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Editorial.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

When the fathers of Methodist education in Texas conceived the idea of establishing Southwestern University they were wise enough to look beyond the needs of their day, and make provision in their charter for a Medical Department just as soon as the circumstances and emergencies would justify an advanced step of that character. They fully realized that the very idea inherent in university work and training. Since then the idea has continued to grow, and at the recent commencement it took shape in a motion introduced and carried by the curators and trustees, appointing a joint-committee to take the matter under advisement, and report as to its advisability. The committee, with Regent Hyer as its chairman, at once met and began to survey the field. They were not long in reaching the conclusion that the time was at hand for the projection of a Medical Department. The different cities in the State got wind of the enterprise, and they were not slow to make propositions to the committee. Among these, the Dallas College of Medicine and Surgery came forward with a very inviting proposition. The committee met, and carefully took all these propositions under consideration, and for several days gave them close study, and they finally agreed to recommend to the trustees and curators the acceptance of the proposition from Dallas, and a joint meeting of these two bodies was at once called to convene in this city on Tuesday, the 23rd of last month. Accordingly, a majority of both boards met at the appointed time and remained in session for two days. They carefully went over all the details of the proposition, and then unanimously endorsed the work of their committee and adopted the college in Dallas as the Medical Department of Southwestern University. They also made the committee a body to perfect all the details of bringing the Medical College into the corporate existence of the University. In this movement the Southwestern assumes no financial responsibility, as the Medical College has no liabilities, and it is manned by those who are amply able to take care of all business pertaining to its financial success. The College here is a chartered institution, has a good building leased for three years, and is well equipped for medical and surgical work. It also has a building fund of \$10,000 raised by the medical faculty in interest-bearing notes, to which these gentlemen pledge themselves to add, through the co-operation of the city, at least \$50,000 for the building of a suitable structure at an early day for the Medical Department, all of which is to be vested in fee simple in the present Board of Trustees of Southwestern University, to be used as a Medical Department. The Regent of the University and the curators and trustees will have charge of the Medical department, just as they have charge of the University property. The department in Dallas will have a Dean and

an Advisory Board, who will nominate their faculty, subject to the approval of the curators. There are about thirty of the leading physicians of Dallas who are back of this movement, and whose very names are a guarantee of success. They stand at the head of the medical profession of Texas, and they propose to have a four-years course of instruction equal to the best medical schools in America. It was a compliment to our University and to our Church when these men, with their scholarship and business capacity, chose to become a part of our great educational institution. They did it, and were anxious for it, because they look upon our work as very thorough, and they regard our government as the safest and the best of any Church organization in the world. They know when Methodism puts her brain and enterprise into a great movement, that large results follow; and, best of all, they have unqualified faith in the success and permanency of Southwestern University. They wanted to become a part and parcel of the life and work of the University, and they made this proposition to us when other schools were anxious to adopt their institution as their Medical Department. We rejoice that our Joint Board have taken this step, and we believe that it will prove a very wise one in the progress of our educational work in Texas.

THE JOINT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CURATORS.

The majority of the members of the Joint Board of Trustees and Curators of Southwestern University met in Dallas last week and were in session two days. The purpose of their coming was to adopt a Medical Department for Southwestern University in keeping with a resolution to that effect which was adopted at their annual meeting at the late commencement of the University. The city of Dallas gave them a warm welcome through the special action of the City Council, which body adopted very complimentary resolutions and appointed a special committee to meet them and extend to them the freedom of the city. Also, the business men of Dallas showed them many courtesies through the Commercial Club, the chief business men's organization in the city. This organization tendered them a reception at the Commercial Club rooms, at which numerous speeches were made with happy responses from our representatives, and then refreshments were served. Everything was done in good taste and becoming dignity, to show the representatives of the Church that the city welcomed the coming of Southwestern University to Dallas in the proposed Medical Department. The next day these trustees and curators finished their business and left the working out of the details to a competent committee. They were wonderfully well pleased with the treatment accorded them by the professional and business men of the city, and especially with the interest they manifested in Southwestern University. Surely, when these men who have made Dallas the success that she is to-day in the business world show such unqualified faith in our great educational institution,

our own people will not only continue their hearty support and co-operation, but redouble their zeal and energy to make the Southwestern University the greatest educational force in Texas. For there is no discounting the fact, this new step has placed the weal of Southwestern far to the forefront of progress and prominence. It has given us an alliance whose advantages will become more and more patent as the years advance.

THE SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY IN DALLAS.

The advantages of Southwestern University in Dallas, by virtue of her Medical Department, are not to be lightly esteemed.

1. It virtually brings our University into vital connection with the metropolis of Texas. Dallas is by all odds the leading commercial city in the State, and the influence of the city is felt from the Red River to the Gulf, and from Texarkana to El Paso. The army of drammers that traverse the State make this their headquarters, and when politicians want to touch the heart of Texans, they meet in Dallas.
2. Dallas is rapidly becoming the center of Methodist influence. Our General Conference met here last year because of the population and strength of the city; our Branch House is located here; the Texas Advocate, our organ, is published here; the Texas Episcopal residence is located here, and the Methodist life of the city is manifesting itself in a very marked manner. Locating our Medical Department here is to put Southwestern into touch with all these vital influences and help to make her a power in Texas Methodist activities.
3. It gives the Southwestern a location in North Texas. Heretofore the complaint has been made that our great school is located at Georgetown, far from the center of the Methodist population of the State, and inaccessible to thousands of our people. Now, this little criticism will henceforth have no valid force. In her Medical Department Southwestern University comes right into the heart of the Methodist section of our population. Add to this the fact that the M. K. and T. Railway now goes into Georgetown, and intends to pass on and connect, by way of Austin, with its main line to San Antonio, so that you can take a car at Dallas and reach Georgetown without a change, and you have the Southwestern and her Medical Department brought practically together in Dallas. So that here in North Texas we will henceforth feel that the Southwestern is right in our midst, instead of being far away from us.
4. The commencement occasions of the Medical Department will bring our Regent to Dallas to make addresses and deliver diplomas; his presence and words will be noted in our daily papers, and thus Southwestern will come in for a large share of liberal advertisement hitherto withheld from her because of her distance from this section.
5. It brings the leading professional men of this city into sympathy with our school, and all the graduates hereafter going out of

this department will carry the diploma of Southwestern into all sections of the State. Young professional men will not forget the alma mater whose honored stamp and endorsement they will bear.

These are a few of the many advantages which will necessarily accrue to Southwestern from the adoption of a Medical Department in Dallas. But we do not overlook the fact that the Medical Department and the city of Dallas recognize the further fact that to them also come many advantages in having a part of the work of Southwestern University done in this city and in North Texas. This is why the medical profession and the business men of Dallas put forth such strenuous work to get the Medical Department located in this flourishing city. Thus the marriage of Georgetown and Dallas is a most happy arrangement, and the advantages and benefits of the union are mutual.

THE ORIENTAL PILGRIMAGE.

The Advocate's Oriental Pilgrimage is already becoming popular. Notwithstanding the fact that its embarkation will not actually take place till some time next February, yet a number of applicants have already been accepted, and they have paid in advance the money necessary to make their agreement to go with us an assured fact, thus sealing the contract to be members of our party. The only trouble will be experienced, we suspect, in making provisions for all who will want to accompany us, as the number will necessarily be limited. But we propose to select from the applicants those who first apply, and give them the choice of accommodation, until the membership of the Pilgrimage is full and complete. The opportunity we offer will be one in a lifetime, and we have succeeded in reducing the expense to a minimum. To be a member of our party, with all the advantages we offer, to Egypt, the Holy Land and along St. Paul's missionary journeys, to say nothing of the time spent and places visited in Europe, will be an education of the highest order to every member of the party. And the season of the year during which the Pilgrimage will be made will give it immunity from storms at sea and from epidemics on land, and such will be the thoroughness of our arrangements that we will all be entirely free from any worry about hotel accommodations, transportation by hacks and horses, and the care of baggage. Every perplexity incident to travel will be so entirely eliminated that we will have nothing to do but visit, inspect and learn all that is possible about the places and the people of the cities and countries through which we will pass. And we mean to make it a congenial party, made up of people who want to get all there is in a pilgrimage of this character. We want no morbid or contentious member of the party, no noisy or disturbing element; but we expect to be a great family, with a common purpose and a common aim, each one of whom will be willing to contribute to the happiness of all the others. It will be a great privilege to go with such a party as this and share in the benefits of such an excursion.

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It is my privilege to record the proceedings of the best District Conference I have ever attended...

The twenty-eighth session of the Terrell District Conference met in Fomes, Texas, May 21-24, 1903.

The conference was well attended, and Fomes, under the efficient direction of Bro. W. T. Harris...

The reports of the pastors showed advancement along all lines especially in the Sunday-school work...

The usual business was attended to by Rev. W. H. Long, local preacher...

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: SHINEY BASS, G. M. MASSEY, L. P. M. O. SPIES, R. W. GILLESPIE.

Alternates: A. H. Ables, J. B. Vann. I must not fail to record that 'Uncle Dick' was on hand...

Nor must I fail to record that much was contributed to our conference by visiting brethren from Dallas District.

The only pastor who failed to reach the conference was Bro. D. H. Aston, who was kept at the death-bed of his little girl.

The business of the conference was closed out on Saturday evening. Gar-

land was the place chosen for our next District Conference. Many of the preachers remained over Sunday and a great day we had.

Thus ended our conference. God grant that its influence may abide and that the good resolutions and high ideals resulting therefrom be put into actual practice.

CUERO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The thirty-third session of the Cuero District Conference met in Range, Texas, June 17-21, 1903. All of the preachers but one were present.

Everything moved smoothly. A spirit of good fellowship prevailed throughout, and all who attended received a spiritual uplift through communion with one another and through the devotional and preaching services.

The Committee on Missions and Boundaries, with Major G. W. L. Fly as chairman, planned wisely and largely for the extension of the work in the district. Towns are building up around the large rice farms and the people must have the gospel.

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LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE.

Among those who are expected to speak or assist in the conference for Young People's Leaders...

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Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D., President of Woman's College, Baltimore, Md.

Prof. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Luther D. Wishard, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Young People's Missionary Movement, New York City.

Rev. Ira Landreth, D. D., editor of the Cumberland Presbyterian, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. S. Earl Taylor, Young People's Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., Superintendent of Sabbath School and Young People's Work of the Presbyterian Church, South, Richmond, Va.

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Rev. W. R. Kobayns, D. D., Kansas City, Mo.

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Rev. T. H. MacCaulley, D. D., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Messrs. Moffat, Stuart and Preston, of the Forward Movement.

Rev. William F. McDowell, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City.

Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. G. L. Wharton, D. D., of India.

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There is every indication that this conference will be the beginning of a new and better organized missionary effort in the Churches of the Southern States.

The character of the program is quite different from anything that has previously been attempted in the South.

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Editorial.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

When the fathers of Methodist education in Texas conceived the idea of establishing Southwestern University they were wise enough to look beyond the needs of their day, and make provision in their charter for a Medical Department just as soon as the circumstances and emergencies would justify an advanced step of that character. They fully realized that the very idea inherent in university work and training. Since then the idea has continued to grow, and at the recent commencement it took shape in a motion introduced and carried by the curators and trustees, appointing a joint-committee to take the matter under advisement and report as to its advisability. The committee, with Regent Hyer as its chairman, at once met and began to survey the field. They were not long in reaching the conclusion that the time was at hand for the projection of a Medical Department. The different cities in the State got wind of the enterprise, and they were not slow to make propositions to the committee. Among these, the Dallas College of Medicine and Surgery came forward with a very inviting proposition. The committee met, and carefully took all these propositions under consideration, and for several days gave them close study, and they finally agreed to recommend to the trustees and curators the acceptance of the proposition from Dallas, and a joint meeting of these two bodies was at once called to convene in this city on Tuesday, the 23rd of last month. Accordingly, a majority of both boards met at the appointed time and remained in session for two days. They carefully went over all the details of the proposition, and then unanimously endorsed the work of their committee and adopted the college in Dallas as the Medical Department of Southwestern University. They also made the committee a body to perfect all the details of bringing the Medical College into the corporate existence of the University. In this movement the Southwestern assumes no financial responsibility, as the Medical College has no liabilities, and it is manned by those who are amply able to take care of all business pertaining to its financial success. The College here is a chartered institution, has a good building leased for three years, and is well equipped for medical and surgical work. It also has a building fund of \$10,000 raised by the medical faculty in interest-bearing notes, to which these gentlemen pledge themselves to add, through the co-operation of the city, at least \$50,000 for the building of a suitable structure at an early day for the Medical Department, all of which is to be vested in fee simple in the present Board of Trustees of Southwestern University, to be used as a Medical Department. The Regent of the University and the curators and trustees will have charge of the Medical department, just as they have charge of the University property. The department in Dallas will have a Dean and

an Advisory Board, who will nominate their faculty, subject to the approval of the curators. There are about thirty of the leading physicians of Dallas who are back of this movement, and whose very names are a guarantee of success. They stand at the head of the medical profession of Texas, and they propose to have a four-years course of instruction equal to the best medical schools in America. It was a compliment to our University and to our Church when these men, with their scholarship and business capacity, chose to become a part of our great educational institution. They did it, and were anxious for it, because they look upon our work as very thorough, and they regard our government as the safest and the best of any Church organization in the world. They know when Methodism puts her brain and enterprise into a great movement, that large results follow; and, best of all, they have unqualified faith in the success and permanency of Southwestern University. They wanted to become a part and parcel of the life and work of the University, and they made this proposition to us when other schools were anxious to adopt their institution as their Medical Department. We rejoice that our Joint Board have taken this step, and we believe that it will prove a very wise one in the progress of our educational work in Texas.

THE JOINT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CURATORS.

The majority of the members of the Joint Board of Trustees and Curators of Southwestern University met in Dallas last week and were in session two days. The purpose of their coming was to adopt a Medical Department for Southwestern University in keeping with a resolution to that effect which was adopted at their annual meeting at the late commencement of the University. The city of Dallas gave them a warm welcome through the special action of the City Council, which body adopted very complimentary resolutions and appointed a special committee to meet them and extend to them the freedom of the city. Also, the business men of Dallas showed them many courtesies through the Commercial Club, the chief business men's organization in the city. This organization tendered them a reception at the Commercial Club rooms, at which numerous speeches were made with happy responses from our representatives, and then refreshments were served. Everything was done in good taste and becoming dignity, to show the representatives of the Church that the city welcomed the coming of Southwestern University to Dallas in the proposed Medical Department. The next day these trustees and curators finished their business and left the working out of the details to a competent committee. They were wonderfully well pleased with the treatment accorded them by the professional and business men of the city, and especially with the interest they manifested in Southwestern University. Surely, when these men who have made Dallas the success that she is to-day in the business world show such unqualified faith in our great educational institution,

our own people will not only continue their hearty support and co-operation, but redouble their zeal and energy to make the Southwestern University the greatest educational force in Texas. For there is no discounting the fact, this new step has placed the seal of Southwestern far to the forefront of progress and prominence. It has given us an alliance whose advantages will become more and more patent as the year advances.

THE SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY IN DALLAS.

The advantages of Southwestern University in Dallas, by virtue of her Medical Department, are not to be lightly esteemed.

1. It virtually brings our University into vital connection with the metropolis of Texas. Dallas is by all odds the leading commercial city in the State, and the influence of the city is felt from the Red River to the Gulf, and from Texarkana to El Paso. The army of dragoons that traverses the State make this their headquarters, and when politicians want to touch the heart of Texans, they meet in Dallas.

2. Dallas is rapidly becoming the center of Methodist influence. Our General Conference met here last year because of the population and strength of the city; our Branch House is located here; the Texas Advocate, our organ, is published here; the Texas Episcopal residence is located here; and the Methodist life of the city is manifesting itself in a very marked manner. Locating our Medical Department here is to put Southwestern into touch with all these vital influences and help to make her a power in Texas Methodist activities.

3. It gives the Southwestern a location in North Texas. Heretofore the complaint has been made that our great school is located at Georgetown, far from the center of the Methodist population of the State, and inaccessible to thousands of our people. Now, this little criticism will henceforth have no valid force. In her Medical Department Southwestern University comes right into the heart of the Methodist section of our population. Add to this the fact that the M. & T. Railway now goes into Georgetown, and intends to pass on and connect, by way of Austin, with its main line to San Antonio, so that you can take a car at Dallas and reach Georgetown without a change, and you have the Southwestern and her Medical Department brought practically together in Dallas. So that here in North Texas we will henceforth feel that the Southwestern is right in our midst, instead of being far away from us.

4. The commencement occasions of the Medical Department will bring our Regent to Dallas to make addresses and deliver diplomas; his presence and words will be noted in our daily papers, and thus Southwestern will come in for a large share of liberal advertisement hitherto withheld from her because of her distance from this section.

5. It brings the leading professional men of this city into sympathy with our school, and all the graduates hereafter going out of

this department will carry the diploma of Southwestern into all sections of the State. Young professional men will not forget the alma mater whose honored name and endorsement they will bear.

These are a few of the many advantages which will necessarily accrue to Southwestern from the adoption of a Medical Department in Dallas. But we do not mention the fact that the Medical Department and the city of Dallas recognize the further fact that to them also come many advantages in having a part of the work of Southwestern University done in this city and in North Texas. This is why the medical profession and the business men of Dallas put forth such strenuous work to get the Medical Department located in this flourishing city. Thus the marriage of Georgetown and Dallas is a most happy arrangement, and the advantages and benefits of the union are mutual.

