that which he pleaseth, and prosper in the thing whereto he hath sent it. It is like a sword with two edges. It shall slay the man of sin and win victory for righteousness. This is the secret of religious revivals, of moral reform and national elevation and prosperity.—Selected.

## SHORT RULES FOR CHRISTIANS.

1. Never neglect daily private prayer; and when you pray, remember that God is present, and he hears your prayers. Heb. 11:6.
2. Never neglect daily private Bible reading; and when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what he says. I believe all back-sliding begins with the neglect of those two rules. John 5:39.
3. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself, What am I doing for him? Matt. 5:13-16.
4. If ever you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your own room and kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it. If you cannot do this, it is wrong. Col. 3:17.
5. Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that, because such people do so and so, therefore you may. 2 Cor. 10-12. You are to ask yourself, How would Christ act in my place? and strive to follow him. John 10:27.
6. Never believe what you feel, if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself, Can what I feel be true, if God's Word is true? and if both cannot be true, believe God, and make your own heart the liar. Rom. 3:4; 1 John 5:10, 11.

## MAKING USE OF WHAT WE HAVE.

Everyone has within himself the very gift whereby he may best glorify God in the earth and serve his generation. We are apt to disparage what we have and covet what others have. It is easy to see elements of power and usefulness in great men, and especially in great men who lived a great while ago. If we had the talent of Moses, the genius of David, the courage of Paul, the leadership of John Wesley, the generalship of Washington, the statesmanship of Lincoln, the preaching ability of Spurgeon, the poetic imagination and fire of Charles Wesley, we could hope to be a blessing to the world. But who are we? What are we? What have we?

Not only common men, but great men have hesitated to undertake the task assigned them. Moses was called of God to the performance of a tremendous task. He did not consider himself equal to the work. He hesitated, doubted, and begged to be excused. Many great prophets have felt the same way. Perhaps Moses thought that if he had a great army, a good store of arms, powerful allies, and other worldly equipments he would be prepared to undertake the task assigned him. The Lord gave him an ally, but it was only one man, and that his brother. He gave him equipment, but it was only one little rod, a shepherd's staff. But it was sufficient. Moses stretched out that staff, and the plagues came upon Egypt. He stretched out that rod over the sea, and the waters were divided. He smote the rock with that staff, and waters gushed out in the desert. With that rod he led the children of Israel out of bondage. A shepherd's staff with God's blessing is more than parks of artillery without God. What Moses had in his hand was all he needed.

Gideon had only a lamp and a pitcher, but he needed nothing more. With that he put to flight the armies of the aliens and delivered the children of Israel from the hand of their enemies. Mary

had only a box of ointment, but with that she anointed the Son of God, and the fragrance of her name filled the world. The widow had only two mites, but those she cast into the treasury of the Lord, and they were multiplied a millionfold. They are still going on opening streams of benevolence to bless mankind. We need no greater gift than we already have. That thing with which we may do most good is, perhaps, the thing which we lightly esteem. It may be something so obscure and apparently unimportant that we have never discovered it, and yet it is with us waiting to be used.

What have we? The gift of speech. Not eloquence, but the simple gift of ordinary speech which we possess in common with nearly all our fellow-men. How few persons imagine that they have anything very remarkable or important in the power of speech. It is a wonderful gift. By it one may wound the heart of a friend so deeply that it will never be healed. By it one may lead a soul astray so far that he will never return. By this gift you may comfort the mourner, instruct the ignorant, and rescue the lost. In the great hereafter we will doubtless be amazed that we had in this lower world such a power for good and made so little use of it. Your speech may be slow and ungrammatical, but the God who could give to the rod of Moses power over Egypt can make your words mighty if they are consecrated to his service.

What have we? The gift of prayer. Every Christian can pray. When one says he cannot pray he confesses that he is not a Christian. For when the Spirit of God enters into the heart he remains there a Spirit of prayer. The gift of prayer is a mighty agency. We hear much in these days about the achievements of science. Those achievements are almost miraculous. Science has done much to develop our modern civilization and enlarge our modern life. But more is being done in the world by prayer than by science. Science enables us to avail ourselves of the power of gravity, steam and electricity to serve our needs, but prayer enables us to avail ourselves of the direct interposition of the power of the Creator Himself to supply our need. The chief object of prayer is spiritual. No doubt prayer avails in temporal matters. But those who make use of prayer chiefly to bring about temporal changes do greatly err. Some men set a higher value on prayer for its temporal advantages than for its spiritual ends. It is doubtful whether such men can offer acceptable and prevailing prayer. They do not understand the purpose of prayer. What must be thought of those who turn prayer into a means of bodily healing and make this its chief end? One reason why our prayers are hindered is because our thoughts of prayer are too earthly. Prayer is a spiritual force. It has to do chiefly with spiritual things. When we understand this we shall be able to do the greater works of which Jesus spake.

What have we? The gift of song. We cannot all sing. But those who can sing have a gift of unspeakable value in the kingdom of God. Many a hard heart which cannot be moved by a sermon will be stirred to its lowest depths by a Christian song. The voice of song has been known to melt the hearts of rough criminals in prison and touch feelings which for years have been buried under a life of crime. The voice of Christian song imparts strength to the fainting heart. An appropriate gospel sentiment sung by a sympathetic voice will cheer the drooping spirit of the broken-hearted mourner. A Christian song has often called back the wanderer to his Father's house. One may not be able to sing well, but God, who made the rod of Moses a power in Egypt

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and in the wilderness, can make the earth. It is no easy thing to be a Christian with a heritage of thousands of years of unchristian lives. It is one thing to give yourself to Jesus Christ, and another to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God that worketh in you. The only hope of the Philippines is in the schools and the people, where they cooperate with us. The only hope of Cuba is that they will cooperate with our Western institutions. I say it thoughtfully; the only hope of Almighty God to people heaven is that men shall slay their members in the earth. God himself cannot save men save they cooperate with God. A man is not a lump of dough to be molded by the Infinite. The human verb is written in the active voice, and we must work out what he works in.

## HELPFUL CHRISTIANS.

There are happy, sunny-hearted people with whom one meets occasionally, whose hopefulness of spirit and cheerfulness of disposition have the same kind of effect upon us, only in a greater degree, that the notes of the spring bird have in winter time. They are angels of light in a cloudy world. They are prophets of the dawn. Their presence in any household or social circle is better than medicine. They are optimists, either by nature or by grace, or both. Nothing is so bad but that it might have been worse. No one is so thoroughly depraved but that these clear-eyed children of faith can see some good in him. These are they with whom "December is as pleasant as May." The bright and sunny world within them is projected outward and objectified until every cloud that drapes the sky has a golden border, and every mountain peak of difficulty that obstructs human progress is bathed in the light of the coming dawn. Even the valley of humiliation and of sorrow, when viewed through their eyes, is threaded by a silver streamlet, on whose banks bloom the blessed flowers of peace and hope. The earth is richer, brighter, and better for the presence in it of these elect souls, who scatter sunshine through the cloudy days of life, and whose triumphant faith pierces through intervening clouds to the land of eternal sunshine.—Christian Evangelist.

WHAT DO OUR PRAYERS MEAN?  
In our moments of deepest devotion we have comfort in the thought that we are privileged to be one with God in Christ. Yet it is not well that, even when we feel nearest to God in his service, God never treats us as we often treat him? How sad it would be for us if God should accept our standard of faithfulness as the one to which he would conform? Quaint old Thomas Fuller says: "Lord, this day, I disputed with myself, whether or no I had said my prayers this morning. . . . Yet at last I hardly recovered one token, whence I was assured that I had said my prayers. It seems I had said them, and only said them, rather by heart than with my heart. Can I hope that thou wouldst remember my prayers, when I had almost forgotten that I had prayed?" Do we always recall our prayers, because of their really meaning something? Do we even recall God's special answer to our most recent prayers?—S. S. Times.

A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE.  
To those who have recently entered upon the new life, the Rev. O. P. Gifford, D. D., of Buffalo, says: "Men and women, when you give yourself to Jesus Christ by full surrender, yielding your will to God, the fight is just on. There are the parks and gardens that must be reclaimed. Imagination and memory must be cleansed. The power of the intellect and the affections must be purified. Therefore, slay, kill, murder your members that are in the

earth. It is no easy thing to be a Christian with a heritage of thousands of years of unchristian lives. It is one thing to give yourself to Jesus Christ, and another to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God that worketh in you. The only hope of the Philippines is in the schools and the people, where they cooperate with us. The only hope of Cuba is that they will cooperate with our Western institutions. I say it thoughtfully; the only hope of Almighty God to people heaven is that men shall slay their members in the earth. God himself cannot save men save they cooperate with God. A man is not a lump of dough to be molded by the Infinite. The human verb is written in the active voice, and we must work out what he works in.

## THOUGHTS OF PRAYER.

- "God is nearer to us than we are to ourselves."
- "Are you living for the things you are praying for?"
- "Pray often, and you shall pray oftener."
- "Let us ask God to teach us what he would have us do, and do without."
- "Prayer is the attitude of a needy, helpless soul, whose only refuge is in God."—Selected.

A man's life is not in the abundance of the things that he possesses, but in the abundance and intensity of his impressions, the abundance of his thought, the abundance of his love, both given and received. That is the most abundant life which, from the abundance of beautiful objects, profound experiences, devout affection, significant opportunities, fine personalities, divine ideas and ideals, extracts the most of their characteristic quality. But the measure of the man is not in the abundance of what is offered him, but in what he makes of it.

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## Advocate's Pilgrimage to the Orient

All arrangements for the Advocate's Pilgrimage to the Orient are complete. The itinerary, covering the countries mentioned in our former statement in Advocate of April 16, has been worked out in the minutest detail, so that no point of interest in those historic and classic lands will be omitted. Time and expense have not been spared in perfecting the plans for a successful and pleasant trip to the Orient. After a correspondence, covering a considerable time, with the leading Tourist Agents of the world, a representative was sent to New York to make final arrangements and close contract with the Tourist Agency making the best price for membership tickets, the reliability of the company being especially considered.