THE ORIENTAL PILGRIMAGE.

The Advocate's Oriental Pilgrimage is already becoming popular. Notwithstanding the fact that its embarkation will not actually take place till some time next February, yet a number of applicants have already been accepted, and they have paid in advance the money necessary to make their agreement to go with us an assured fact, thus sealing the contract to be members of our party. The only trouble will be experienced, we suspect, in making provisions for all who will want to accompany us, as the number will necessarily be limited. But we propose to select from the applicants those who first apply, and give them the choice of accommodations, and the membership of the Pilgrimage is full and complete. The opportunity we offer will be one in a lifetime, and we have succeeded in reducing the expense to a minimum. To be a member of our party, with all the advantages we offer, to Egypt, the Holy Land and along St. Paul's missionary journeys, to say nothing of the fine spots and places visited in Europe, will be an education of the highest order to every member of the party. And the season of the year during which the Pilgrimage will be made, will give it immunity from storms at sea, and from epidemics on land, and such will be the thoroughness of our arrangements that we will all be entirely free from any worry about hotel accommodations, transportation, baggage and horses, and the care of baggage. Every perplexing incident to travel will be so entirely eliminated that we will have nothing to do but visit, inspect and learn all that is possible about the places and the people of the cities and countries through which we will pass. And we mean to make it a congenial party, made up of people who want to get all there is in a pilgrimage of this character. We want no morbid or contentious member of the party, no rough or disagreeable element, but we expect to be a great family, with a common purpose and a common aim, each one of whom will be willing to contribute to the happiness of all the others. It will be a great privilege to go with such a party as this and share in the benefits of such an excursion.

Snatched From the Battlefield

By Vere V. Hunt, M.D.

Meaning I lay in the darkness. The clouded moon at times cast a fitful light over the heaped up dead around. Gladly I welcomed the darkness, though I knew it meant the rendering of my discovery by the stretcher bearers the more uncertain. I felt so weak, so weary of life, so utterly careless of what the next few hours might produce. If my frantic thirst could but be allayed for five minutes! That was all I craved. My wound had become numb, though I felt the warm flow across my breast that told me that life was ebbing. Beneath me lay a human form, cold in the stiffness of death. Beside me lay a horse that never more would prance as the trumpet sounded the charge.

No vision of the morrow's strife.
The warrior's dream alarms,
No braying horn or screaming file—
At dawn shall call to arms.

The wind sigh'd over the battlefield,
To sweep over the battle field, like the cry of some lost soul. It was answered by the hoarse shouts of the ambulance stretcher bearers, as they raised their lanterns and moved in the direction of the cry, stumbling and falling over prostrate friend and foe alike. Then came a momentary hum of conversation, as the sufferer was found. Then all was silence again.

The glories of war! They were depicted here in torn, shattered humanity. Beaten in many cases into unrecognizable shape, by shot and shell. Before my eyes came the colors of the red ensign of Great Britain, and around it, cheering and raising their bayonets, were the pale, blood-stained faces of the ambulances, now strewn around, above which hovered the carrion birds waiting for their fearful heritage.

"Glory! Ah, glory!" I felt it in my aching brain, in my stiffening limbs, in the trickling stream across my breast. The mantle of darkness seemed to become of a deeper hue. "O, God! was this to be my end?" I tried to arouse myself from my lethargy, and utter a cry. I heard the voices of the stretcher bearers near at hand, within a few yards of me in fact, but I was too weak to call for assistance.

THE SOUL-WINNER.

The above caption is one of vital importance. Solomon says, "He that winneth souls is wise." Again he says, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever." O, precious promise, and sweet consolation to all who are indeed soul-winners! This is a vocation that stands paramount in importance to all others known and engaged in by man, because it is of divine origin, order and authority. The office of the ministry is the highest ever conferred upon man, because it is by divine appointment and authority, and of a heaven-born origin. Beside all this, it is strictly and specially indispensable to the eternal welfare of man. Since the shameful fall of man, which entailed sin and suffering and trouble and sorrow, and toil, and care, and death, and everything that is unpleasant and miserable upon humanity, the great heart of the universe was so stirred with love and pity for us in our lost and ruined condition that he contrived a way to redeem man from this awful predicament, which implies eternal destruction, and to accomplish this he did not hesitate to make the greatest sacrifice that either heaven or earth could offer in the gift of his only begotten Son to leave the shining courts of glory and make his advent into this world of sin and sorrow to fulfill his mission according to God's promise, and be eventually crucified upon the rugged cross to taste death for every man, while heaven and earth conspire in that sad hour to acknowledge him the prince of glory, and he was buried, but he rose as predicted and ascended to the Father with the promise, "I will send you the Comforter, even the Holy Ghost, and he shall abide with you forever." Thus completes the formulated scheme of human recovery in the crowning event of his career, but commissioned his ministry and left it in the world with the promise, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," and the command he gave was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This implies a free salvation and a missionary spirit and a gospel ministry perpetual as time, till all nature shall writhe in a wreck of matter beneath the crush of worlds at the shout of our Savior, when he shall come again to call all the world to judgment. Then the object of his gospel ministry is of infinitely greater value and importance than anything else on earth, inasmuch as it is to make the world better and the people happier and more prosperous. It is indeed indispensable to the perpetuity of the world. It is the great civilizing agency of man and bone and sinew of law and order, the safeguard to life and property and the refiner of human society. It is worth

and they passed on. Darkness, increasing darkness.

"I cried unto the Lord with my voice. Even unto the Lord did I make my supplication."

Where had I heard these words? Back to my mind came the little Church, and the calm, sweet, peaceful Sunday-school in the dear land far away.

"I am dying! Ah, yes! Voices are calling me from across the river, the voices of the dear, beautiful dead that I knew in the winsome long ago."

"Jesus! Master! Forgive me! Save me! For thy name's sake, and for thy glory!"

Was that my voice that repeated those words? O, the yearning that rose within me to be with Christ, which is far better. How empty now appeared my life! How vain! Alas, how unfit for one about to appear in the kingdom of the beyond. Truly,

"Nothing in my hand I bring."
The wind sigh'd over the battlefield. A vulture circled over the air above me. I heard the bark of a jackal and it sent a chill through me that seemed answered by a shudder in the silent form on which I lay.

The stars, that had occasionally glanced mockingly down, were hidden now, as, too, was the cold, unsympathetic moon.

From the very depths of my soul I cried:

"O, God! forgive my sins and save my soul for Christ's sake!"

A gentle face looked into mine. It was the bearded face of a man, but every feature was full of gracious sympathy. On the head was a crown of thorns. The form, from the neck down, was hidden in a long, white robe girt about the waist with a golden girdle. It was stained with blood on one side. Around the visitant was a halo of glory, the light that never was on land or sea.

In musical accents came the response to my prayer, as it came to another hundreds of years before, on a green hill far away, without a city's wall.

"To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise!"
Dallas, Texas.

more than all else to the world, yet it costs less. The world cannot exist without it. Do away with it and humanity would retrograde to brutality and ultimately share the sad fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is through the influence of the gospel ministry that we enjoy all that is pleasant and enjoyable, while all that is unpleasant is the fruit of sin. The minister is to be a soul-winner, and O what a fearful responsibility rests upon him! How careful he should be in all he says and does. The question of the "best mode" of winning souls has been much discussed, but as one of experience I think I have solved the problem. In the first place, be a model preacher by getting completely out of self into Christ, and keep self down and behind by much meditation and prayer, and be filled with the Spirit and earnestness, and be natural, be sociable and mix with the people, and be cheerful and in distress show sympathy and kindness, and thus prove yourself their best friend; be with the sick, cultivate the acquaintance and friendship of the people. The preacher must have the confidence and esteem of people in order to sway them and win their souls to the Master. A consecrated and energetic, live and spiritual preacher, full of zeal and earnestness, sweet-spirited and humble, is the model preacher, who feels his insufficiency and relies solely upon divine power to take him and use him as an instrument to win and save souls, and thus prove himself a successful soul-winner. We are "ensamples of the flock." Vinegar never catches flies; the stream never rises above its foundation. A cross, unspiritual, cold and formal preacher, using slang and relating funny anecdotes in the sacred stand, need not expect to win souls. But in conclusion let us as preachers follow Christ indeed in his instructions and examples, and emulate as far as possible his holy virtues and heed his admonition, and we'll win many souls this year.

J. B. GREGORY.

New Boston, Texas.

A NEW BIBLE.

Many of the leading newspapers of the country are commending the "American Edition of the Revised Bible" as by far the best English version of the Holy Scriptures that has ever been published. And the suggestion has been made in high places that the American Bible Society should adopt it instead of the Authorized Version! I presume that this will not be done, for that great institution being undenominational is committed to the Authorized Version, or at least to an undenominational Bible; but this American revision is sectarian. It unwarrantably adopts readings which decidedly favor immersion as the mode

of baptism. Let us see if this is true. In Mark 7:3 we read: "For the Pharisees and all the Jews, except they wash their hands diligently, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders." In Luke 11:38 we are told that when the Pharisee who invited our Savior to dine with him saw him set down to meat he marveled that he had not first washed before dinner. The American Revised Version renders it: "And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first bathed himself before dinner." Now the Greek word here rendered "bathed himself" (rendered "washed" in the Authorized Version and in the Revised Version) is baptizo, in its appropriate form. And if this new rendering is correct it follows that baptizo in this passage means bathed himself. It goes without saying that this is a strong point for immersion, for to bathe one's self is "to wash in water," consequently wash in water is a New Testament meaning of baptizo—a point that has often been assumed or begged, but never established. To beg such a point by changing the words of the Bible is not only inexcusable; it is a grave crime, which may be far-reaching in its effects upon our race; but is this new rendering correct? Any one who will look can see that it is not. Is it not a matter of astonishment that these American translators did not see, or seeing, did not heed the fact that the Savior had not come from the market when he sat down to eat in the Pharisee's house, all that could be expected of him by way of washing or baptizing before eating was that he wash his hands? The Pharisee marveled that he had not first washed his hands before dinner. This was just what he or any other Jew was expected to do before eating; and it was all that he was expected to do, unless he had come from the market, which he had not done. It follows inevitably that baptizo in this place is equivalent to washed his hands. Looking into Robinson's Greek Lexicon I find that he has the same view, namely, that Mark 7:3, "Except they wash (nupto) their hands, eat not," and Luke 11:38, "Had not first washed (baptizo) before dinner," both refer to the same custom of washing the hands before eating, and that baptizo in the latter passage is equivalent to nupto in the former. Nupto means to wash only a part of the body, as the face, or the hands, or the feet. The Authorized Version translates baptizo in this place "washed."

So does the Revised Version and the Interlinear, and Wesley's New Testament, and the Twentieth Century New Testament, etc. And the connection shows, as we have seen, that the washing or baptizing applied only to the hands; consequently bathing one's self was out of the question. Yet, notwithstanding all this, the American Revision renders it "bathed himself." Was this unwarranted and inexcusable rendering made in the interest of immersion? Did some strong immersionists one or more, in the American Revision Committee of 1881 have sufficient influence to induce the committee to adopt it? Are not the leading Baptist papers of the country recommending this new version as the very best in existence? Ought Methodist papers to commend it without reserve or qualification as some of them have done? Again: Mark says that "except the Jews wash their hands they eat not; and when they come from the market except they wash themselves (R. V.) they eat not." This is clearly a partisan rendering of the Greek word "baptisantal," made in the interest of immersion. Why should these American revisers change the unsectarian reading of the Revised Version, "Wash themselves," to "bathe themselves," except to help the cause of immersion? Again: In Matthew 3:11 we read, "I indeed baptize you with water; but . . . shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." This statement is repeated by Mark, Luke and John and quoted by our Savior and by Peter. The American Version renders it, "I indeed baptize you in water; but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit," just as the Baptist Revised New Testament does. This rendering if correct settles the mode of baptism in favor of immersion, for there is no conceivable way of baptizing a man in water except by putting him in the water. In view of all this it is hard to resist the conclusion that this American Revised New Testament is a Baptist production; and besides this version, the Baptists have two other revised New Testaments, one of which retains the word "baptize," the other has the word "immerse" instead of baptize. All these three new versions coincide in their rendering of the phrases "baptize with water," "baptize with the Holy Ghost." That is to say, all three of them have "in water" in Matthew, Mark and John. All have "with water" in Luke 3:16, Acts 1:5, and Acts 11:16; and all have "in the Holy Spirit" six times. Not one of them has "with the Holy Spirit." Their coincidence in all these renderings is complete. In all these readings they are identical, and in other respects they are very much alike. To choose among

them would be like swapping dollars, except that one of them has the word "immerse" instead of baptize. Notice the reading "I immerse you with water; but he will immerse you in the Holy Spirit." Could anything be more absurd than these renderings "baptize in water," "baptize with water," "immerse in water," "immerse with water," "immerse in the Holy Spirit?" We look at them with amazement, for 1. To render five of these passages "baptize in water" and three of them "baptize with water" is nonsense, for they are all parallel, and mean precisely the same thing.

2. To immerse with water is impossible; it is unthinkable. Can you conceive how any one could be immersed with water? I cannot. If you think you can, try it and see.

3. The disciples and others on the day of Pentecost were not immersed or dipped in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was poured out upon them and filled their hearts. They were baptized with the Holy Spirit. They were also baptized with fire, not dipped in fire. There appeared unto them tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. They were baptized with it.

4. All the English revised New Testaments and the American Version, have in the three examples above referred to, the reading, with water, with no alternative reading whatever, no marginal note or reference of any kind. All parties agree that the rendering in these three passages must be with water. This is a very important fact, for if it is with water in three places, or in one, it must be with water in all the places. No one knows this better than these revisers did, and it is believed that they deserve the censure of the American people for not making the reading with water uniform throughout the New Testament, and for adopting the reading in water in five passages, and in the Holy Spirit in all the passages. From all this it will be seen that this American New Testament is to all intents and purposes a Baptist revision. It will doubtless have a large circulation, will go into the homes of the people, and lead many of the children and young people to think and to say, "We must be baptized in water, for the Bible says so."

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Tyler, Texas.

ROME'S PLANS.

Since the illuminating star of the Roman Church has lost much of its lustre and brightness and the power of the Roman Church has been growing weaker and weaker in every latitude of the globe, Rome is becoming alarmed and were valor fails deceit often succeeds. From the very beginning the aim of the Roman Church was to keep the masses of the people in ignorance, which practice Rome has kept up to the present day.

A short time ago Archbishop Quigley, addressing several hundred women in Chicago, declared to them that within twenty years the cities, as Chicago, Greater New York, etc., would be entirely Catholic, according to present indications, and in fifty years from hence there would be only two powers on the globe, i. e., the Roman Catholic Church, as by that time everything on the globe would be Catholic, and the United States, who would rule the whole earth.

I do not write this on account of its importance, for every Methodist knows that to devote any time on this is wasting time, and time can be used to a better advantage, but on account of its fallacy. I merely intend to show that where valor fails, deceit, if not successful, at least helps to stay and pacify commotion. And so it is here. Rome is losing ground in the Philippines, in South America, in Mexico; yes, even in Europe, where she was strongest in power. Rome is growing very weak. Turning our eyes wherever we may we find that this causes the Vatican great embarrassment, for Protestantism is gaining ground, while Romanism is compelled to recede and retreat. We ask why? And the answer to it is: Because wherever the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ sends out its radiant rays darkness is compelled and forced to retire from whence it emanated.

The educated world of to-day knows this to be a fact, and because of this knowledge it is that Rome through its emissaries uses any and every means possible to keep the truth from her people; the propriety and fairness of which is not questioned.

In II Peter 1:3 we are told that with feigned words they shall make merchandise of you.

In order to maintain herself it becomes a necessity with Rome that such statements of misrepresentations are made to her people, the effect of it is like throwing sand into their eyes. Every country and every nation is striving to liberate itself from the bondage of Romanism, which is the yoke of slavery and superstition. History shows and teaches us that nations adhering to the doctrines and dogmas of Rome are in bondage and not free, and therefore are prevented from advancing in civilization, which Christianity teaches and fosters. We need

only to look at our neighbor across the Rio Grande, and in Europe we have the same. Look at the step France has taken, etc.

Among the many notorious remarks (?) which Archbishop Quigley made is that nothing, no power, can hinder nor obstruct the progress of the church. The Church of Christ must make progress, for the Savior himself said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The Roman Church, with her doctrines and dogmas, instead of the Word of God, is not a divine institution, and therefore is in opposition to the holy will and teachings of God; but is a human institution, and as such is not lasting, but perishable. The Word of God from beginning to end cautions and instructs God's people that her teachings are fallacious, and in Rev. 18:19 we find the following language: Vae, vae, magna illa urbs Babylon, urbs illa valida, una hora, venit iudicium tuum!

The American citizen, the American brother, they are a broad-minded and liberal people, and therefore are believing every other nationality to be the same. Such being a fact, the American citizen does not care nor pay any attention to the intrigues and politics Rome plays and practices. This is from a human standpoint, and it is from this point of view that Rome finds the access to this country unobstructed and unimpeded. The Christian, however, must do the Lord's bidding: "Vigilate et orate ne intratus in tentationem."

A. C. F. SCHMIDT.

FROM AN ELDERLY BROTHER.

Recently I noticed a letter in the Advocate from one of our superannuated preachers, Bro. E. L. Armstrong. Will you allow another one a little space? It has been a long time since I wrote anything to the Advocate, and I will not ask for much space now. The relation of the superannate is such that he cannot do much, and generally his physical ability forbids. I have sustained this relation for several years, and feel the restraints that forbid my going out with the army to do battle for the Lord. But I am learning the lesson of patient waiting and of submission to the Master's will. Many hard fought battles mark the past. The memory of times past, when the Spirit of God came down and the power of saving grace was among the people, is a never ending delight. Many thoughts of the past crowd themselves into my mind, and I greatly desire to be permitted again to join with the laborers. How I would enjoy meeting with the brethren and looking into their faces once more; but this may never be until we meet in the General Conference above. I am quite feeble, both in body and mind, but, thanks be to God, my religious peace suffers no abatement. The power of the Holy Spirit keeps the flame glowing upon the altar of my heart. I know that I am gradually sinking under the weight of years, but I know in whom I have believed, and feel the everlasting arms underneath. I realize something of what Paul did when he said he had finished his course, and I thank God that there is laid up for me also a crown of righteousness. I can no more sing "The Old Ship of Zion," but I am on board of the grand old ship, and she is sweeping on toward the port of eternal peace. Soon the spires of the celestial city will burst on my vision and I will pass the pearly gates into the New Jerusalem, and all my suffering will be over. But I am willing to wait the will of the Master. I get lonesome. I suffer much. I can seldom leave the house, and am often confined to the bed. How long this will continue God only knows; but his will be done. Will the younger brethren let an old man urge them to go on with the work? Press the battle, take the world for Christ. You may have to sow in tears, but you will reap with joy, and the time will come when you will come rejoicing, bringing your sheaves with you. Work while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work." You will never know the full value of your opportunities till they are gone. May God's richest blessings rest upon all the members of the Northwest Texas Conference.

J. P. HULSE.

Rising Star, Texas.

ONLY A BABY.

Something to live for came to the place.
Something to die for maybe;
Something to give even sorrow a grace—
And yet it was only a baby!

Cooing and laughter, and gurgles and cries,
Dimples for tenderest kisses;
Chaos of hopes and of raptures and sighs,
Chaos of fears and blisses.

Last year, like all years, the rose and the thorn.
This year, a wilderness, maybe;
But heaven stooped under the roof on the morn
That it brought there only a baby.

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O Spirit, whose name
Come enter this
And make it forever
A home where
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Leave me in no dark
Unwarmed by thy
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No purpose thou

Shut in unto silence
Is dawn, if thy
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Lo! all things
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LORD, ENTER.

O Spirit, whose name is the Savior,
Come enter this spirit of mine,
And make it forever thy dwelling,
A home wherein all things are thine!

Leave me in no darkness unlighted,
Unwarmed by thy truth's holy fire;
No thought which thou canst not inhabit,
No purpose thou dost not inspire!

Shut in unto silence, my midnight
Is dawn, if thy presence I see;
When I open my doors to thy coming,
Lo! all things are radiant with thee.

O, what is so sweet as to love thee,
And live with thee always in sight?
Lord, enter this house of my being
And fill every room with thy light!

—Lucy Larcom.

REASONS FOR SEEKING GOD.

We recently read this which we think is itself a mistake: "It is a mistake to urge one to seek God 'for mother's sake,' or brother's sake, or anybody else's sake. When a soul gets to the seeking that brings finding, all ties of kindred, and all other considerations, are forgotten to save its own eternal welfare."

It is the highest and best motive to seek holiness for its own sake and for God's sake; but it is not a mistake, but rather an excellent reason, to urge any one to seek God for the sake of mother or brother or for our own sake or for the sake of everybody and everything in three worlds. God, in his holy Word, does not deal with abstract man, nor in any transcendental way, but he deals with composite man in all his possible relations and probabilities. The Bible appeals to every one to seek God, to be good, to be holy, by every motive that can appeal to our triune nature. When a soul gets to the seeking that brings finding, that soul will be better prepared than ever to render all due benevolence to all its relations in God's universe.

It would be supreme selfishness to forget all ties of kindred and all other considerations save our own precious selves, and to care for nobody and nothing else, except our own eternal welfare. And as a matter of fact and actual experience, no one who is truly saved does act upon any such supremely selfish consideration as that. Every one who is truly saved immediately endeavors to induce others to seek God, not only for their own eternal welfare, but also for the sake of mother, brother, anybody over whom they have an influence and for every man other considerations. And let us all do more urging than we do and use more and better pleas to get everybody we can to seek God for every reason that can possibly appeal to a human soul for time and eternity.

—Christian Standard.

HOW WE MAY WORK WITH GOD.

It is a joyful thing to help God to do his work in the world, for this is high and holy duty. God is always at work. When on the seventh day he rested from all the work which he had created and made, he entered on labors in which he works as he rests and rests as he works. But in these he needs our help. The branch can not bear fruit apart from the vine and the vine can not yield her ruddy clusters apart from the branch. Let us consider some cases in which we may work with God.

God is eager to feed the teeming children of men, but he needs our co-operation in preparing the soil, sowing the seed and garnering the harvest.

He desires to clothe the nations

and tribes of these northern climes and with that intent prepares the wool on the sheep, the leather of the horse's skin, the silk and the cotton, the alpaca and the eider-down; but he needs our co-operation to shear the sheep, tan the skin, wind the silk, and spin the cotton, and presently the swift fingers to do what Eve did with the fig-leaves.

God desires to house man who has no power of weaving nests like the birds, or burrowing holes like the foxes. For this purpose he has made clay for bricks, stone in quarries for the walls, slates for roofs, wood for beams and rafters, the silica for glass and mortar for the interstices of the walls. But again he needs our co-operation.

We need not increase our enumeration, but it is impossible to look around our homes, our streets, or our great cities, with their telegraphs and telephones, their tram-cars and their railway trains, their motor-cars or their gas-engines, without encountering scores and hundreds of instances in which God and man have wrought together.

What a new complexion this would lend to life, if, as we stepped out from our homes, we could realize that we were going forth not to make a living, not to earn our salary or stipend, not to amuse, instruct, or legislate for men, as our primary object, but to discover what God was doing in the world, and to give him such help as we could! It may seem a high and impossible idea, but the more one thinks of it, the more it grows upon the mind. We are bidden by the apostle to abide with God in every calling in which we were called. We know that he claimed to be a fellow-worker or collaborer with God—and why should the significance of such a conception be reserved for the missionary or minister of religion alone?

Nothing so degrades our toil as the constant thought of the pay we shall receive for doing it. If this is liberal, we are apt to be cheerful and deft-handed; if it is meager and stinted we grumble and move to it as slaves. But if we once realized that our work was with God, how eager, how quick, how strenuous would be our endeavors, that we might not disappoint nor fail him. Since companionship with the great and good is always a joyful thing, it would put a song on our lips if we realized the blessed co-partnership in our toils of God.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

ON DEPRESSION.

As to that sort of depression which seems to wither up your heart and to make it shrink from everything, there are two rules which I think it is important to observe. First to use such remedies for his depression as God's providence supplies you with. For instance, do not overwhelm yourself with troublesome matters of business, which are too heavy a burden for you to bear; take due precautions not only for your bodily strength but also for that of your mind, not undertaking what is too great a strain upon your powers, and reserving certain hours for prayer, reading, and helpful conversation, even taking pains to seek such cheerful society as will refresh both mind and body as they have need.

Further, you ought to have some safe and judicious friend to whom you can unburthen yourself of whatever does not concern other people; such outpouring relieves and comforts an oppressed heart. Troubles which are silently nursed are apt to grow ever greater, until the heart bursts from over-fullness; whereas, if they had been given vent, it would have been discovered that they were not so overwhelming as they seemed. Nothing has a surer tendency to disperse the dark

clouds of depression than simplicity and lowliness in laying bare one's troubles, however little to one's credit it may be so to do, and seeking comfort and light from some worthy servant of God.

My second rule is to bear patiently the involuntary impressions of sadness which remain in spite of the above helps and precautions. Interior trials push us further on in the life of faith than anything else, provided we do not let them stop us altogether, and provided that the involuntary shrinking of the soul does not give away to the depression they cause. A step gained at such a time is enormous and worth more than a thousand under more propitious circumstances. The great means whereby to make this feeble state more useful to your soul than the most buoyant strength, is to go perseveringly on and heed your depression as little as possible. Depend upon it, that comfortable vigor which makes everything easy and congratulates itself on not knowing what hesitation and depression mean, is very treacherous! It feeds self-confidence and exaltation of heart terribly! Sometimes, while greatly edifying the outside world, it is fostering an inward self-satisfaction and self-applause which is subtle poison. A man appreciates his own excellence, is gratified by it, and satisfied with it, and congratulates himself on his strength. But a soul which feels weak and humble, powerless to help itself, full of fears and shrinking, "sorrowful even unto death," like our Lord himself in Gethsemane, crying out, as he cried, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" is far better purified, more purged of self and more dead to its own will than those vigorous natures which composedly rejoice in their own good qualities. Blessed is he who is cast down and crushed by God's hand; who is deprived by God of all his own strength, so that he may be stayed on God only; who realizes and accepts his own poverty; and who, beyond all external crosses, carries patiently the cross of depression, without which all others are comparatively easy to bear!—Spiritual Letters of Fenelon.

TO GLORIFY GOD.

Many forget that "the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever." That grand end God always had in view and he never loses sight of it. We lose sight of it often and so neither aim to glorify him in our bodier nor spirits, and seek to enjoy everything else more than God. Thus we miss both the noblest employment in the world and the purest and fullest happiness of living. "There is no lasting enjoyment without God, in whom "we live, move and have our being." The nearer we live to him the more blessed will be our existence.—Christian Instructor.

AMBITIOUS TO BE QUIET.

To accomplish anything in this busy world we feel that we must add to the din and confusion that never ceases to be heard but rises like the incense of a great sacrifice to the skies and dies away in the infinite space that cradles our world. Have you ever thought how it would seem if you could separate into its individual parts that vast wave of sound so constantly ascending? Songs of praise, shouts of victory, moans of pain, the weary, monotonous throb of machinery that is never stilled by day or by night, the laugh of the child and the sob of the broken hearted, the song of the bird and the cry of the wild beast in search of prey; a prayer of thanksgiving, the murmurs of discontent and a thousand other sounds that go to swell the great minor strain that it would seem must sometimes reach the ear of those who thought to leave them far behind when the soul swept through the blue to the gates of heaven and



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found them wide open for their coming.

Why is it so that we are more ready to give vent to a cry than to a song? The world needs joy—it needs to listen to the song of birds rather than to human complaints. Why should we not learn to be "quiet" when we know that expression will mean a discordant sound sent forth whose waves will continue to flow outward long after we have forgotten that we gave them birth. We mistake each other so in our judgments, we call quietness lack of feeling—we feel assured that feeling will find an outward expression, and the quiet soul that resolutely shuts in its pain and refuses to murmur even if it cannot sing—we say of such that their quietness is lack of depth of feeling, that they are physically incapable of real suffering. There is no record that the Master's life, intense and full of physical and mental pain, gave forth discordant sounds. A quiet life too full of care and anguish to be joyful, with a heart burdened by a whole world's sinfulness and over all the shadow of the cross—still free from murmurs, free from bitterness and redolent with a love and sympathy that brightened every other life about him.

There are times and times in life when it would seem like a cruel mockery to sing, when the lips must be firmly closed if we would keep back the cry of pain—or the story of an utter hopelessness. We are constantly being confronted with perplexities, with trying conditions that seem for the time to exhaust hope and test our faith—but these are the times when we need to "be quiet," rather than cripple our forces by complaints. We forget that all such seasons are not—as we are apt to declare—the essence of life. If we cannot set the joy bell-ringing in our hearts—even when we remember that God is over all and will never forget to reward his children in due time for all they have suffered here—we need only hold still lest they toll instead and send a quiver of pain through some other soul that was happy and hopeful until they heard the knell of our faith ring out and wondered, perhaps, how soon their own sky would be clouded and the music of life be changed to a cry of distress.

The shadow passed from us—and our hearts grew peaceful again, but earth's music was sadder than before we forgot to "be quiet."

"There are many and many around you Who follow wherever you go. If you thought that they walked in the shadow, Your lamp would shine brighter I know."

—Selected.

A PSALM ON THE INFINITE PRESENCE.

I saw God standing by my threshold at the closing of the day. His presence filled the doorway, and his glory was about the pillars of the door.

He made the fading sunshine his raiment, the sunset clouds the borders of his mantle.

His Word was in the tones of her I love, His greeting in the eyes that brightened at his coming.

The peace of his invisible angels was upon the place; and I put off the sandals of earth from the feet of my spirit, for it was holy ground.

I lifted up my eyes in thanksgiving,

and acknowledged his infinite majesty; and he blessed me ere I was aware. Yea, he made his beauty to descend upon my house, and I saw the earth clothed with his unspeakable splendor.

He wreathed the trellis with roses and the garden with the blossoms of his promise, rose from the corners of my dwelling.

As the shadows lengthened, I heard his choirs of tiny creatures singing in gladness for the coming or the night and beheld the evening star shining upon the pathways of my Creator.

Then I drew near unto God, and entered into the joy of his presence.

O Lord, infinitely tender, in beauty and in love hast thou revealed thyself; fire and sword have not declared thee; storm and anguish are not thy only messengers; priests and Kings hast thou not made thy keeper, nor written words thy sole testimony forever.

Thou art the God of life, and he who perceiveth pure life perceiveth thee. Grant unto me in thy infinite mercy that I may ever find the abiding in life and the Life abiding in thee.—O. R. Washburn, in Christian Register.

No man need hunt for his mission. His mission comes to him. It is not above; it is not below; it is not far. The neglects of ours in daily, home and homely duties, these, the mission so rarely undertaken, constitute our simple, human duty—not to make happy human faces now and then among the children of misery, but to keep happy human faces about us all the time.—J. F. W. Ware.

In ourselves the sunshine dwells,
From ourselves the music swells;
By ourselves our life is fed
With sweet or bitter daily bread.

—Nixon Waterman.

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The Truth About Coffee.

It must be regarded as a convincing fact when a family of 7 has used Postum for 5 years, regaining health and keeping healthy and strong on this food drink.

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Ice Cold Postum with a dash of lemon is a delightful "cooler" for warm days.

Send for particulars by mail of extension of time on the \$7,500.00 cooks contest for 735 money prizes.

Secular News Items.

A British medical officer at Yar-mouth, England, says that two out of every three cases of typhoid fever in that town are caused by eating mussels from the river.

Li Chen Fung Liang Cheng, the Chinese Minister, was present at the anniversary exercises of Phillips Andover Academy held June 16, and delivered an interesting address.

Three judges of elections in Chicago have been adjudged guilty of contempt of court, and have been sentenced by Judge Carter to three months' imprisonment in the county jail.

According to the monthly report of the sanitary officer of Cuba, the rate of mortality on the island is decreasing. Smallpox and yellow fever appear to have been entirely suppressed.

Governor Penrypaeker, of Pennsylvania, recently signed a bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper to any person under twenty-one years of age. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of from \$100 to \$300.

El Meneshil, the Moorish Minister of War, lost 6,000 men in a battle with the rebels at Annidenna.

The Japanese Minister at Peking filed a formal demand on the Chinese Foreign Office for the opening of Moukden and Tai-Tung-Chou to foreign trade.

Restaurants on wheels have been recently introduced at Stockholm, Sweden. The cars, containing a variety of hot dishes, permebrate the streets. On the application of a customer a little table is let down on which a meal is served. Intoxicating liquors cannot be sold from the cars.

The drinking of kerosene is such a growing evil in France that measures against it are proposed. The vice has long prevailed among the Indians of the Southern Pacific. To such an extent has it been carried that the importation of kerosene for drinking is an important trade in Peru and Bolivia.

The Lowell strike, which began March 26, has been declared "off." It is estimated that the operatives have lost fully \$1,200,000 on account of this strike. June 1 the mills reopened, and about 85 per cent of the workers returned. The entire strike has now collapsed. The operatives failed to obtain the 10 per cent increase asked.

Servia does not possess a crown, and King Peter accordingly has ordered a Paris goldsmith to make him a diadem for use at his coronation, stipulating that the cost shall not exceed \$10,000. Hadjar Karageorgevitch, the artist cousin of King Peter, will design the crown and supervise its construction.

The Putnam Phalanx of Hartford celebrated Bunker Hill Day by visiting the historic campground of General Israel Putnam in Redding, Connecticut, the members of the Phalanx acting as escort for Governor Chamberlain and staff. The program included decoration of the graves of Revolutionary soldiers, and addresses by the Governor and others.

A new method of killing lost, maimed or sickly dogs by charcoal fumes, supposed to be merciful, was tried in Chicago the other day and proved a failure. It required almost two hours to kill fifty-four dogs, and the authorities consider that the old method of killing by gas is preferable. Not until the carbon dioxide fumes were greatly increased did the last of the impounded canines collapse.

The administration is considerably worried over the outlook for the Panama Canal Treaty. Reports from Colombia show that Bogota is packed

with lobbyists and hoodlums, who are working to defeat the canal treaty, and the rejection of the convention by the Colombian Congress seems certain. Secretary Hay is preparing to open negotiations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

Advices from Colombia show that a fierce contest is raging at Bogota over the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty. Dr. Herran, the Colombian Representative at Washington, is being bitterly denounced for negotiating the treaty.

A. W. Maehen, the indicted ex-Superintendent of the Free Delivery Division of the Postoffice Department, is said to have been a member of a "promotion syndicate" which forced postal employees to pay for their promotions.