I am glad to announce to the Advocate readers that I have closed a contract with R. H. Crunden & Co., world-wide Tourist Agents, who have a long and well established record as conductors for such parties, covering a period of about thirty years. They have conducted such pilgrimages as the one we contemplate for some of the leading religious and secular journals of America, and in all they have been given the highest praise for the manner in which they carried out the itinerary and the care and comfort given to the members of the party. We have in our possession personal letters and more than a hundred testimonials bearing out these facts. They are to look after every detail of travel so that those going with the Advocate party will be absolutely free from the worry and petty annoyances incident to such a journey.

In addition to this I have arranged with Rev. Geo. S. Sexton to manage the Pilgrimage. He has traveled through every country embraced in the itinerary and is acquainted with the customs of the people and the peculiar needs of a traveler in order to profit and comfort. He will be of invaluable assistance in caring for those who make the Pilgrimage and will see to it that the itinerary is carried out to the minutest detail. In his former journey through the Orient Bro. Sexton traveled with the company, under the management of Mr. R. H. Crunden, and speaks in the highest terms of the manner in which they carried out the itinerary and of the treatment he received.

I am glad also to state that the editor, Dr. G. C. Rankin, will be a member of the party, which announcement, I feel sure, will be received with pleasure, not only by those who contemplate making the trip, but also by the thousands of readers of the Advocate. The editor, by weekly letters from those holy and historic lands, will keep the readers of the Advocate in touch with the movements of the party and furnish them with a feast of good things in his penillings by the way. The great satisfaction given by the editor's letters in writing up his European trip two years ago has mainly prompted me in getting up this extended tour of the Oriental countries. The scenes which were so familiar to our Savior will be brought before the Advocate readers week by week; people and places noted in history will be duly considered; in fact, I am glad to say that the Advocate readers will have a treat which has not heretofore been their pleasure.

The party will be made up from the best citizens of Texas. A number of our prominent preachers and laymen have already made application for membership. The party is to be a thoroughly congenial one, composed of gentlemen and ladies who desire to obtain both pleasure and profit from the trip. Those who desire to make application for membership can address the Advocate Oriental Department, Dallas, Texas,

or Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, Gainesville, Texas, and full information will be given them.

In our former announcement we stated that the trip would cost about one thousand dollars. I am glad to say, however, that we can make the exceptionally low rate of \$855 for all expenses from New York to New York for the trip of 120 days. This rate includes everything necessary for the trip, absolutely first-class.

In conclusion, let our readers bear in mind that this is not a stereotyped pilgrimage adapted to the convenience of a Tourist Company, but has been planned in detail by Bro. Sexton, who is thoroughly familiar with the principal points of interest to the tourist. The itinerary covering the countries through which the pilgrimage is to be made was prepared by him and submitted to me for final approval. On the itinerary adopted by us the contract with the above company was made. Every detail which could add to the pleasure or comfort of the party, even to the names of the hotels, was specified in the contract.

Send your letter of application, inclosing a remittance of five dollars, which is required by the Tourist Agent to cover expense of booking, which amount will be credited on the purchase price of membership ticket. On September 15th an additional amount of \$29 will be due, which will be credited as above. The remaining \$830 will be due and payable February 1, 1904.

We desire to have the names of those wishing to be members of the party at as early a date as possible, in order to secure choice berths on steamer and for the additional advantages to be gained by making early arrangements for Eastern accommodations.

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### TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF JNO. WESLEY'S BIRTH.

According to the old style of reckoning John Wesley was born June 17, 1703, but according to the new style it was June 28, 1703. Therefore the two hundredth anniversary of that important event is now at hand and many of our congregations will commemorate it in due form, some of them the present week and others next, but most of them will take the former as the proper date for such celebration. It is well to note an event of such great character, for among the men born of women, John Wesley is the chief one to Methodists the wide world over. It is to him that we are indebted for our system of Church work and for those wondrous doctrines of grace rescued by him from the usages and traditions of the English Church. Out of his spiritual ministry, so wondrously blessed of God, have come the greatest evangelical agencies of modern times. It is right and proper that Methodists should remember the event of his birth and make such use of it as will cause its celebration to glorify God in the enlargement of the efficiency and enterprises of the Church at home and abroad. In keeping with this purpose we reproduce the splendid portrait of Mr. Wesley on our front page and send it into the hundreds of our Methodist homes this week that our people may again look into the benign and spiritual face of our great founder. We thank God for giving John Wesley to the world and for the work accomplished through him and those who are his followers. He was born two hundred years ago at Epworth, England; he was a student at Charterhouse School, London, from 1713 to 1720; he was at Christ's College, Oxford, from 1720 to 1725; he was ordained a priest September 22, 1728, and was curate at Epworth from 1727 to 1729; he was elected a Fellow of Lincoln College,

Oxford, in 1726, but did not begin his work there until November, 1729; he established what was known as the "Holy Club" in 1728; he was a missionary to Georgia from 1735 to 1737; he was "born again" at a meeting in Aldergate Street, London, May 24, 1738; he organized his first Methodist Societies in London and Bristol in 1739; built the first Methodist Chapel in Bristol in 1739; he convened the first Methodist Conference at Foundery, London, June 25, 1742; sent Francis Asbury to America in October, 1772; he ordained Dr. Coke as "Superintendent" of his Societies in United States in 1784; preached his last open air sermon February 23, 1791; and he died in great triumph March 2, 1791. Such in brief is the sketch of the important dates in the life of John Wesley. To-day his Church boasts of a membership of between seven and eight millions and a constituency of twenty-eight millions. His ministers girdle the globe with the gospel and the enterprises of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Well may we commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of his birth and then thank God and take courage.