The Postoffice Department has resumed the establishment of rural free delivery routes, which were held up on account of the deficit in the appropriation for that service, and a large number of routes will be put in operation on July 1.

A committee of representative Jews called on President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay and asked the United States to transmit a petition to the Czar urging him to suppress the outrages on the Jewish race in Russia. The President, in reply, assured the Jews of his sympathy, but declined for the present to transmit the petition to St. Petersburg.

A severe earthquake shock was felt at San Juan, Porto Rico.

Five men were killed in a mine explosion at Blossburg, West Virginia.

About 150 Cumberland linemen struck for more pay at Louisville, Kentucky.

The anniversary of the birthday of the Stars and Stripes was celebrated in New York.

The United States, Great Britain and Holland will not recognize the new Government of Servia.

The Canadians are wrought up over Secretary Root's plan to rebuild the historic Fort Ontario at Oswego, N. Y.

The saw mill plant of the Barry Lumber Company at Opp, Alabama, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$125,000; light insurance.

Eight thousand bales of cotton will be shipped from Lowell, Mass., to New Orleans for delivery on July contracts.

St. Louis and Baltimore will make strong efforts to secure the next Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

Lightning exploded 3,000 pounds of dynamite near Seneca, Ohio, and killed six men and injured a score of others.

Fire at Winchester, Kentucky, destroyed the largest stock of blue grass seed in the world, causing a loss of \$100,000.

The French Government is reported to be taking a hand in the Panama Canal Treaty negotiations in favor of the United States.

Statistics given out at Havana show that Cuban trade is decreasing with the United States, while it is increasing with other nations.

The American owners of the Puerto Cortez and La Pimienta Railroad, which was confiscated by the Honduras Government, have applied to the United States for protection.

Reports from Heppner, Oregon, show that 500 lives were lost in the flood which destroyed that town. The property loss is \$1,000,000.

It is reported in Washington that Postmaster General Payne may have to give way to Bristow or some other man to offset the effects of the postoffice scandals.

Advices from Baranquilla and Cartagena, Colombia, show a decidedly favorable turn in the controversy over the question of ratifying the Panama Canal Treaty.

Private reports have reached Washington that the electricians employed on the Government building on the Exposition grounds at St. Louis are threatening to strike.

The United States Government, it is said, has definitely decided to build the Panama Canal no matter whether the treaty is ratified by the Colombian Congress or not.

"I would rather vote for a yellow dog than for a woman for President of the Epworth League." This was what E. R. Eckley said when a young woman of the Tremont Methodist Church, of Washington Avenue, New York, was proposed the other day for the President of the Young People's Society. The woman was elected, but this statement afterward caused Eckley's defeat for membership in the official board of the Church.

Chung Hin Wang, of Canton, China, a graduate of Tien-Tsin University, in 1899, carried off highest honors, with the degree of masters of laws, summa cum laude, in Yale Law School last week, and George Williamson Crawford, a negro, of Birmingham, Ala., won the highest forensic honor in the

law school, taking the Townsend prize. He spoke June 21, delivering, in competition with three others, an oration on "Traditions Nationalism and Patriotism."

Pennsylvania Railroad men began to abolish the buildings on \$7,500,000 worth of property in New York City last week. The wreckers will not stop until nearly four entire city blocks have been cleared. The wreckers will tear down 100 buildings, including three churches, a hospital and a home for boys. The blocks to be razed are bounded by Seventh and Ninth Avenues, Thirtieth and Thirty-third Streets. They are the site of the projected railroad terminal station and the new up-town postoffice.

Boston will have 60,000 visitors next week, between the annual meeting of the Christian Scientists, the Teachers' National Convention, the Hooker parade and several other important conventions. It is roughly estimated, on the basis of previous visitations, that these people will spend \$6,000,000 while they are there, or at the rate of \$100 each. This is a conservative estimate, as many will remain at least four weeks, and some through the summer to attend the Harvard summer schools.

Mareellus F. Graupner, a Harvard student, from Guthrie, Oklahoma, is about to start on a three-thousand-mile jaunt afoot, about the United States. Graupner has crossed the Continent twenty times on foot, "blind baggage" and "bitting the freights" on gravel cars, has been twice to the Klondike, and "bobbed" his way round the world once. A conservative estimate places his travels in this manner at 115,000 miles. Part of the time he sold books and has had many wealthy men for customers.

A dispatch to the New York Sun from New Orleans says: "The death of James Hill, the negro Republican leader of Mississippi, destroys a hope upon which the Mississippi negroes have long depended, the creation of a cotton mill at Jackson, owned, controlled and operated entirely by negroes. This was one of Hill's pet ideas and he had worked on it a long time. He had raised money among the negroes and then secured a site. But his project was set back by the reopening of the negro problem through the President."

A special dispatch to the New York Tribune from Plymouth, Massachusetts, says: "As a result of the visit of the Liberty Bell to various Massachusetts cities, including Plymouth, a movement has been started to send Plymouth Rock on a tour of the country, to visit all the large cities. The idea has been enthusiastically received by the guardians of the rock in this town and plans are now being formulated to that end. They include a trip in a special train, under guard, with short stops in such cities as New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo and Albany. By all means, and the tour of the 'rock' would not be complete if it did not come to Charleston."

Three generations of the Langston family have been graduated from Oberlin College, Ohio, and the record is said to be without precedent in the development of the negro race in America.

The hoodler Mayor of Minneapolis, after having come back from hiding in New England, has been convicted and sent to prison for six years, and another victory for clean government can be chronicled.

It is the opinion of Mr. Carnegie that effective co-operation of capital and labor will never come about till, as in the old fishing vessels, crews of partners take the place of crews of employees. His own marvellous success as a captain of industry is largely attributable to the carrying out of this idea in practice.

The internal quarrels among the officers of the Red Cross Society still go on, and the organization is in a fair way to lose public confidence. If it does, its usefulness will be ended for as a dispenser of public charity.

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funds in times of great emergency it is entirely dependent on the faith which the people have in it as a wise and honest almoner. The present situation is much to be regretted.

There is a "moderate party" at the Vatican, said to be led by Cardinal Agliardi, which favors a sensible modification of the foolish papal claim to temporal sovereignty, but the conservatives under Cardinal Oreglia are in the places of power, and are likely to hold the papal hierarchy strictly to its old ways.

The possibility of a recurrence of trouble in the anthracite regions is viewed by the public with much concern. The immediately interested parties in these contentions should have learned by this time that neither separately nor together do they constitute the public, and that any unreasonable contentions, either by operators or men, will lead to discussion and radical legislation which will work a cure of the evils. The discussion called out by the last strike should have taught them this lesson.

Government decisions as to second-class mail matter have been made during the past few years with the purpose of excluding as much mail as possible from this class—transmission class. The elimination of the annual deficit has been the object sought. Recent disclosures in the Postoffice Department indicate to the people that a better business system and more checks against extravagance and carelessness will do more to bring out a right balance than all the second-class mail manipulation that is possible.

The home of John Milton—a cottage at Chalfont St. Giles, Buckinghamshire, England—is to be restored at a cost of \$1,500. The building is now in use as a public museum. It contains some cannon balls fired into the neighborhood by Cromwell's troops when encamped in an adjoining field after the battle of Aylesbury. In the museum is preserved a first edition of "Paradise Regained."

An alarming sinking of the earth recently occurred at Motherwell, in Lanarkshire, near Glasgow, Scotland, involving the ruin of many buildings and the cracking of many walls. The subsidences are similar to those which have occurred from time to time in different mining districts of England, and are attributed to the excavations in the mines under Motherwell.

In Denmark they say the people have the "American fever."

Divorcees are found to increase as childlessness increases.

Jupiter Pluvius seems to be crowding Juno out of control of the month of June.

Oom Paul Kruger is in lonely retirement at Montone. He wears a frock coat and black trousers, and familiar stovepipe hat, bound with heavy black crape, and walks with a cane. A policeman disperses the bearers of cameras in front of the villa when the former President enters the house daily, about noon, after a morning spent in the garden. The old man is by no means decrepit, and looks in good health.

One of Missouri's unique industries is the growing of a kind of corn whose cob is specially adapted for pipes. A group of farmers in Lafayette County raise it extensively. One field of twenty-five acres produced 1,125 bushels of corn worth \$358, and the cobs sold for \$198. The average per acre was \$21.50. Corn-cob pipes are supposed to dispose of nicotine without injury to the smoker. Senator Cockrell's corn-cob pipe is one of the traditions of Missouri campaigns.

Bishop James McCole, of Duluth, one of the most prominent Churchmen in the Northwest, declared on Friday, before a graduating class at St. Joseph's Academy, St. Paul, a Catholic educational institution, that American education ruins genius, and gives it no chance to manifest itself. He also made a severe attack on Andrew Carnegie's benefices, asserting that the Iron Master could have better spent his money endowing educational institutions that will educate and not leave the mind a warehouse for useless mental attainments.

Maj. James Burton Pond, lecture manager for nearly thirty years, during which period he "toured" the famous men and women of the platform and stage, died June 21. Major Pond was sixty-five years old, and his life, which he began as a printer, to become editor, soldier and manager of the famous personages of his time, was rich in adventures and reminiscences.

William M. White has graduated with high honors from Wabash College, having made a record not often equaled. He made the four-year course in three years and at the same time acceptably filled the office of auditor of Montgomery County, served three years as master of Montgomery Lodge, F. and A. M., acted as Superintendent of the Crawford Methodist Sunday-school and as a member of the choir of the same Church and performed other duties requiring no little

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time and exertion. In addition to this Mr. White was active in Y. M. C. A. work, and assisted materially in putting the Phi Delta Theta fraternity on a better footing. He is 41 years old, married and has one child.

E. P. Bacon, of Milwaukee, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Inter-State Commerce Law Convention, who has returned home from an extended trip through the East, visited President Roosevelt while in Washington and discussed with him the subject of additional amendments to the Inter-State commerce law, which will give the commission power to enforce its ruling and prevent discrimination, not only between individuals and different commodities. Mr. Bacon says that the President expressed himself as in favor of the proposed amendments.

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The committee appointed by the Honduras Congress to adjust the debt due foreigners has reported adversely on the compromise offer of the bondholders and recommended that President Bonilla be empowered to settle the claims.

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Fred Bauman, who organized the hotel and restaurant employes, of Chicago, and made possible the paralyzing strike that prevailed in that city, has gone to New York. It is his intention to build up a powerful organization of hotel employes there. He has already made arrangements to take in the two existing unions of waiters and the union of bartenders. His work in Chicago was accomplished in a few months.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville.

K. C. Little, June 21: We have just closed a very successful meeting. We ran eight days under a tent. Results: Twenty-one conversions, twelve accessions; others yet to follow. The accessions were not all from among the converts; three were by transfer from Wesley congregation. The Baptists and Cumberland Presbyterians will share with us in accessions to the Church. But if you did not know it, we are at work here in a Baptist community. Bros. J. L. Pierce and J. M. Sweeton rendered us much valuable service in the pulpit. Our presiding elder (Rev. O. S. Thomas) preached his three most excellent sermons. Mr. R. C. Dial is a world beater as a layman. He is a power in any meeting. He was with us the last week expounding God's word in a practical and forceful manner, dealing conviction to the sinners' hearts and causing the backsliders to return to their Father's house of love and mercy. Rev. S. C. Dunn, of Neola Mission, had charge of the singing. Mrs. Pennywell had charge of the organ. They made a good team. The music was fine. Bro. Dunn preached some splendid sermons and worked faithfully in the altar. The penitents were all converted at the altar except one. Bro. Eber Parish preached two sermons. Bro. C. I. McWhirter preached twice with great earnestness and much fervor of spirit. All these brethren did most excellent work. On the last Sunday of the meeting this scribe preached on the subject of missions and called for \$50 on conference collections. We raised in cash and subscriptions \$76. So we hope to come round all right at roll call.

Lone Oak.

W. T. Morrow, June 20: Our second Quarterly Conference was held the third Sunday in June at Lawnsdale. Bro. Thomas, our beloved presiding elder, was on hand. Though not in the best of physical condition, he preached to the delight and edification of all, and looked after all the interests of the Church with painstaking care. He is greatly loved among all our people. Our work has shown signs of improvement continuously since the mud from the winter rains has permitted the people to get out to Church. We were kindly received by these good people. Inspired by Sister Crabbs, we received the regulation pounding by our people on Christmas morning, and the expressions of appreciation have been continually finding their way to the parsonage. We had a fairly good meeting in Lone Oak in May, resulting in several conversions and additions to the Church, and in reviving the Church. Last night saw the close of one of the most glorious revivals (at Heftners' Chapel, two miles in the country) that it has been our pleasure to enjoy in a long time. It resulted in 131 conversions and reclamations, and in all the Christian people for miles around being most gloriously revived. Most of the converts were among persons from twelve to forty years old. There will be near seventy-five additions to the various Churches in the communities represented in the meeting. Twenty-seven have already joined our Church, with some others to follow. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Eber N. Parrish, a local preacher of Wesley Church, Greenville, Texas. Though Bro. Parrish is a young man, only two years a preacher, he is a power for God. Thoroughly consecrated and deeply spiritual, he has power with God, and having a great yearning for the salvation of the lost, he draws the people to the Lord Jesus Christ. The people raised a collection of over \$100 for him in appreciation of his services. Those who secure his services in meetings may feel sure of having a most lovable and efficient helper. We are very sanguine of a glorious year of revivals on our charge. The financial interests are in fairly good condition considering the financial condition of this section of country.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Dalhart.

C. E. Lindsey, June 21: We are all right on the border. Our third Quarterly Conference has just past. It began with a genuine surprise, in the way of a pounding, by our good ladies, which was certainly appreciated by the parsonage force. Then we followed this up with a week's preaching by Revs. G. S. Hardy and Jas. M. Sherman. P. E. These services were especially in the interest of the Church and every service was good to the use of edifying. Bro. Hardy is elder here for four years and is greatly loved. Bro. Sherman is admired by all who hear him. His sermon on Sunday morning was one of the strongest I ever heard. The reports at the Quarterly Conference were good. Each

month of the year has marked an advance in the financial reports of the charge. Our faithful men and women are doing all they can to build up the Church here. Our new pews in our beautiful new church are elegant and comfortable. A good many more attend our night services than we can seat. We are planning for a great meeting in September. I hope also to be able to bring all the collections asked by the conference. Our Children's Day was just splendid. Sunday-school is doing well, prayer-meeting is not.

Armour.

F. M. Winburne, June 24: I am still "going around" preaching, praying, visiting, marrying some and burying some others. Trying to raise the collections; making Advocate talks; also one or two young folks will represent Go Forward. Had one fine little meeting at Gordon School House, four miles north from here; second sermon ten were at the altar kneeling. No trouble there for lights, songs, prayers, testimonials. I like that much better than the "come up, hold up your hand, dry-eyed joining" plan. Several were added to our Church. Last Sunday was a rushing day; Sunday-school at 10:00, preaching at 11:00, followed by a hand-shake, etc., drove four miles, took my text and a couple "must marry right now" fixed 'em up quick, finished sermon, took collection, drove home, another sermon at night by the new moon, hand-shake and shout. The moon—i. e., "Zach"—shone very brightly. The "sound of going is heard in the tops of the mulberry trees."—2 Sam. 5:24. We expect victory in His name.

Zee Vee.

H. E. Grimes: We are moving up some on all lines on the Penelope Circuit. We have not had a regular revival yet but we are hastening into our revivals and then for the harvest. Our Children's Day services have been held at two of our appointments. Zee Vee and New Hope. Both of the services were largely attended. At Zee Vee on the third Sunday night we had a large crowd. Many people came and went back home because of the great crowd and no room near the house, though the house is not large. We had good order; good work done by the children, and collections amounted to \$4. At New Hope on last night our house was full to overflowing, and some out doors, because there was no room in the house. Our brethren say that large house was filled well for the second time perhaps in its history. Good order and excellent work done by the children, and collections amounting to \$7. May God bless our children and give us a revival this year, to save all who are in the years of accountability.

The strong eat well, sleep well, look well. The weak don't. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the weak strong.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

New Boston Mission.

J. B. Gregory, June 29: I am hard at work in this Red River country, and find much to be done for the Master and the betterment of the world. I have not failed to fill any appointment when the people could turn out. I have preached at seven different places and have five regular appointments. I feel like I am indeed a home missionary. I have had the arduous task of seeking the scattered sheep and organizing and regulating the work, and thus laying the foundation for the development of vital interest in spiritual matters, and if I can but succeed in this, I shall feel that the labor of the year has been well spent, but will try to advance as far beyond that as possible. I have regulated four organized Churches, aggregating a membership of 125. I will soon enter upon my summer rounds of meetings. I had an enjoyable season yesterday. I preached at 11 a. m. to a fine congregation, and Bro. McDugal preached a good sermon for me at evening. The people love him and I do too. It was said that people were out who have not been to Church for from two to five years. We had dinner on the ground and all was order and quiet. Congregations increasing all the time.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Hobart, O. T.