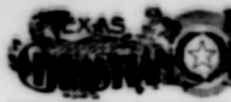
### GOVERNMENT BY INJUNCTION.

Wherever the liquor men have had to face the people with the iniquity of the bar-room they have almost invariably failed to sustain their cause. Almost every county voting on the question within the past two years has gone against the licensed saloon. As a result the liquor men have lost all hope of success where the voice of the people is left to decide the issue, and now they are turning to the technicalities and quibblings of the law. As soon as a county goes dry they are resorting to injunction proceedings. If they can not get one Judge to grant an injunction they will make a forecast of the entire State and find another hundreds of miles away who will do the work for them. They usually look for one whose habits and sympathies are with the liquor interests. To find him they usually are forced to go down in South Texas, where the negroes and the foreign population are in the ascendancy, and there they get an injunction against a county away off in North Texas. This injunction has to run the gauntlet of the District Court, then the Appellate Court and finally the Supreme Court. This takes months and sometimes years before the people are permitted to enjoy their will as expressed at the ballot box. And notwithstanding the fact that these injunctions involve the same principles of law, which principles have been passed upon by these courts time and again, yet the courts take them under advisement and pass and repass upon them and thus practically defeat the expressed will of the people. In Waller County local option won by a two-thirds majority, yet a vacillating and cringing Judge entertained an injunction application and placed its final hearing off till the last of October, whereas he ought to have heard it within two weeks at most after the application was made. But to play into the hands of the liquor dealers he postponed its hearing for five months. This so outraged the people of the county that they were disposed to take matters in their own hands and proceed at once against the open saloons. As a result the Governor had to station troops in Hempstead to keep down a dangerous riot. We advise against anything akin to violence. We have nothing to gain by it. But the patience of the people is being sorely tried by some of these nimble Judges, and if outbreaks of this sort do occur these tantalizing courts will be held responsible for them. This injunction business is being run into extremes, and it is time for courts to put a stop to it by bringing such cases to an immediate trial. There is no necessity for any such delays as are now being practiced. Judges who thus tamper with this question are not fit for the posi-

tions which they occupy and the same vote that puts out liquor ought to put these judicial officers out also.

### THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY.

On another page will be found a few running notes on the Summer Institute of Theology, but on this page we desire to point out a few of the benefits of this enterprise. 1. It brought together many of the brethren of the different conferences of the State and created among them a bond of common fellowship. Henceforth they will no longer be strangers to each other in the flesh, but they will be one in spirit and in work. The very fact that a movement of this kind will help to foster and develop a connectional sympathy in Texas among its individual ministers is not to be lightly esteemed. 2. It brought to Texas a number of scholarly men from distant points about whom we have heretofore read, but whose faces we had not seen and whose words we had not heard. They stand eminent in the scholarship of Christendom and to look upon them and sit under their platform addresses and instructions was a lofty privilege. These men did their part well and we had the direct advantage of their tuition. 3. It gave our undergraduates an opportunity to go over the various courses of study prescribed in our Discipline under the direction of teachers prepared for that kind of work, and it afforded them an opportunity at its close to stand their examinations and get rid of them this early in the year so that from now forward they will be able to devote their entire time to the duties of their pastorates. And we hope no conference committee will fail to recognize the certificates issued to these young men by this Institute. These certificates represent thorough and well approved work and those who hold them ought not to be required to pass another examination on the same books. In this way our conference committees can aid the Institute very greatly. 4. Ministers, middle aged and elderly, were permitted to hear special lectures by leading men on various topics and to hear the best books discussed by those who are competent judges of excellent literature. In this way their stock of knowledge will be increased and their appetite for further study sharpened. It is very helpful to hear great men discuss deep themes of philosophy and religion. 5. Our younger men at this Institute have been lifted from the dull routine of their daily lives upon a higher pedestal, from which they will henceforth have a much wider intellectual horizon. Great books and great subjects have been discussed in their hearing and this sort of tuition will redound to their mental growth and development. They have had a wider view of the things that engage their thought and life-work. They will know better how to master many of the problems that will continue to come before them, and their methods of Church work will be improved. And we do not hesitate to say that our young ministers who failed to attend the Institute missed one of the opportunities of their lives. But we are glad to know that similar opportunities will come our way every summer in the years before us. And this leads us to remark in conclusion, that the best thing of a supplemental nature that our laity can hereafter do is to furnish their pastors a few extra dollars and send them to this Summer Institute next year. It will bring to their charges a very fine return. Men can not take a two weeks' course of this sort without becoming more efficient in their pulpits and pastorates. And it speaks well for the future of our Texas Methodism that three hundred of her ministers took the time to attend this Institute in order to the better equipment of themselves for service. It means more than these few words can express. May the work continue until every preacher in Texas is enlisted in the enterprise!



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Our old friend, J. W. Saxon, of the Angleton Times, did valiant service in the recent fight for prohibition in Brazoria County. His paper took the field for our cause, and it delivered some telling blows to the enemy. All honor to the man who helps to mold public sentiment in the interest of temperance and sobriety.

We are in receipt of a copy of the literary address recently delivered by Brother J. E. McAshan of Houston before the graduating class of Chappell Hill Female College. Like all his work it is a polished and well prepared production and worthy of the man and the occasion.

"PEACE HATH HER VICTORIES."

The war on the liquor traffic in Texas continues with increasing interest. Within the past two weeks the following counties have voted in local option—Walker, Rusk, Erath, except Thurber Precinct, Llano, Robertson, Brazoria, Milam, Grimes and Fannin. The last two voted Saturday and Fannin carried for the pros by nearly 1,800 majority. Only one county carried for the antis and that was Karnes. Nine to one is about the way the matter is going now. At this rate, the principle part of the State will soon be in the dry column, despite the injunction methods of the enemy. The doom of the Texas bar room is being sealed and it is only a question of time when prohibition will everywhere dominate the country. Occasionally we get a slight set back by some technical point of law, but public sentiment will rectify these quibbles and put the county thus turned down back where it belongs. Hunt County,

for instance, voted in local option nearly a year ago, and after a legal fight it went into effect, but the court of Criminal Appeals last week decided that some minor point of law had not been complied with in holding the election and liquor was put back on the people. Two of the Judges made this decision, but Judge Brooks dissented from the opinion of his colleagues. It is a little strange that courts are so punctilious in small matters, but the people will go to the expense of another election in order to meet the hair-splitting methods of the court. Such rulings work a hardship, but there is no remedy but to go over the whole ground again. The fight is on and it will never cease until every licensed bar room is driven from the Lone Star State. Other counties are getting ready for the fight and elections will take place in the near future. Let the battle go forward with undiminished vigor. Give no rest to this monster whose iniquities have forced the people to rescind all its conceded rights and place it in the list of outlaws. It has already outlived its age and generation, and it rightfully belongs to the bygone periods of barbarism and prehistoric institutions. Grayson County is still in the throes of a legal contest. Judge Don Bliss and a Jew lawyer by the name of Eperstein are doing their best to throw it into the Supreme Court, where it can not be tried for two years, as in the case of Johnson County. As to how they will succeed awaits to be seen. It is a perfect shame that the will of the people can be tampered with in this sort of style. But the bar room in Grayson County will have to go sooner or later, and if the friends of prohibition are forced to hold another election they will roll up a majority that will startle the anti sure enough. Let no prohibitionist lose courage because of the action of quibbling courts. Right will prevail and victory will come to stay by and by. The voice of the people is the voice of God, and he is speaking on this subject through them very emphatically. On with the battle!

THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THE DOLOGY.

Last week we wrote hurriedly and briefly of the beginning and the progress of the Summer Institute of Theology at the Southwestern University, and we now begin where we left off and continue our account of its proceedings. The attendance was most flattering and scarcely fell short of three hundred ministers. There were present enough of the Examining Committees on the four years' courses from the several conferences to carry on that department of the work very satisfactorily. Under their daily instructions there were a great many of the undergraduates to take advantage of the opportunity to perfect themselves in their studies, pass their examinations and obtain certificates which will pass them before their several conference committees next fall. It was surprising to see the number present doing this work, and they also had the advantage of the courses of lectures given specifically for the benefit of the post-graduates in the conferences. Every special lecturer was present and did his part of the work except Bishop Hoss, who was detained on account of personal illness. This we all very much regretted, but it could not be helped.

Toward the last of the week Bishop W. W. Duncan appeared and delivered five lectures on "Some Phases of Practical Theology." Four of these were given at night to general audiences and the other one at 11 o'clock on Wednesday before all the student body and the community in general. The general subject above announced embodied the ideas presented by the Bishop. He was intensely practical from start to finish, and if he uttered a dry or an uninteresting sentence during his work this writer failed to hear it. Every thing he said quivered with points that found their mark. He is an old teacher to begin with, also a pastor, and now his work as a Bishop

has given him the finest opportunity to study the ministry in its relation to the pulpit and the pastorate, and he spoke by the card. On Monday night he was especially direct and searching in his review of the duties of our pastors to their flocks and he removed his gloves while he handled the subject. The next morning the janitor, who, by the way, is a very unique and observant man, made the following remark in the hearing of several of the brethren: "The old man went after you last night in great shape. In sweeping up the floor of the auditorium this morning I found a big quantity of fur among the papers and trash scattered round the room." That was a crude way of saying that the Bishop plucked the deficiencies of brethren right and left, and made the matter so plain that the evidences of his work were not lacking, even to the man who did the house cleaning for the occasion. On Wednesday the Bishop delivered the best lecture of the series. His subject was the "Bible and Its Critics." He had made a searching preparation and spoke from manuscript and every word was heard with interest throughout. He also preached on Sunday to a great audience, but I failed to hear the sermon. It was highly spoken of by those who were present. His visit was greatly appreciated, and his lectures contributed greatly to the success of the Institute.