W. J. Moore: A few days since about two dozen ladies of my Church, with a few men made an attack on the parsonage at about 11:45 a. m. The weapons and implements used were well-filled baskets, platters, dishes, pans, etc., of provisions. They entered the dining room, lengthened out our table, spread one of the finest dinners we have seen in a long time. This was all done without the "knowledge or consent" of the preacher. He had not even a hint of such a procedure. When he came home (about

12) he was invited in to take dinner at his own table. He readily accepted the invitation. On turning over his plate he found a \$5 bill which some kind hand had placed there. The ladies had learned that this was the pastor's birthday and had come in to help him celebrate. They succeeded to suit his taste. We spent an hour after dinner in social conversation, read the 103d Psalm, had prayers, baptized the infant child of one of the visiting sisters. Thus ended one of the most pleasant episodes in this preacher's life. There was just one thing or fact to mar the perfect pleasure of this delightful occasion. They were celebrating the preacher's semi-centennial. Oh, how rapidly time does fly in these later years!

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

White Oaks, N. M.

N. D. Wood, June 22: At the District Conference, held at Alamogordo last month we were appointed by Bro. T. L. Lallance, presiding elder of the El Paso District, to the White Oaks charge to fill out the unexpired term of Bro. George G. Hamilton, who was moved to the Reno Circuit. Got to White Oaks June 2. Was very kindly received by the people, and have been having an interesting and, we hope, profitable time ever since we came. Several articles had found their way to the parsonage, but on last Friday night we were brought under renewed obligations to God and the good people of White Oaks for a genuine pounding. We are moving up along all lines. Congregations increasing, prayer-meeting growing and considerable interest manifested in every department of Church work. Observed Children's Day yesterday. I preached to the children at 11 o'clock. At night there was a program rendered by the Sunday-school which was very interesting and profitable indeed. The house would not near hold the people, though we had it seated to its utmost capacity. The children behaved nicely and acquitted themselves well. Collected \$5.57. All honor to the young ladies of our school who, by their patient and untiring effort, made it possible for us to achieve so grand a success. We have made a covenant to pray for and expect a revival of religion in our town in the near future. We will have it.

PARIS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Paris District Conference met in Detroit, Texas, June 17, 1903. Rev. N. G. Oment was the conference host and the matter of entertainment had been looked after so carefully that everything was in readiness for the coming of the conference. The welcome was royal, the entertainment all that could be desired. Every traveling preacher in the district was there and an unusually large number of our brethren from the local ranks greeted us. The harmony existing between the itinerant and his local brother was beautiful to behold. The words of the Psalmist were upon the lips of all. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The lay brethren were there in numbers. They were made to feel at home and contributed not a little to the interest of the various discourses. Rev. W. R. McCarter preached Wednesday evening a very helpful sermon. Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock Rev. L. S. Barton, of Clarksville, preached a sermon that reached the hearts of the congregation. His text was the Savior's three repeated command to Peter. Bro. Barton, though a new man in the district, is thoroughly at home. He has just closed one of the greatest meetings Clarksville has had in years. Rev. H. K. Acee preached Thursday evening. Bro. Binkley, of Sherman, was with us. Of course he preached. There was no getting out of it. It was one of Bro. Binkley's characteristic sermons—strong, helpful, spiritual. Bro. Binkley is one of that class of preachers who will not grow old. The consecration service Saturday morning, led by Bro. W. H. Wright, was a tender, touching service that melted the hearts of all present. Most of the Advocate readers know of Bro. Wright's recent sad affliction. How sublime that faith which can say "Though he slay me yet will I trust him." Friday afternoon and evening were devoted to the Sunday-school interests. Such subjects as, "Some Sunday-school Hindrances," "The Pastors and the Sunday-school," "The Mission of the Sunday-school," "Decision Day," "The Loyal Sunday-school Army Plan" were discussed and many helpful things were brought out in these discussions. Rev. A. I. Seales, "our own" Conference Secretary of Education, delivered a telling address on the subject of Christian Education. Mrs. J. T. Webster, Vice-President W. H. M. S. of the North Texas Conference, presented the interests of the cause she represents and Mrs. Willie White, of Clarksville, District Secre-

tary W. F. M. S., addressed the conference in the interest of the foreign work. She reported sixteen new members in the Clarksville Auxiliary as one of the results of the recent conference in that little city.

Sunday was a great day for Methodism in Detroit. All the pulpits with one exception were filled by visiting brethren.

The characters of all the local brethren were passed and their license renewed. Wm. R. Rosser, Arthur M. Keith and Sylvester T. Powell were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. Bros. Rosser, Powell and Bro. W. H. Head were also recommended for deacon's orders.

Delegates to Annual Conference:

- R. C. BOWMAN
- J. D. GARLAND
- W. A. SINGLETON
- J. T. UPCHURCH

The next conference goes to Detroit. Bro. Casey, our "beloved," is prominently a presiding elder. He has demonstrated his ability to manage the affairs of this district. Brotherly in spirit, wise and prudent in leadership and loving in all his relations to his brethren, he has doubly endeared himself to both ministry and laity during the recent conference.

The reports of all the brethren were encouraging. Many gracious revivals have already been held, and by the help of God, Paris District will take her usual place when the roll is called at Dallas in November.

E. L. EGGER, Secy. Paris Dist. Conference.

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Specimen results: T. S. Gillespie, Falls Mills, Va., says: "Previous to May 1 average attendance was thirty-four. We have now enrolled 183 with an average attendance of 157. It is remarkable the interest and good feeling that exist." This represents one month's work.

L. O. Thompson, Martinsburg, O., writes: "Attendance doubled in two weeks by revival plan."

Elizabethtown, Ky., increased in one week from fifty-eight to 161—C. P. Vaxter.

Attendance record at Codartown, Ga., grew as follows: 31, 28, 50, 72, 81, 132, 189. Collection increased from 72 cents to \$3.78.

Eva Lemert, Kansas City, Mo., writes that during their first Sunday-school revival, sometime since, they gained 297 new scholars in the Sixth and Prospect Street Church.

At Gap Creek, Tenn., attendance increased from 13 to 70 in five weeks, reported by Ira E. Cowling.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

To the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the Texas Annual Conference:

The undersigned, living in Waco and having some knowledge of the affairs of the Methodist Orphanage, deem it due you and the Church to inform you as to the financial status of this good institution. The running expenses of the Orphanage average \$600 per month. As you know, its only source of income is from the collections ordered by the Texas Annual Conference. We have learned from the manager, Bro. Vaughan, all money sent in by the members this conference year amounts to only \$2,125.75 and lack \$2,911.70 of defraying the actual expenses of the institution. In consequence of this shortage of \$2,911.70 the manager has been necessitated to use his private funds in order that the children may have bread to eat and clothes to wear. This ought not to be, and would not be if our presiding elders and preachers in charge would present the claims of the Orphanage to their congregations. Dear brethren, will you not kindly give this matter your attention and at the earliest possible moment remit to Bro. Vaughan at least the assessments, the minimum expected from the pastoral charges?

It affords us great pleasure to add that the Orphanage prosper, the children are well and happy, and are being "brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." As to Bro. Vaughan, Bro. Burkhead and their assistants, officers in the home, their works are their praise.

A. P. DUNCAN, Local Member Orphanage Board, JOHN R. NELSON, Pastor Austin Ass. Church, R. B. BOLTON, P. E. Waco District, Waco, Texas.

STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

I send you a few facts in regard to our State University that in my opinion are worthy of notice, and should command the serious attention of all religious people.

A committee appointed by the Methodist Association to investigate the cause of so few students attending services on the Sabbath found that under the present system of teaching the entire week days it was necessary to study on Sunday in order to bring up the required work. The following data was given in by the committee:

Number of students interviewed, 472; number of Christians interviewed in interview, 264; number interviewed who felt it necessary to study on the Sabbath as things now exist, 274. The President and Dean, who were interviewed by this committee, seem to attach very little importance to these facts.

It seems that this influence with other evils tends to destroy our Christian Sabbath. As Church people we should begin to interest ourselves in this matter. W. R. CAMPBELL, South Austin.

Several conflicts have recently occurred in Macedonia between insurgent bands and Turkish troops. Some thirty Bulgarians have been killed and many wounded.

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His love in every dew-drops gleams,
And in my heart for aye it dwells.

How should I doubt His tender care?
Kept in the shadow of His wings,
With sweetest trust and conscious prayer
My happy heart forever sings.

I am His child, nor ought you harm;
You sparrows' own His pensioners be;
Secure, I rest within His arm,
For more than these He loveth me.

His promises shall never fail,
What earthly life's sorrows baffle,
Three summer's sun or winter's gale,
Draw Thou us closer to Thy side!

O Father! take our hands in Thine
And lead us forth where'er Thou wilt,
That we may live, by grace divine,
For Him whose priceless blood was
Spilled
To cleanse our souls from stain of guilt.

In stranger lands be Thou our friend!
Our wrecked souls, by tempests
Driven
Our Star and Compass to the end,
Our Guide and Pilot, still attend.

Till all our sins through love forgiven,
Thou bring us Home to Thee and
Hence.

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OUR WHITE RIBBON HERO.

The summer day was ending and the last rays of the sun were lingering on the flowers as if loth to go. Several tall oak trees concealed a little cottage that lay behind them. This was the home of Mary Hope. How happy she had been during the few years of her married life! She was singing softly to herself and as the words, "It is well with my soul," were wafted on the breeze, she sighed, for to-day she was a miserable woman. Her thoughts revert to the happy days of her early married life. Never was husband more kind more indulgent than Gerald Hope. Always thinking of her pleasures, her happiness, but, ah! woe! day when he came home to his once happy home under the influence of strong drink. How she had pleaded with him to let that be his last glass; but when evening after evening he came home only to have broken his promise, her heart was filled with sorrow.

"Little wife," he would say, "don't worry your dear self about me, I am going to quit. I only took a social glass with my friend."

And one evening after "night had drawn its sable curtain down" and her little boy had lapsed, "Now lay me down to sleep," there was a sound of heavy footsteps, and a knock at the door. With beating heart she hastened to open it. Three men were struggling beneath their heavy burden, and she recognized the once handsome and manly form of Gerald Hope, now bruised and bleeding. Under the influence of strong drink this unfortunate man had got into a dispute with a companion, who in a mad frenzy had lost all presence of mind and dealt him a fatal stab, thus causing the untimely death of one who was the only support of his wife and child.

Seven times the sun has risen since the awful tragedy occurred. Mary Hope sits in her humble cottage where death has just entered, robbing the home of husband and father. A beautiful little child climbs on his mother's knee and asks, "Where is papa, mother?" Will he come home to-night and kiss us like he use to? I want him to take me on his knee and tell me pretty stories. He never kisses me now. Why do you cry, mother?"

She draws him closer and whispers, "Papa will never come home to us again, dear; but my boy must go to sleep now," then murmurs, "My one aim in life will be to lead my child in the path of Purity, Righteousness and Temperance, that he may never follow in his father's footsteps."

Several years go by, and one morning as we pushed our way through a crowded city street, a bright-faced boy came up, and, raising his cap, he boy came up, and, raising his cap, he shouted, "Buy a paper, sir! The latest news, sir!"

Something in the boy's face appealed to me; and as I took one of his papers I noticed he wore the "White Ribbon." Ah! my little friend I see you are a Temperance boy. You are starting out early in one of the great causes. May you ever be true to "The White Ribbon Band."

"It is my badge of good luck," he said as he hurried along. I could never get so many papers were it not for my badge. Why, sir, ever since I can remember by mother has kept one pinned there. I love my white ribbon next to mother's."

Just at the close of day this young hero enters his mother's humble cottage. "Good luck to-day, mother," he cries as he kisses her and throws into her lap the shining pennies. "As I

came home," he said, "I saw little Minnie Ray standing in the doorway of Bennett's saloon, and with tears and sobs she was begging her father to come home, for her mother was sick and had had no food all day. I went in and entreated him to go home to his wife, but with an oath he hurled us from him. Oh! mother, why is this fair land of ours cursed with such a demon—the liquor traffic—that ruins homes and destroys our hopes and happiness?"

"My son," says the proud mother, "be true to your pledge and do all that one boy can to rid our country of such an evil, and by and by you can, by your vote and influence, bring happiness into some home where there has been nothing but sorrow. And she breathes a prayer that he may grow up to work and pray for Temperance, thus proving loyal to the "White Ribbon" which he has worn since infancy.

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THE DOG AND THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Dr. Moffat, the celebrated South African missionary, tells a humorous story of a shepherd lad who had been converted by reading the New Testament. He had been very wayward, but the teachings of Jesus had made him quite a new boy. One day he came to Dr. Moffat in much distress, telling him that their big watch dog had got hold of the Book and had torn a page out of it. Dr. Moffat comforted him by saying it was no matter, for he could get another Testament.

But the boy was not at all comforted. "Think of the dog," he said. Dr. Moffat laughed and said: "If your dog can crunch an ox bone, he is not going to be hurt by a bit of paper." Dr. Moffat supposed that the boy thought that the paper would hurt the dog's teeth, but that was not it.

"Oh, Papa Moffat," he cried, "I was once a bad boy. If I had an enemy I hated him, and everything in me wanted to kill him. Then I got the New Testament in my hand, and began to love everything and forgive all my enemies, and now the dog, the great big hunting dog, has got the blessed Book in him, and will begin to love lions and tigers, and let them help themselves to the sheep and oxen."

What a beautiful tribute this African boy, out of the simplicity of his heart, paid to the power of the Bible.—At Home and Abroad.

A CHAIN OF MONKEYS.

Who ever heard of a chain of monkeys? According to a writer in the August number of "Cassell's Little Folks" such a thing is not only to be heard of but to be seen. This is what he says: "A Pendulum of Monkeys, One of the strangest-looking inhabitants of the forests of the Amazons is a monkey which, from its long, lanky, spindle-legged figure, is called the Spider monkey. The animal rejoices, moreover, in the possession of a tail so useful as almost to be equal to a fifth sense. As the creature is a poor jumper, this tail is its chief means for getting about from tree to tree."

"When a company of these monkeys has to cross a wide river, they first of all look for a spot where the trees are tallest and where they stretch out farthest across the stream. A proper tree having been found, they climb to the best of the highest branches, and there form themselves into a chain by hanging on to each other's tails. The chain is, of course, free at the lower end, and when all is ready it begins to swing to and fro until it has got force enough to carry it to a tree on the opposite bank. Then the bottom monkey scuttles as fast as he can to the top and holds on tightly. The top monkey on the other bank then lets go, and the whole chain is swung across the river."—Christian Uplook.

A TWILIGHT GAME.

It had been raining all day. It was almost dark, and the children were getting dangerously tired of each other, when Miss Lambert came up into the nursery. She lighted the fire on the hearth and drew up an easy chair; then she settled back in it and looked over at Alice and smiled.

"What is it?" questioned Alice, feeling very happy all at once.

"The world is so full of a number of things, I think we should all be as happy as kings," quoted Miss Lambert.

"Tell us the rest," exclaimed Alice, eagerly.

"That's all," replied Miss Lambert, still smiling.

But the children, sure that something nice was coming, settled them-

selves, each on an arm of Miss Lambert's chair, and waited.

"Well, we'll play a game," said Miss Lambert. "I'll mention one of the things, and then commence to count them. Before I have finished Alice must mention one; and so we'll go round and round. The one who fails to think of a thing (a beautiful thing, of course) must pay a forfeit. She must learn Mr. Stevenson's 'Nest Eggs,' and recite it Sunday morning at breakfast. Now I'll begin: A road winding through the woods—one, two, three, four—"

"Red lilies growing along the road," shouted Alice; "one, two, three, four, five, six—"

"Candy—pink and white twisted sticks," said Elizabeth, solemnly.

"Count, dear," reminded Miss Lambert, for Elizabeth had forgotten present duties.

"One, two, three—"

"An old farmhouse with children inside, and an apple orchard near; one, two—"

"A nice big fire," cried Alice, stretching her feet out towards the blaze; one, two, three, four, five, six, seven—"

"Kettens," said Elizabeth, gazing lovingly at a stuffed cat lying upside down on the hearth.

"Aren't you going to count?" asked Miss Lambert.

"One, two, three—"

"A field of grass with the wind sweeping over it; one, two, three, four—"

"A stone wall," shouted Alice, "with all the things growing side of it: wild roses, hardhack, grapevines; one, two, three, four, five—"

"Babies," said Elizabeth, beginning at once to think for the next time, and forgetting to count, as usual.

"Mamas that sing softly to the babies," said Miss Lambert, following Elizabeth's lead.

"Uncles that tell stories," shouted Alice, springing into the arms of a big man who suddenly appeared in the doorway.

"Oh, Uncle Jack, you play, too!" cried both the children at once, and then such fun as followed!

Uncle Jack had to pay a forfeit because he couldn't think quickly enough, and then, after that, he thought of lots of jolly things: gulls' eggs and full-rigged ships, and big waves that dash over boats, and everything.—The Outlook.

A BUMPKIN AND A GOPHER.

"What's a gopher, Grandpa?" Cliff Scott says I'm as blind as a gopher."

Nelson threw himself down on the grass, and drew his jacket sleeve across his forehead.

Grandpa Ben leaned against the lawn-mower, and looked down into the little flushed face.

"Been running?"

"Yes, sir, I don't think I like to play with country bumpkins. They—"

"Tut, tut!" interrupted Grandpa; "don't say anything that you're going to be sorry for."

"Is a bumpkin worse than a gopher?"

"We'll go to the dictionary and see," replied Grandpa. "But, first, we'll examine some of those little hills you were telling me about, yesterday."

Nelson's face clouded.

"That's why Cliff Scott says I'm as blind as a gopher—'cause I don't know the difference between them and a hill of potatoes. Here's a big one, now!"

he cried, suddenly stooping to examine a mound of loose earth in the field they were crossing.

"And here are some more," said Grandpa. "The little gophers know where to find good grass, if they are almost blind."

"Do tell me what you mean, Grandpa Ben."

Nelson was down on his knees beside one of the little heaps of earth, as if he expected to see a gopher then and there.

"I mean that this earth was thrown up by a little creature in its search for food. The roots of the grass are what it feeds upon. This work of heaping up the earth is generally done in the night; for, as the animal is almost blind, it can work as well then as in the daytime, and without fear of detection. The little burrower has a coat of black fur, fine and silky. It has a great many relations, among them the meadow mole. Many of the New Hampshire gophers have star-shaped noses; and their tiny mouths, full of saw-like teeth, are set back, something like a hog's mouth."

"Now how should Cliff Scott suppose I'd know anything about New Hampshire gophers?" Nelson burst forth when Grandpa Ben had finished his story. "If he should come to Boston, I don't imagine he'd know the subway when he saw it. He might think it was a tunnel, but I shouldn't call him—"

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Neither should criticize the other for his lack of knowledge."

Then they went into the house, and Grandpa took his big dictionary from the table, and ran his finger down the page of B's; when it reached the word "bumpkin," he passed the book to Nelson.

"Well, grandpa," said the boy, after pondering awhile. "I think it is worse than a gopher, and I'm sorry I called Cliff Scott one."—Zion's Herald.

MISS LYDIA'S APPLES.

"It's just inside of the fence. I could get it easy as anything," said Billy, with eager eyes.

"Yes," said Jim, slowly.

"And she's got ever so many more than she wants. There's just bushels on the ground going to waste. She surely wouldn't care."

"Besides, she's a stingy old thing, or else she'd have given us some long ago. She can see that all the boys that go past every day want some just awful bad."

"But," said Billy, "they ain't ours. Guess maybe we hadn't better take it. What do you say?"

"No," said Jim, "I guess not. It would be stealing, wouldn't it?"

"Reckon it would," said Billy.

"Well, we don't want to steal," said Jim; "come along, Billy."

And the two boys ran home to dinner and left the big apple lying just inside the fence. Then Miss Lydia got up, smiling, from the other side of the apple tree, where she had been sitting.

"Bless their dear hearts," she said; "I forgot all about those boys liking apples so well. But now I can settle two questions at once."

When Billy and Jim passed on their way back to school they were greatly surprised to see Miss Lydia beckoning to them from the gate. When they came across, she said: "I want to send those apples from that tree by the fence to the Children's Home, in the city. It is pretty hard for me to stoop and gather them. Do you know of any boys who would gather them for me?"

"Why, we would, of course," said Jim and Billy; "and we'll ask the other fellows at school."

"Well, I'm glad we didn't take those apples," said Billy, as they ran away. "Just think, we'd have been stealing from orphans."

So it came about that half a dozen boys stopped at Miss Lydia's that afternoon when school was out. They entered the big gate with some trepidation, for Miss Lydia's orchard and garden were forbidden ground, and Caesar, the hired man, rigorously enforced the law against all the small boys of the town.

Miss Lydia was waiting beside the apple tree, and the boys were soon at work. They gathered the apples on the ground, and climbed the tree to get all that remained on the branches. Then they helped to pack them in the barrel. Miss Lydia selected only those without spots or bruises. When the barrel was full, there was still a great heap on the ground.

"Now, boys," said Miss Lydia, "these are for you. I thank you very much for helping me, and I'm sure the orphans will thank you, too, when they see the apples."

Then the boys set to work with merry shouts to gather their shares into baskets and Miss Lydia watched them with a happy face. She was beginning to think boys interesting.

"I'm awful glad we didn't take any without asking," said Bill, as he shifted his basket to the other hand.

"So'm I," said Jim, "and I'm awful sorry I called her stingy, 'cause she isn't at all."

"I think she's first rate," said Billy.—Christian Standard.

DOING "EVEN SO."

"Did you order the soup bone on your way to school this morning, Sam? Because it didn't come."

"Why, no mother! I forgot it."

Sam's mother looked more vexed than you might have expected; for, of course, little boys will forget sometimes, and people have to be patient with them.

But Sam was not surprised. He knew that it was not just now and then that he forgot; it was almost all the time. He forgot to open the window in the morning when he left his



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bed-room, and mother always had to attend to it; he forgot to shut the front door behind him; he forgot to wear his overshoes when it rained; he forgot to wash his hands and brush his hair for dinner; he forgot to feed the goldfish; he forgot to water the geraniums—oh, the list would be so long and you would fall asleep over it were I to tell you all the things Sam constantly forgot to do.

And he did not seem to think that it was his fault; he always said, "I forgot," as if it were a perfectly good excuse.

"I am going to give you some medicine, little boy," said the mother, "to improve your memory."

"No not out of a bottle. You'll find out about it presently."

That night, at tea, Sam's cup had no sugar in it, and he made a very wry face. "Oh, I told Hannah she might forget the sugar," said his mother. "You are used to forgettings."

"My' what a week it was; everything went wrong with Sam. There was no salt in his oat-meal, no spoon at his plate, no gown under his pillow, no fire in his bed room, no water in his pitcher, no buttons on his shirt-waist; the things that other people had been used to doing for him all went undone, and to every complaint his mother answered, smiling, "Why Sam, you ought not to mind people forgetting."

But mothers do not like to see their little boys unhappy, or even uncomfortable; so pretty soon this mother said: "Suppose we start over again. Little son, and keep the Golden Rule—'Whatever ye would that men, women and children should do to you, or for you, do you even so.'—May Flower

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If It Had Been a Bear.

Sometimes it is good to be in a position where you can turn around to your shelves and take down food that is a re-builder and life saver. A prominent grocer of Murrysville, Pa., had heard so many of his customers praising the food Grape-Nuts that he finally gave it a trial himself. He says: "For several years up to 16 months ago I was hardly fit for business from indigestion which also affected my head. My brain was dull and I could hardly keep my books."

"One day I heard one of my customers praising the food Grape-Nuts so highly that I wondered if it would fit my case, so I took a package from the shelf and said that I would use it and even if it failed I would not be much the loser."

"But before I had finished that one package such a change came over me that I thought it wonderful and by the time three packages had been eaten I had changed so you would not believe it if I told you about it. My head grew clear and my mind strong and my memory was very much improved and I was well in every respect. I can only give you a faint idea of all the good the food has done me. It is all I eat for supper nowadays and the rest of my family think as much of it as I do. Truly it is a great food and if it were not a great food it would not have done me so much good and have such a tremendous sale in my store."

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FROM OKLAHOMA.

As I see but little from the Indian Mission Conference, I have thought that a few words from this part of the field would not be unwelcome to the Advocate...

One living in the older settled portions of any of the Texas Conferences can hardly appreciate the difficulties in the way of the preachers up here. That part of the conference embraced in the Indian Territory has been made up hitherto of a floating population...

When all the ends of the earth come together, one would naturally expect to find all kinds of people; and so we have them. Among the element that is not calculated to raise the moral standard of a country, we have the Texas "pushout" who could not endure the changed conditions of the Lone Star State...

The whisky-devil, with its attendant evils, is here with both feet and seems to have a dead clinch on the country. There being not enough room in the towns for the enterprising money-getters, there is a string of these resorts of lawlessness all along the Chickasaw line...

Our District Conference was a success in all respects. Divine services were given the right of way and the business part was carried on with order and decorum. The good people of Rush Springs surely know how to entertain and Bro. G. A. Lovett, their pastor, took good care that none were neglected. The social features could not have been more pleasant. Rev. L. L. Thurston, presiding elder, was in the chair and proved as efficient in that place as he has in the other part of his work. Bro. T. is a Texas boy, only thirty-one years of age, and is serving his fourth year as presiding elder. He is the youngest, one of the most popular and some think the handsomest elder in the conference.

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charge of the Indian work at and near Ft. Sill, and several others hail from the other side of Red River. Rev. P. R. Eaglebarger, editor of our conference organ, the Western Christian Advocate, also a former Texan, was on hand and delivered an excellent sermon. One of the events of the conference was the licensing of Kicking-bird, a full-blood Kiowa Indian, to preach. He is the only one of his tribe that can read except the younger ones who are attending our school, and seems to be above the average for intelligence, and is of undoubted piety.

It takes grace and grit to carry the gospel in these parts, but, judging from the character of the men we have met in the work, they are as well equipped as regards these two essentials as any like number of men that could be gotten together. The harvest truly is great, and though conditions are sometimes discouraging, the Lord of the harvest will see that they "come rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them."

FROM CHINA.

I find that the cards which the Sunday-school children sent me, in answer to a call made through the Texas Advocate just about a year ago, are almost gone. And I have just neglected to write and tell them about it. I feel confident that they will come again to my help when I write and tell them the good that they do by saving their cards and sending them to me.

We now have two Sunday-schools in this city, both in a very flourishing condition, whereas not more than two and a half years ago we had nothing at all in that line in this dark, heathen city. In these two schools we have more than 200 scholars. One of these schools is held in our chapel which is a part of the house in which we reside. It is a large reception room which was cleaned and fitted up for a church. This school is held on Sunday morning and is composed of the boys and girls from Miss Rankin's Anglo-Chinese School (boys) and the Virginia School (girls); also the day school pupils and some outside children; that is, who are not connected with any of our schools. These little dirty, ragged, outside children are in a class taught by Mrs. Deung, who is one of our Bible women. The children are very fond of her, manifesting this fondness very much in the same way the children in America manifest their love for their teachers, by vying with one another as to who shall sit next to her. She can not teach these children very much, for they have had such little teaching of any kind in their homes. Still it is interesting to see the improvement in some of them. There are some who formerly came with dirty faces and unkempt hair, who now have clean faces and hair brushed. She tries to teach a little verse of Scripture every Sunday, from the black-board. A picture card—the cards sent by the children at home—is given to each child, and if they come regularly for a stated length of time and have their cards to show for it, a prize is given them. Last Christmas we gave out prizes to seven little boys and girls; and what kind of prizes do you suppose they were? A book? No. That is what the children at home would like, but these little things would not appreciate that very much. So we gave two of the little girls each a pair of woolen mittens, and they were as proud and happy as could be. Another little girl received a scarf for the neck, while three little boys each got a new cap, and the other one a scarf. Prizes are to be distributed again soon and several will get them.

Our other Sunday-school is in another part of the city. The superintendent is one of our helpers who is a faithful Epworth Leaguer. The teachers too are all Leaguers. Some Sundays they have more pupils than they can manage, for Chinese boys and girls are not at all different from American girls and boys, when it comes to sitting still and keeping quiet. But American children have been taught how naughty it is to play, laugh and talk in the house of God. With these children it is different, for they have not yet learned that there is a God, a true God, although they may have been told; and so how can they know about its being naughty? They do know that if they go to that "worship house" they will get a picture card, and the teacher tells them that if they want a card they must be quiet, and thus it is that quiet is gotten for a short time at least. If it were not for the picture card, they would not try to be quiet. When they are so noisy it is very difficult to teach them anything. We have an average attendance in this school of about fifty children, although sometimes there are more than double that number.

This is only a little of the good these cards are doing and will continue to do if the children will send me some more. And will not the superintendents kindly send out any cards that are left over, after all the children have been supplied? It is often the case that a few cards are left over every Sunday. Let these also be sent to me.

GOOD WORKS.

The Methodists are accused of believing in works, and rightly, too, but they don't trust in works. Good works cannot put away our sins and bring us into a state of justification, because a saved state is brought about by "grace, repentance and faith" in the Lord Jesus Christ. Good works are the evidence of the change from nature to grace. This change prepares us to do works through Christ acceptable to God, "for we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Jesus also said, "Don't put your light under a bushel," because when our light shines it shows forth in good works. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." And he went about all the time doing good. Jesus said of his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world, the salt of the earth. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Hence let your light shine. Don't hinder it, for it is the nature of the God light life to shine, for God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."—Cor. 4:6. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."—1 Cor. 15. "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor, for we are laborers together with God. The Apostle evidently defines the purpose of good works. Salvation is through human instrumentalities, and we should be such as God can use in acceptable good works in the salvation of mankind, showing the way of life and at the same time insure our own salvation. It is said that good works cannot save; and it is also said that ye cannot be saved without them. Hear the Apostle Phil. 2:12 "Wherefore my beloved, as ye have always obeyed not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you both to will and do of his own good pleasure. What does this mean but walking by the same rule till our salvation be complete? for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."—Rom. 12:11. Salvation is not complete at justification; though a person should die immediately they would be saved. But they don't all die, hence the admonition, work out or perfect your own salvation by good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Good works are the life of a Christian or a Church, and there is always a blessing in them. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me and ye shall find rest to your souls." Yoke implies labor, and it is all for Christ and his cause, and what he lacked getting everything

fixed before he left the world his apostles were empowered to do. And the Apostle Peter tells us just how to be able to do good works (2 Pet. 1:1-19). He begins with the new convert, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ. This is sufficient for present salvation, i. e., up to the date of justification. Many seem to go no further, yet claim that they can't fail. The teaching here is very close, and says, "Give all diligence, add to your faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity." If these things be in you and abound, they make you so that ye will neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Where there is barrenness and unfruitfulness (and there is much of it) it is evident that these things have not been added. Hence the consequences: he is blind and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore (from the above reasons) the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things ye shall never fall. It is evident if you don't do these things you will fall. The apostle begins with the lowest stage of Christianity, and by good works brings the Christian out at the greatest height of perfection, and at the same time shows what will be the result of the neglect of our duty. Showers of divine grace on the believer's heart are just as essential and follow good works as showers of rain are to produce good crops after we have done our part. One planting of a crop is enough, under favorable circumstances, to make a good yield. One seed of divine grace is enough, but it will no more come to maturity without showers of grace than seed will make a harvest without refreshing showers of rain on the soil. God tells us in His Word how to get all needed help to perform good works, and no one need be afraid of works, because it takes more religion to be able to do acceptable good works than many have. Hence they can't do good works for stumbling over their own shortcomings in Christian living.

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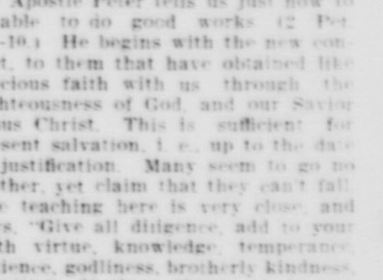
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A SORROWFUL TRAGEDY.

On Tuesday morning the Hon. R. M. Love, State Comptroller, was sitting in his office at Austin and a former employe of the department entered and engaged him in friendly conversation. Then he handed him a letter to read, and as Mr. Love was opening it the man pulled out a pistol and shot him twice near the heart. Mr. Love fell and expired in less than an hour. Some of the clerks grappled with Hill, and in the scuffle his pistol was again discharged and the ball entered his own body, causing death within a few hours. The man was evidently laboring under some aberration of mind and utterly irresponsible. Mr. Love had never had a word of unpleasantness with him. The tragedy threw the whole State into excitement, as Mr. Love was greatly esteemed by all classes of citizens. He was an efficient official, a genial associate and a devoted Christian. His death is universally deplored, and the State House is in gloom.

CORONAL INSTITUTE.

We take the following complimentary notice of Rev. Sterling Fisher and Coronal Institute from a recent issue of the Hayes County Times:

"The election of Rev. Sterling Fisher to the Presidency of Coronal Institute is approved by all who have the best interests of that institution at heart.

"Through more than sixty years of time three generations of Fishers have wrought for the moral and Christian enlightenment and intellectual advancement of Texas and it is a fitting recognition of their labors and arduous that to a descendant of the pioneer patriarch, Rev. O. Fisher, the fortunes of this school are to be entrusted.

Young and in vigorous health, of good attainments and great executive ability, with an acquaintance that reaches our utmost border, the eminent fitness of President Fisher is evident and commends the judgment of the Board of Trustees, to whom we owe his selection.

"In commending President Fisher we also commend the school over which he is called to preside as worthy the patronage of all who have children of either sex to educate.

"The healthfulness of San Marcos, its easy accessibility, the moral and Christian character of its people all make it an ideal school town, and no parent need apprehend the baleful influences that blight the characters of so many promising youths in 'wide open' towns."

A SUNDAY IN GOLIAD.