Prof. George B. Stevens, Ph.D., D.D., of Yale University, delivered a series of strong and lucid lectures on "The Doctrinal Contents of the Pauline Epistles," and it has not been my privilege to listen more profitably and appreciatively to addresses of this character. The one on Corinthians I failed to hear, but I listened attentively to all the others; also to two question box exercises conducted by him. He is a master in his scholarship and in his knowledge of Church history, and in his position at Yale he has made the Epistles of Paul a subject of close study for many years, until he has become an authority among thinkers on the doctrinal contents and historical settings of this portion of the New Testament writings. His analysis of them and his presentation of their purpose and teachings is the finest I have ever heard. And so far as I was able to discern there was nothing in the subject matter of his lectures contrary to our evangelical teachings. In fact, when he came to the sixth and seventh and eight chapters of Romans, he announced himself an Armenian, and his expositions were in perfect accord with the Armenian standards. Occasionally he had occasion to venture into the realm of metaphysics and speculation, but he was careful to state that in doing so he was giving expression to a matter of mere opinion and not a settled doctrine. And he only did this when some question of casuistry was asked him by one of the listeners. On the atonement, on faith, on regeneration, on the work of the Spirit, on the divinity of Christ and kindred subjects, he was sound and Scriptural. And I inferred from his manner and tone and from his references to his own personal views and experiences in such matters that he is a deeply religious man as well as a profound student of the Bible. His whole bearing was that of a man who had come to the Institute to be of spiritual and intellectual service to the young ministers of Texas. If he holds any peculiar views touching the questions raised by the higher critics of the Bible, he did not air them at the Southwestern; but on the contrary he spoke like a man who had a conscious experience of God and his Son Jesus Christ. While a great scholar and a teacher of world-wide fame, he is also as simple as a child in his manner of life and in his intercourse with young men. Any and all of them approached him with perfect freedom and he took great delight in giving them any information they sought at his hand. His visit to the Institute was an unalloyed blessing and the entire body expressed the deepest delight at his presence and with his work. He gave them an in-

sight into the greatness of Paul the apostle unsurpassed in its clearness and beauty and he brought out doctrinal excellencies in the Epistles, together with practical truths, that made his lectures a perfect inspiration. All in all, I have not met and listened to a nobler specimen of the Christian scholar.

Among the special lecturers on the post-graduate course was Rev. J. I. Cunningham, A. B., D.D., on "New Testament Theology," and his work was highly commended by those who heard him. This work was not before the entire ministerial body, but in the class room. He has charge of Correspondence School, with headquarters at Nashville, and in that department is doing a most excellent work for our younger ministers. He was given one public occasion to explain to the audience the purpose, aim and methods of the Correspondence School, and the brethren manifested a great deal of interest in its work. Several of our Texas preachers are already engaged in the course of study carried on in the Correspondence School and they speak of its thoroughness very highly. It will be well for our younger men especially to correspond with Dr. Cunningham and find out the advantages of this department of our educational work.

Rev. J. W. Hill, by special request, delivered an address on the sixth chapter of Romans to the entire body of ministers. It was of special interest, and many of his hearers pronounced it a splendid exposition of that chapter. Such was the impression it made that he was asked to issue it in pamphlet form and give it general distribution. This he will do at an early date. Brother Hill has given that subject a great deal of close study, and the address is the matured result of his best thought and investigation.

NOTES.

Rev. W. D. Bradfield rendered good service in the class room and on the platform.

Rev. Nathan Powell prepared an excellent paper on the Apostle's Interpretation of Christ.

Rev. James Kilgore delivered a paper of merit on the Transcendence of Jesus.

Rev. Jno. R. Allen contributed a good address on "The Philosophy of Religion."

Rev. P. C. Archer spoke to the point on "The Pastor's Relation to the Children of the Church."

Rev. W. H. Matthews gave a practical and well thought out lecture on "The Pastor and the Social Life of the Church."

Rev. A. E. Rector sent some good truths on "The Pastor and the Epworth League."

Rev. J. R. Mood had many good things to say on "Divine Providence and Missions," and Rev. J. B. Sears gave matured thoughts on "The Growth of the Missionary Conscience."

Dr. Horace Bishop aided greatly in the mission feature of the Institute, and his public address on Wednesday night was full of facts and figures interspersed with a bit of humor and wit.

Rev. S. J. Rucker delivered a strong address on "Phases of Textual Criticism."

Rev. W. L. Neims and Professor McSwain were untiring in their management of the entire program. They also made ample preparation for the entertainment of the entire gathering. The success of the Institute is due to their unflinching zeal and persistent effort.

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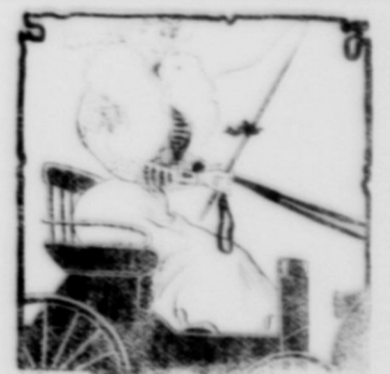
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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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Kyle.

S. B. Beall, June 12: We recently closed a very successful revival at Kyle. We began May 14 and continued ...

Billie.

J. F. Ward, June 11: This is a large world down here and is there any chance to get Bro. S. N. Allen to come ...

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Jasper and Kirbyville.

Stephen Smith: Our Church is making substantial progress. Between thirty and forty members have been added since conference ...

Giddings.

H. B. Smith: Closed our meeting at Ledbetter June 4. Had two or three conversions. Rev. H. G. Williams, of ...

Lyons, did all the preaching save two sermons. He is plain, practical, earnest in his preaching. Rev. Waldrop, of the C. P. Church, rendered efficient assistance ...

Anderson.

W. W. Horner, June 15: Last Saturday was a record-breaker and a memorable day in Grimes County. The good Lord sent us a much-needed rain ...

Linden Circuit.

S. N. Allen, June 15: Just closed a good meeting at Linden; Church greatly revived; four accessions to our Church, three professed faith in our blessed Savior ...

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Bonham District.

Quick! All preachers of Bonham District who expect to bring their wives and all delegates coming, please write now and send your names ...

Dublin District.

Dear Brethren: Please send me at Bluffdale the names of all delegates and local preachers in your charges who are going to attend District Conference at Tolar, July 1 and 2 ...

Weatherford District.

Dear Brethren: Bro. Cox is very anxious to see all the members of our District Conference at Breckenridge on June 25. Let everyone attend who can do so ...

E. F. BOONE, P. E.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM JUNE 1 TO JUNE 15.

Houston District.—Nathan Powell, Richmond Station: Children's Day, \$2.50. Brenham District.—L. M. Fowler, Brenham Station: Children's Day, \$5.65. Calvert District.—J. W. Treadwell, Kosse: Foreign missions, \$15.00, domestic missions, \$13.00, Orphanage, \$7.00 ...

L. L. JESTER, Treas. Texas Conference.

Tired Mothers.

It's hard work to take care of children and to cook, sweep, wash, sew and mend besides. It makes a shop of the home—a shop, too, where sixteen hours make a day and yet there is much working overtime ...

TEXAS STATE FAIR.

The eighteenth annual entertainment of the Texas State Fair will open September 26th next and close on October 11th following. The recent act of the Legislature prohibiting the selling of pools or laying of wagers on horse races will be strictly observed ...

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The other departments of the Fair promise to be exceptionally well filled with first-class attractions. In fact, we have so many applications for space for exhibits that we are already beginning to be crowded, notwithstanding we have more room than we have ever before had ...

We are booking first-class attractions every day. A fine band will give three free concerts daily, and a No. 1 continuous free show will be secured for music hall. We are leaving nothing undone to provide an entertainment that will please the people. Special days are being assigned as applied for, and we will shortly be able to announce our complete calendar for the sixteen days ...

Personal.

I have just reached the home of my brother, Rev. E. L. Armstrong, from my trip East, and find that he is quite sick and has been for the past ten days. He desires me to inform his correspondents through the Advocate that he has been and is now too sick to reply to their letters. Pray for him. R. C. ARMSTRONG, Corsicana, Texas.

WALL SCHOOL.

The annual address was delivered on Thursday by Dr. John M. Moore, of First Church, Dallas. A more appropriate and forceful address is rarely, if ever heard. His theme was, "Preparation for the Service of Man," and every young man who heard the address must have felt stimulated to noble, worthy endeavor.

S. C. RIDDLE.

Corsicana Sunday-School and Epworth League Institute.

The above combination of Sunday-school and Epworth League workers will meet in Blooming Grove, opening service 8:30 p. m., June 23. Tickets at one and one-third fare for round trip will be on sale at all points on Cotton Belt within the district, and from Groesbeck, Mexia and Wortham on H. & T. C. Tickets on sale June 23 and 24. An excellent program has been prepared and a good attendance is assured. Let all who can attend send names to Rev. R. B. Evans, Blooming Grove.

JNO. M. BARCUS, P. E.

Notice.

The postgraduate section of the Theological Institute at Georgetown requested the publication in pamphlet form of my paper on the sixth chapter of Romans. Several brethren signified their desire to have copies for sale. Let all who wish them send me on postal card name and address and number of copies wanted. Will notify through Advocate when ready. Can be sold by you for 10 cents per copy. S. W. TURNER, Gateville, Texas.

GOOD BOOKS. We have just received a new lot of nicely bound and well printed books including some of the best of the classics. Eight for One Dollar. Six for One Dollar. Don't miss this opportunity but order now as we cannot supply after the present stock is exhausted. BIGHAM & SMITH, DALLAS, TEXAS.

DR. J. W. ADKISSON DEAD. I have just returned from the burial of Rev. John W. Adkisson, A. M., President of University Training School, Blooming Grove. UNANSWERED LETTERS. A good team is of value to a circuit rider and field agent of the Advocate. If the Baby is Cutting Teeth. HAMILTON PAINT and GLASS CO. PAINTS, OILS, GLASS AND MOULDINGS.

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Austin District-Third Round... Bastrop, at Garden City... La Grange, at Garden City... McBride, at Garden City...

San Marcos District-Third Round... Seguin and Mill Creek... Dripping Spgs, at Fitzhugh... Tilton cir, at McManhan...

San Antonio District-Third Round... Pearsall, at Garden City... Laredo, at Garden City... Cotulla cir, at Garden City...

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE... Dublin District-Third Round... Carbon and Gorman, at G... Carbon mis, at Romney...

Fort Worth District-Third Round... Covington, at Philadelphia... Bono, at Liberty... Creason, at Bruce...

Georgetown District-Third Round... Seventh St. Ch. Temple sta... Bartlett sta... Mandale cir...