As the Advocate took some part in rallying the Church to the help of our stricken people in the city of Goliad when they were visited by the awful cyclone one year ago last May, it was but right and proper that I should be with them last Sunday on the dedication of their handsome new church structure, which now occupies the site of the one swept away by the storm. So I cheerfully accepted the invitation of the pastor, the people and the presiding elder which was extended some time ago, and last week I wended my way hither. On Thursday night I boarded the Santa Fe sleeper, and after a night of unconscious travel found myself in Rosenberg, the junction where the Southern Pacific leaves its main track and goes by way of Victoria and Goliad to Beeville. After a good lunch and a wait of two hours I again took up my journey to my destination. I had never been over that road before, and so the country was very interesting. It is a dead level stretch all the way, and the land is productive. Cotton, corn and rice are the principal products, and live stock is also an industry. The crops looked very fine indeed. Cotton is a trifle late, but that will be no disadvantage to it. I have never seen the corn looking better. All through that section the crop is practically made, and it is abundant. The country is settling up rapidly, and the people are erecting good homes. The towns are springing up all along the line, and they seem to be prosperous. Everywhere the fields were alive with busy toilers and the results are visible. Rains have been fine and the country generally is in splendid condition. Wharton is the first town of considerable size I passed. We have a new church building there and a good congregation. Rev. W. B. Phillips is the pastor. That county is in the throes of a heated local option contest, and our side is very hopeful. Then comes Victoria, which is the largest town on that road. It has good railway facilities, and it shows off well from the depots. It has a population of several thousand, and it is an old community. The railroads have put new life into it. We have had a Church there for a great many years, and I met the pastor, Rev. A. L. Scarborough, for a few minutes at the train. He was in the midst of a bi-centennial service. A run of twenty-five miles further and I was in Goliad, the most historic town in Texas. The session of the District Conference was in progress with Rev. J. F. Webb, the presiding elder, in the chair. As the day was far spent I did not report at the church, but went to the home assigned me for a little rest. A four-hundred-mile trip is a little bit tiresome. My home was with Brother and Sister W. B. Campbell, and a more delightful household is hard to find. They are prosperous in this world's goods, live in an ideal dwelling, and they keep open house to all preachers. And, better than all, they are thoroughly religious and deeply devoted to the Church. They left nothing undone to make my stay with them the most enjoyable possible. Such is their hospitality that they are known all over that country as a family whose home is as free as the water to the tired itinerant. I shall not soon forget them. In fact, I felt that I knew them as soon as I entered the house, for they are readers of the Advocate. At night we went to the service and heard a good sermon by Rev. Sterling Fisher. The next day we put in with the brethren in the District Conference. It was well represented from all over the district, both by preachers and laymen. The Epworth League people and the good women were also in attendance, and had part in the conference. Bro. Webb is a live presiding elder and kept the proceedings very interesting from the beginning to the close. At 11 o'clock Rev. J. E. Beck preached a clear evangelical sermon. During the noon recess I had the pleasure of dining with the good family of Bro. Clark Denton. I knew some of them before, and it was a pleasure to meet them again. They are excellent people, fond of the Church and give all a welcome to their home. In the after-

noon I was permitted to represent the Advocate, and they gave me a patient hearing. The Beeville District is one of the banner districts in Texas in its support of the paper, and of course I felt very much at home with them. At night Rev. J. W. Long preached a thoughtful and a helpful sermon, and with it the District Conference was practically brought to a close. The reports showed the district to be in good condition, and the improved crop outlook is inspiring the business prospect of the work with much hope. Good meetings have been held in most of the charges, and the spiritual phase of the work is encouraging. There is within the bounds of the district a large section of territory, including Brownsville, where but little is yet being done to build up our work. Many of the people are Mexicans, living on the land owned by a few men who reside in the towns. To cultivate this section will require much missionary money. Until all that country is settled up more thickly, however, with American people we cannot hope to accomplish more than is now in progress. But it is a fine country and ought to support a good population. Bro. Webb and his co-workers are doing their best to build up Methodism and to extend it wherever it is possible. Rev. Sterling Fisher, of the San Marcos District, and also President of Coronal Institute, was a visitor, and represented the school before the conference. He is very hopeful of a fine opening. The people are building him a dormitory for boys, and Rev. W. M. Crutcheff, of San Antonio, will have charge of it, and he will also have a chair in the institute. He is a Vanderbilt man and well equipped for this new position.

On Sunday morning there was a fine love feast, which was followed by the dedicatory services. Rev. H. B. Passmore and his people have built one of the handsomest little brick churches that I have yet seen. The architecture is unique and well-nigh perfect. It will seat 300 people comfortably, but 100 more were crowded into it Sunday morning. It is elegantly furnished and tastefully finished. I do not know that I could have suggested any improvement. It has cost, with all its belongings, \$1000 or \$5000, and it is a thing of beauty—a credit to Methodism. Much of the money was sent in from the outside, and the rest the people contributed themselves. The storm fearfully depleted their numbers, but the remnant rallied and made sacrifices for their place of worship. Now they have a house in which they feel a great joy. Next week we hope to publish a cut of it, so that the people who helped to build it may see the result of their contributions. All the places of worship gave way and joined our people in the dedication. There were many Catholics who worshipped with us both night and morning. Every available inch of space was packed. I preached to them as the Spirit aided me, and better attention I have never had in presenting the claims of the Savior. The music was very good indeed and in every way appropriate. It was a really spiritual service. I was assisted by Rev. J. F. Webb, Rev. H. B. Passmore, Rev. I. K. Walker and Rev. L. G. Watkins. After the sermon we dedicated the splendid structure to the worship of God according to the form laid down in our Book of Discipline. It was a solemn service, and left a deep impression upon all present. To Bro. Passmore it was an eventful occasion. In the storm he and his family suffered greatly in personal injury and in the destruction of their all; but their lives were spared, and they set themselves at once to the task of rebuilding the walls of Zion. Their people came manfully to the help of the work, and our Methodism throughout the State did not forget them; and there stands an ideal house of worship, all paid for, and its glory far surpasses the glory of the one destroyed by the storm. No wonder that they rejoiced to take part in its dedication to God. At the afternoon service Rev. M. K. Fred preached a good sermon to a large congregation. At night the house was again packed, and I preached to them again.

After the sermon Bro. Webb administered the Lord's Supper, and we had a deeply spiritual time. Thus ended one of the most eventful days religiously for our Methodism in Goliad.

During my stay I went over the track of the storm. It is still marked and very perceptible. But few houses have been replaced. The most of those who survived and rebuilt went to other sections of the town. So that the old path of about two blocks running through that part of the city looks like a desolate waste. Little heaps of stone only remain to tell where the homes once stood. The whole section is swept clean. In the path of its fury there lived about 200 people, black and white. Some forty of them were either away from the city or visiting in other parts of it that afternoon. Of the rest, 121 were killed, and more than thirty of those left alive were badly injured. And the principal families destroyed were Methodists. Such was the result of that fearful Sunday afternoon on the 18th of May, 1902! Had the storm swept through the center of the city instead of its edge there would have hardly been enough left alive to tell the tale. But the people have recovered and taken heart again, and Goliad is really a prosperous community. It has about 2000 people, a magnificent courthouse and a square of good business houses. In its streets and along its highways are large live oaks, giving to it an air of comfort and repose. Just near the square is a park, and in the center of it is a splendid marble monument erected to the memory of Fannin's brave men who were slaughtered in the long ago by the order of Santa Anna, the cruel Mexican General. But we speak of that tragic event in another place. Monday I dined with the family of Bro. Passmore, took the train at noon, and started back to Dallas. At Wharton Rev. S. W. Thomas, pastor of Washington Street, Houston, came into the train, and we had good counsel along the way. At Rosenberg we met for a few minutes Rev. J. L. Murray, our pastor at that point. At Houston I supped with Bro. Thomas and his wife in their excellent parsonage home. It stands in the church yard, and is very complete and comfortable. He told me that his people were contemplating needed improvements at an early day on their house of worship. At 9:30 I took the Texas Central, and after a night of pleasant travel, found myself at home and hard at work by 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. G. C. R.

THE SCENE OF THE GOLIAD TRAGEDY.

During my recent visit to Goliad I visited the old Mission settlement about two miles south of the river, where Fannin and his brave men were butchered in cold blood by the order of Santa Anna in violation of a solemn agreement entered into by both parties at the time of the surrender. The Mission is located in the midst of an old Mexican settlement long known by the name of La Bahia. The original purpose of the Mission, which was established by Franciscan monks for the Christianizing of the Indians long before the white man was known in those parts, still stands in a moderately good state of preservation. After it was first erected of stone, then a great stone wall was built round it, including perhaps two or three acres, and this, together with the old Mission, constituted a fort for the protection of the inmates against Indian uprisings. The walls of the Mission make a part of the fortification. It was within these walls that Fannin and his men were imprisoned after their surrender. And it was from this old gloomy place that they were marched out in three divisions, one down the Bexar road, another the Corpus Christi road, and the third toward the lower ford, to be slaughtered. When a quarter or a half a mile from the fort the Mexican guards who had charge of them began to fire into them, and kept up the firing for more than an hour, until the slaughter was complete. The brave fellows never dreamed of such an experience until they heard the click of the musket locks preparatory to the

firing. Only a very few escaped to tell the tale. Col. Fannin was sick and unable to leave his room, but he was dragged out on the inside of the fort and shot to death. He only made two requests, and that was, they would not shoot him in the head, and that they would give him a decent interment. Neither one of these requests was heeded. He was shot through the head and then drawn out to where a bunch of his dead comrades were lying, and flung into a common ditch with the rest of them. I went through the old Mission. It is an oblong stone structure with two small rooms on either side of the entrance. Similar rooms are at the further end also. The chapel room is narrow and rather artistically arched overhead. It looks more like a railway tunnel than a chapel. At either end are two towers some fifty feet high. From these it is said cannon were originally mounted, and such was the case on other portions of the walls of the inclosure. About half way one of the walls is an old dilapidated stone room. It was in this that Fannin was confined and from it he was taken and made to stand against the inside wall of the fort while he was shot to death. I thought if those old walls could speak what fearful words they would utter. I stood on the top of one of the towers and looked in the direction those helpless fellows were marched on that fateful day and I could almost see their forms moving to death, and I could almost hear their cries as the hot lead was being mercilessly pumped into their flesh. It made the cold creeps pass over me as I called up those bloody scenes and thought of the torture and death of those who died that this country might be freed from the reign of such blood-thirsty race of men. The chapel is still used occasionally for divine services. All round the altar there were crude decorations the morning I was there. A Mexican woman had charge of it, and she sat silently as we passed through it. It is a gruesome place for worship. It deserves the curse of God rather than his worship. And it does have a deserted, desolate and woe-begone appearance as it stands there to remind us of the bloodiest crime ever perpetrated upon humanity. Its walls are beginning to crumble, and no repairs are being made. It is weather-beaten and forbidding, a sort of a gloomy old prison more than a sanctuary of worship. It is fit for nothing only as a place of chilly history. It is strange that the State has not bought it and made it a place like the Alamo. But it is still in the hands of the Catholic Church. As a State we are lacking in this sort of sentiment. The San Jacinto battlefield is used as a sort of commons over which the herds are browsing. And we are suffering this old Mission at Goliad to fall into ruins. One of these days it will be an indiscriminate pile of rocks. It is said that the place where Fannin surrendered about eight miles from Goliad is an old common. Within the dirt fortification there is the screw of an old cotton gin stuck in the ground, and that is the only monument on the spot to mark the place where heroism recorded its grandeur. Our practical money-making age has no respect for heroic places and historic scenes—if we are to judge from the above reflections. G. C. R.

In another place we give a compilation of Texas prohibition counties, gotten up by the Fort Worth Register. It contains very interesting facts, but it is necessarily incomplete, as several counties have recently gone dry, not included in the Register's list of dry counties. But the compilation contains very encouraging news and we reproduce it for the benefit of our cause.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. J. W. Stovall was in the city recently and made the Advocate a pleasant visit. His work is doing well at Bastrop.

Rev. S. O. Thomas, of the Greenville District, brightened up our sanctum with his friendly and brotherly presence recently. He is in the midst of a hot local option campaign in Hunt

County. We lost it carrying it because of a technical point of law was made. But they will give it to us next time.

Rev. E. R. Edwards ped in to see us last evening for a great charge, and we had with him next Sunday.

Sister Simons, of old Advocate reed Logan & Stern for subscription to The Advocate. She has had the paper this day.

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Rev. E. R. Edwards, of Cooper, dropped in to see us last week. He is preparing for a great tent meeting in his charge, and we have promised to be with him next Sunday.

Sister Simons, of Goliad, holds an old Advocate receipt given in 1852 by Logan & Stern for \$3 for one year's subscription to The Texian Advocate. She has had the paper in her home to this day.

Rev. J. R. Nelson, of Austin Avenue Church, Waco, did not forget us last week while in the city attending the meeting of the Board of Curators. He made us a delightful visit. So did Rev. W. L. Nelms and Dr. R. S. Hyer.

On Wednesday, the 17th of June, Rev. C. F. Smith, presiding elder of the Brenham District, and Miss Agnes Chrismon, of Brookhaven, Miss., were married. The Advocate sends congratulations to both parties and wishes them a happy union.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Woodruff, the daughter of Judge Cockrell, of Abilene, and also sister to Hon. Joseph Cockrell, in this city. Mrs. Woodruff died in Dallas the past week and her remains were taken back to Abilene for interment.

Miss Etta Johnson, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Johnson, of Orange, died recently in Texarkana. Bro. Johnson is our pastor at Orange, and this affliction falls heavily upon him and his family. We pray that grace may be given them in the hour of their trial.

Brother C. S. Daniel, a prosperous farmer and member of our Church on the Cochran and Caruth charge, was a pleasant visitor at the Advocate office this week. Bro. Daniel was delighted at seeing the typesetting machinery and will take more interest than ever before in reading his Advocate.

We are in receipt of a pamphlet entitled, "An Exposition of the Sixth Chapter of Romans," which is an address delivered by Rev. S. W. Turner before the post-graduate class at our late Summer Institute of Theology. The booklet is worthy of a close reading, as Bro. Turner is one of our most logical and thoughtful preachers.

We notice in the public prints that Miss Merle Bowen, who has been East some time studying the Art of Expression, is winning a high position in some of the Chautauquas. She is now taking a leading place on the program of the Connecticut Valley Chautauqua Assembly. Miss Bowen is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Bowen, who are well known to the Advocate readers.

In a private note from Rev. J. W. Coker, of Oklahoma, we learn of the death of his venerable father, Rev. M. O. Coker, of Comanche, Texas. He passed away June 12 at the advanced age of eighty-three. Bro. Coker was one of the most widely known and best loved local preachers in West Texas, and he was a reader of the Advocate since 1855. He made an excellent record in the Master's service and his end was one of triumphant peace and joy.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES.

The Cumberland Presbyterians gave \$100,000 to missions last year.

Wesleyan Female College has at last secured a president. He is Hon. Du Pont Guerry.

Bishop Morrison will begin his western tour in August, and will be accompanied by his wife.

The Convention of Baptist Young People's Union will be held this year in Atlanta, Ga., July 9-11.

Bishops Hoss and Goodsell were the chief speakers at the Wesley Bicentenary celebrations at Knoxville, Tenn.

Emory and Henry College has conferred upon Rev. W. F. McMurry, pastor of Centenary Church, St. Louis, the honorary title of Doctor in Divinity.

Bishop Key attended the District Conference at Brandon, Miss., and delivered the Wesley Memorial address on Sunday, June 28.

The Christian Endeavor World has a circulation of 90,000 among thirty-

two denominations, while the Epworth Herald in thirteen years in one denomination has run its subscription list up to 120,000.

The Joint Commission of the two Methodisms, with Bishop Duncan as chairman, will convene at Ocean Grove, N. J., July 7, 1903.

Dr. James Chapman, of the English Wesleyan Church, has been invited to deliver the Cole lectures at Vanderbilt University in 1904.

Cardinal Henry Vaughan, archbishop of Westminster and head of the Roman Catholic Church in England, died last week at the age of seventy-one.

The English Baptist Union has taken decided steps toward putting an end to the flaunting by its clergy of degrees from cheap American institutions of learning.

The usefulness of a preacher is not to be gauged by the frequency of the appearance of his name in print. The most useful men never run to the newspaper office.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

Bishop Joseph A. Beebe, D. D., of the C. M. E. Church, died in Washington, N. C., June 6, aged seventy years. According to the Index, the official organ of the Church, he was a man of means, some time since reported to be worth fifty thousand dollars.

FROM DR. GEORGE B. STEVENS.

I thank you sincerely for sending me a recent copy of the Advocate in which you comment editorially upon the Theological Institute held at Georgetown. I am grateful to you for your kind expressions regarding my lectures there. I shall be more than content if my efforts shall prove of value to those who heard them.

As I look back on my experience in Texas, it is a very pleasant memory. I met only courtesy and kindness on every hand and I shall never forget the Christian cordiality of the brethren whom I met. I am glad to have found the Methodist Church, South, such a vigorous and aggressive power for Christ. May God's blessing richly attend its work. I beg to remain, dear sir, with cordial regard, yours very truly,

GEORGE B. STEVENS, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ASSEMBLY.

Seashore Camp Ground, Near Biloxi, Mississippi, July 22 to August 2.

After an informal meeting on Wednesday evening, July 22, the Assembly will begin its regular work at 8.30 a. m. on Thursday, July 23. It will cover nine working days and two Sundays. Each working day will be divided into five periods; four of these will be each forty-five minutes, and one will be thirty minutes—three and a half hours of work for each day. Lectures on historical and devotional Bible study, methods of League work and organization, Christian sociology, foreign and home missions, etc., will be delivered during these hours. President Carter, of Centenary College; Prof. Carter, of Vanderbilt; Dr. E. B. Chapelle, of Nashville; Dr. Dulbosc, our General Secretary; Dr. Lambuth, our Senior Missionary Secretary, and other masters and some mistresses of Christian history and methods and interpretation, will give us the best of their brains and hearts. Methods of personal work by consecrated and skilled personal workers will be taught; lectures on high themes—literary, religious and popular—will be delivered in the evenings by Drs. Steel, Chapelle, Watkins, Dulbosc, Lambuth, LaPrade and Boggs. There will be sermons on the Sundays by Drs. Lambuth and Dulbosc.

The Seashore Camp Ground is located on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, fronting on the Gulf of Mexico, seventy-eight miles from New Orleans and sixty-two miles from Mobile, and is one of the most beautiful places on the Gulf Coast. Special rates by railroads will be offered and reasonable board can be had at the restaurants and boarding houses on the grounds.