Vernon District-Third Round... Crowell cir... Vernon mis... Seymour sta... Munday cir...

Brandon, at Pleasant... Barry, at Love's Ch... Armour, at Pleasant... Mexia, at Pleasant...

Weatherford District-Third Round... First Ch. Weatherford... Couts' Mem. Weatherford... Dist. Con. at Breckinridge...

Clarendon District-Third Round... Dairhart, at Garden City... Stratford, at Garden City... Silverton, at Garden City...

Waxahachie District-Third Round... Foreston, at Nash... Milford, at Midway... Grandview, at Midway...

Abilene District-Third Round... Abilene, at Fairview... Big Springs, at Fairview... Gail, at Prairie V...

Gatesville District-Third Round... Gatesville sta... Meridian, at Gatesville... Valley Mills, at Gatesville...

Brenham District-Third Round... Caldwell, at Cook's Point... Caldwell mis, at Dime Box... Lyons mis, at Independence...

Waco District-Third Round... Lorena, at Mooreville... Austin Avenue... Mount Calm...

TEXAS CONFERENCE... Palestine District-Second Round... Augusta mis, at Weches... Alto cir, at Cold Springs...

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Jefferson sta... Henderson sta... Marshall, Northside... Marshall, First Church...

Tyler District-Third Round... Grand Saline, at Antioch... Mineola, at Antioch... Emory, at Ford's Chapel...

Palentine District-Third Round... West Palestine, at Pleasant G... Palestine, Centenary... Jacksonville sta...

Galveston District-Third Round... Leon mis, at Nineveh... Freestone mis, at Plum Creek... Fairfield, at Dew...

Houston District-Third Round... Mount Belvieu, at Dayton... District Con, at Angleton... Columbia and Brazoria...

Brenham District-Third Round... Caldwell, at Cook's Point... Caldwell mis, at Dime Box... Lyons mis, at Independence...

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE... Sherman District-Third Round... Collinsville and Tioga... Willow Street...

Sulphur Springs District-Second Round... Klondike, at Good's Chapel... District Conference will meet at Sulphur Bluff...

Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth... First Church, 11 a. m... Trinity, 8 p. m...

Bonham District-Third Round... Petty cir, at Pleasant Hill... Dodd, at Windom... Ladonia sta...

Bowie District-Third Round... Fruitland, at Garden City... Chico, at Garden City... Bonaville, at Garden City...

Paris District-Third Round... Detroit Sta... Woodland and Kazawha, at K... Rosalie cir, at McK CB...

Gainesville District-Third Round... Ponder and Krum, at Drop... Ponder and V. V. at Wesley... Belcher, at Spanish Ft...

McKinney District-Third Round... Allen cir, Blythe's Chapel... McKinney sta... Princeton cir, Calleska...

San Augustine District-Third Round... Lufkin mis, at Wells... Lufkin sta... Tenaha, at Congreg. Wes...

San Antonio District-Third Round... McKinney sta... McKinney sta... McKinney sta... McKinney sta...

Dallas District-Third Round... Wheatland, at Bethel... Farmers Branch, at Carrollton... Denton, at Denton...

Terrell District-Third Round... Kaufman... Terrell... College, Mount and Elm, at Mer...

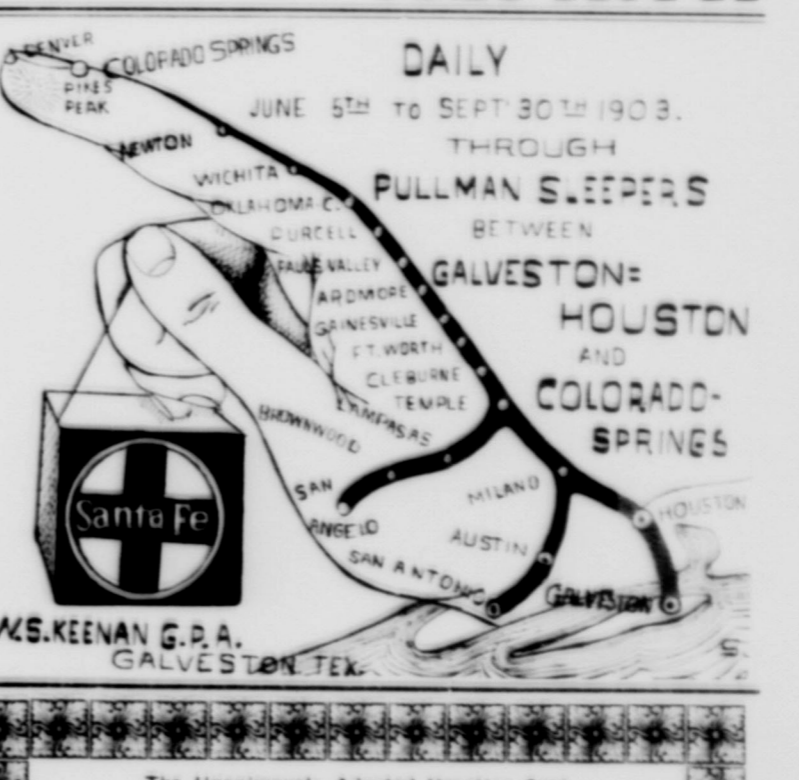
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