For information concerning board, etc., address Rev. J. L. Jordan, Biloxi, Miss. For other information address H. Walter Featherstun, D. D., President, Hattiesburg, Miss.

San Marcos District.

The pastors and delegates of the San Marcos District that expect to attend the District Epworth League, which convenes at Waelder, Texas, July 28, 1903, will please notify me at once, so the committee can make arrangements for their entertainment while in attendance.

J. C. RUSSELL, P. C.

Gleanings from the Exchanges

TUSKEGEE TRAINING.

Cumberland Presbyterian: When diplomas and certificates were presented to over a hundred students at the close of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute May 28, Principal Book T. Washington said: "Of all the men and women who have gone forth with the diploma or certificate of this institution, after diligent investigation I cannot find a dozen who are in idleness. They are busy in school room, field, shop, home, or Church. They are busy because they have placed themselves in demand by learning to do that which the world wants done in this generation. They are occupied, for an additional reason, because they have learned the disgrace of idleness and the sweetness of labor. One of the greatest embarrassments that confronts our school at the present time is our inability to supply any large proportion of the demands that are constantly coming to us from the people of both races, North and South, for the services of men and women who have been trained at the Tuskegee Institute."

ASBURY AND McKENDREE.

Central Advocate: We are told that Bishops Asbury and McKendree during the first year of McKendree's episcopate, generally rode together, in order that the senior might introduce the junior member of the episcopacy to the respective conferences, as also to the people in every part of their extended diocese. In reference to their travels together, Mr. Asbury remarked on one occasion: "My flesh sinks under labor. We are riding in a poor thirty-dollar chaise in partnership, two Bishops of us, but it must be confessed it tallies well with the weight of our purses! What Bishops! Well—but we have great news, and we have great times, and each Western, Southern and Virginia Conference will have one thousand souls truly converted to God. Is this not an equivalent for a light purse? And are we not well paid for starving and toll? Yes, glory to God!" That the purses of these Bishops were "light" may be inferred from the fact that their salary was \$80 a year and their traveling expenses \$11, or less than 30 cents a day.

HOPE ON.

Selected: Peter Cooper, who founded the Cooper Institute in New York City, had a hard struggle. As a boy his health was of the frailest. He went to school but one year in his life, and during that year he could go only every other day. But when he was eight years of age he was earning his living by pulling hair from the skins of rabbits his father shot, to make hair pulp. He had not "half a chance." It seemed almost literally true that he had no chance at all. He went to New York when he was seventeen years old. He walked the streets for days before he got a place, and then apprenticed himself to a carriage-maker for his board and two dollars a month. He had neither time nor money for what the world called pleasure, but he had the pleasure of hope. While he was working for fifty cents a week he said to himself: "If I get rich, I will build a place where the poor boys and girls of New York may get an education free." And so he did.

William Hunt, the painter, used to say: "Don't talk of what you want to do; do it."

FUNNY THINGS ABOUT FROGS.

Woman's Home Companion: The frog's skin is so important as a breathing apparatus that the creature would die at once of suffocation if the pores were closed by a coat of sticky varnish, by dust, or in any other way. Speaking of his breathing, you will notice that his sides do not heave, as ours do at each breath we take. A frog has no ribs, and can not inhale and exhale as we do, but is obliged to swallow his air in gulps, and if you will watch this little fellow's throat, you will see it continually moving in and out as one gulp follows another. In order to swallow his mouth must be closed; just try to swallow with your mouth wide open, and you will see what I mean. A frog, then, always breathes through his nose, and if you should hold his mouth open, he would suffocate as surely as though you gave his skin a coat of varnish. "Mr. Frog" has an enormous mouth for his size, and if we were to put a finger inside it, we would find that he has a row of teeth in the upper jaw, and that his soft white tongue, unlike our own, is attached in front and is free behind. When he wishes to catch an insect he throws out the free end of the tongue, then draws it in so rapidly that it is difficult to see whether he has been successful or not. As the tongue is

coated with a gummy fluid, the insect sticks to it, and is carried back into the mouth, which closes upon it like the door of a tomb. Frogs, however, are not limited to one mode of feeding; they often leap openmouthed upon larger prey, which includes, besides insects, small fish, mice, small ducks, lings, polliwogs and tiny frogs.

APPLAUDED HIS OWN SPEECH.

Epworth Herald: According to the chroniclers, Senator Smoot of Utah is not a Daniel Webster when it comes to oratory. He was assigned by his Republican Central Committee, therefore, to deliver his maiden effort before the foreigners in a southern Utah village. His advent had been widely heralded, and the hall in which the meeting was to be held was crowded with Swedish farmers when Mr. Smoot turned on his eloquence.

The applause was not all that he had expected. Only one person, an old man in the front row, seemed exceptionally interested. He applauded wildly, laughed at all the speaker's jokes, and manifested every sign of excited appreciation.

After Mr. Smoot had finished, his enthusiastic auditor arose to speak. Feeling grateful, the senator determined to show his appreciation in like manner. The old man's remark were entirely in Swedish, which was to Mr. Smoot, denser than Greek; but, not to be outdone, Mr. Smoot followed the inflections of the speaker's voice, and whenever he thought a climax was reached led the applause wildly.

"I cheered and stamped on the floor in a most undignified manner," said Mr. Smoot, in relating the story, "and I was at a loss to understand the curious looks centered upon me. Finally a man sitting behind leaned forward and inquired if I understood the speaker."

"Not a word, I confessed, but it's a good speech, isn't it?"

"Well," he replied, 'you may be interested to know that he's translating your speech. None of these people understand English.'"

JOHN WESLEY'S LABORS.

Northwestern Advocate:

John Wesley was born June 17, 1703. He died March 2, 1791. For more than fifty years of the period between these two dates, Mr. Wesley preached from fifteen to twenty sermons a week, mostly in the open air, and during his lifetime preached not less than forty-two thousand four hundred sermons, besides delivering a vast number of exhortations and addresses. To preach as many sermons as did he, the minister who in this day feels that he has performed his full duty if he preaches two sermons on Sunday must live and preach regularly four hundred and twenty-four years. Mr. Wesley seldom preached less than two sermons a day and frequently five. In addition to these labors he wrote and published grammars of the Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French and English languages; was for many years editor of the Arminian Magazine; wrote, abridged and revised the Christian library of fifty volumes; abridged "Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History" in four volumes; abridged a four-volume "History of England;" compiled a five-volume "Compendium of Natural Philosophy;" wrote and published a commentary in four large volumes on the Bible; compiled a complete dictionary of the English language; compiled a history of Rome; prepared and published three medical works for the common people; compiled and published six volumes of Church music, and published in connection with his brother Charles not less than forty volumes of poetry, all of which he edited and much of which he wrote. Wesley's works, including translations and abridgments, amounted to more than two hundred volumes.

In the prosecution of his work Mr. Wesley traveled nearly three hundred thousand miles in a carriage, on horseback or on foot. How extensive his travels were for his day can be appreciated when one thinks of attempting to ride around the globe on horseback twelve times.

The Peacock Drummer.

The Drummer is the name of a monthly paper written by the cadets of Peacock's School for Boys, West End, San Antonio, Texas. It is not only a little work of art, but it is brimful of pithy paragraphs about the school, at the same time it furnishes a means of escape for an ebullient school boy wit and enthusiasm.

The faculty is composed of college men and women, four of whom are graduates of military schools. The beautiful photographs of the buildings and the West End Lake, which is controlled by the school, commend it to the anxious father and mother who has a boy to educate.

It is better to give evidence of salvation than to be able to understand it.—Ran's Horn.

Rheumatism

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A PLEA TO ALL TEXANS FOR THE ALAMO.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas is a chartered society composed of the descendants of the early pioneers and heroes of the Republic of Texas. The society has among its objects the fostering of the study of Texas history, the erection of monuments to the memory of the early fathers and statesmen and the preservation of relics and landmarks relating to the early days.

De Zavala Chapter is trying to save the old Mission del Alamo. The State already owns a small part, but the value of what it owns will be impaired if the plan contemplated by Eastern capitalists be carried out—that of purchasing the remainder of the old Mission, buying the surrounding property and including the Alamo as it were, using the sacred spot where the blood of our Texas heroes was shed as an advertisement of a commercial scheme. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas need the cooperation of every true Texan and lover of liberty in the effort to save this sacred antiquity—the Alamo.

It is the desire of the Daughters to buy the remainder of this building, and its surroundings—sacred to the hearts of all Texans restore it and make it a worthy and artistic monument to the memory of those dauntless hero-martyrs who fell inside its walls.

They propose to convert this Thermopylae of the New World into a Texas Hall of Fame—where every hero and all great Texans shall be remembered—to make of it a museum of Texas history, art, literature and relics—where shall be gathered all matter interesting and instructive pertaining to Texas or her people—a noble monument of which all Texans shall be proud and to which they may point in refutation of the old adage, "Republics are ungrateful." Let each Texan or citizen "Remember the Alamo" and enter his name on the lists to be kept as a perpetual record of "Those who Saved the Alamo."

One dollar only is asked from every loyal Texan or citizen of the State to accomplish this end so that each may have his name inscribed on the roll of those seeking to perpetuate the Spartan deeds of the early Texans.

All contributions are to be sent to Miss Clara Driscoll, Chairman, Alamo Mission Fund, De Zavala Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, P. O. Box 1921, San Antonio, Texas, or to this paper in whose columns will appear once a week, every Thursday, a list of the names of the past month's contributors in this locality.

Trusting that all will respond to this appeal and assist in accomplishing one of the noblest patriotic schemes ever undertaken—a scheme that should if such fulfillment will reflect honor and glory on the State and nation, in the hope of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

MARRIAGES.

Gattis-Hutton—At the parsonage in Rising Star, Texas, June 21, 1903, Mr. Geo. H. Gattis and Miss Ida Hutton, Rev. J. H. Chambliss officiating.

Low-Sanderson—Near San Saba, Texas, June 23, 1903, Mr. D. M. Low, of Hope, N. M., and Miss Clara Sanderson, Rev. T. F. Dimmitt officiating.

Johnson-Parr—At Willow Point, Texas, June 21, 1903, Prof. A. P. Johnson and Miss Lura A. Parr, daughter of Rev. J. B. Parr, Rev. P. W. Byrd officiating.

Parker-Wilson—At the Methodist Church, Belton, Texas, June 19, 1903, Mr. G. A. F. Parker, of Hornland, Texas, and Miss Mary Louise Wilson, of Belton, Rev. H. A. Bourland officiating.

Parker-Robbins—At the home of the bride's parents, Austin, Texas, June 2, 1903, Mr. Edgar Parker and Miss Johnnie Bell Robbins, both of Austin, Texas, Rev. D. K. Porter officiating.

The British Government has refused to recognize the new King of Serbia.

Jesse H. H. H. H. H. High Class Pianos. 280 ELM STREET, DALLAS.

The Sunday-School Department

Third Quarter, Lesson 2, July 12.

SAUL, CHOSEN KING. I Sam. 10:17-27.

Golden Text: "The Lord is our King; he will save us." Isa. 33:22.

Topical Outline: I. The People Ad-dressed (Verses 17-19.) II. The Choice Made (Verses 20-27.)

Time: Not a great while after the events of our last lesson, though the chronology of the Oxford Bible throws the date forward to 1095 B. C., or twenty-five years later.

Place: Mizpeh, four or five miles northeast of Jerusalem.

In the Sunday-school Magazine, Dr. Paul Whitehead gives us the following doctrinal points on the lesson:

Though God discerned the real motive for seeking a King to be the rejection of himself as their Ruler, he directed Samuel to hearken to the people and comply with their request. And he providentially directed the selection of the King.

The narrative of the choice made and the circumstances of Saul's coming into public notice is interesting in a high degree. The natural qualifications of Saul were great. He was "a King among men" in intellect, courage, and leadership as much as in the physical height, strength, and beauty which struck the eye. He began his reign with every help and advantage which the prophet and God's blessing could confer. It was an honest and fair start which the new order of things received from Samuel. By the divine order he had warned the people of the "manner of King" into which an absolute monarchy in the East would inevitably degenerate; but he did all that could be done to prevent this being speedily realized. The selection of Saul was the best thing to do then; and if that unhappy monarch came to a ruinous end, it was by his own fault and despite Samuel's endeavors to prevent the faroseen catastrophe. Indeed, he took Saul's failure so much to heart that God had to rouse him by a special communication from his gloomy dependency (See chapter 16:1 and 15-35).

At first Saul's simplicity of character and humility are very attractive. And when he feels the divine anointing and girds himself for the deliverance of God's people from their health-enemies, he is a veritable hero. As yet the weaknesses of his character do not come out. The headstrong self-will, the jealous bitterness, the cruel, bloody, truculent trait which sought David's life and murdered the priests of the Lord at Nob—all these are out of sight as yet. Comely in person, magnificent in carriage, valiant and irresistible in battle, he wears most worthily the title of "the Lord's anointed." Alas that such "fine gold" could be "dimmed."

"Put not your trust in princes." Rely not on the Son of man, "whose breath is in his nostrils."

The Epworth League Department

[All communications intended for this department and exchanges with articles to be commented upon, should be sent to G. W. Thomason, Van Alstyne, Texas.]

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[Advance Lesson from Epworth Era.] Topic for July 12: "What the Holy Spirit can do for me."—John 15:26-27. Reference Word: "Comforter."—Ezek. 4:1; John 14:16; 15:26.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday—Need of Healing, Isa. 1:2-10. Monday—Out of the Heart, Matt. 15:19-20. Tuesday—Source of Strength, Eph. 3:11-21. Wednesday—How to Have the Comforter, John 14:15-27. Thursday—Fruits of the Spirit, Gal. 5:16-25. Friday—The Abiding Presence, John 15:1-10. Saturday—The Topic, John 16:5-15.

Jesus turned sorrow at his going away into joy at the coming of the Holy Ghost. The descent of the Spirit was conditioned upon the ascent of the Master. In a world of sadness the title "Comforter" is a most beautiful designation of the Holy Ghost.

The Mission of the Comforter.

1. He saves the world from spiritual night (Titus 2:11.) This is preventive grace. It runs ahead, points out the right way, urges us to take it, and offers to lead us therein. This is natural conscience the writing of the law on the heart. (Rom. 2:14, 15.)

2. He creates in man all the spiritual forces that make for salvation. (1) Conviction. The Holy Spirit arouses conscience, startles the soul out of its deadly sleep, makes one sensible of his lost condition, and compels him to see his sins of heart and life, especially that great sin of rejecting Christ and neglecting salvation.

(2) Regeneration. After conviction, the new birth (John 3:3.) Man can not change his sinful nature. There are self-made men and women, but no self-made perfection. The Holy Spirit extracts the root of sin. He cleanses the heart.

(3) Sanctification. After regeneration, growth. The Holy Spirit creates the new life, makes the life develop, and finally completes it. (Eph. 4:13.) There are theories as to the process of sanctification, whether it be gradual or instantaneous; let there be none as to the necessity and possibility of this transcendent consummation of faith.

(4) Assurance. If we belong to Christ's family, we have a right to know it. An unconsciousness or semi-consciousness of acceptance with God is hurtful, if not fatal, to religious peace. Not "I think, hope, believe," but "I know I am saved." (Rom. 8:14-16.)

3. He teaches, guides, and leads the individual and the Church.

(1) In the appropriation of religious truth. He quickens memory, illumines the understanding, inspires the highest thoughts and enlarges our conceptions of Christ and duty.

(2) In the preaching of the gospel. The object of preaching is to prepare the way for Christ. The Holy Spirit is the universal John the Baptist. He goes before the preacher, opens the sinner's heart and points to Jesus.

(3) In missionary movements. He said to the Church at Antioch: "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work wherunto I have called them." (Acts 13:2.)

(4) In holy experience, living, and practice. He assists in religious duties and helps to bring forth fruit. (Gal. 5:22.)

Conditions of Having the Comforter.

Opening the heart to him. Hating and turning away from sin. Accepting Jesus, whom he points out.

Choosing him as teacher and guide. Obeying his commandments. Working with him for our salvation. Following his leadership in evangelizing the world.

Abiding in him, and he in us.

What the Comforter is to Me.

He takes away my alarm as a sinner, and gives me a joyful sense of reconciliation with God.

He announces to me pardon, and bears witness with my spirit that I am a child of God.

He rocks the cradle of my disappointment and affliction, and in the night of grief sings to me sweet songs of hope.

He fills me with holy longings, and makes me ashamed to rest in conversion, but thrills me to use the attainments of one day as wings to bear me to the next. (Phil. 3:13, 14.)

He makes me to hunger and thirst after righteousness, and feeds me not on the moldy bread of past experience, but on the newly prepared feasts of his constant presence.

He lifts me out of the valley of uncertainty and stands me upon the Pisgah of assurance, achievement, and joy.

He makes me strong to resist, and gives me victory over the enemies of my soul.

When my body dissolves in death, if I am faithful to the end, he will transport me to the mansions of bliss.

Bible Reading on the Holy Ghost.

A living personality. (Acts 3:2; Rom. 8:26; 1 Cor. 12:11.)

A divine person. (Acts 5:3, 4; 1 Cor. 12:18; 1 Cor. 12:17.)

Possesses the attributes of God. (Gen. 1:2; Ps. 89:7; John 16:13.)

May be blasphemed. (Matt. 12:31; Mark 3:29; Luke 12:10.)

Testifies of Christ. (John 15:26; 1 John 5:5.)

Author of the new life. (John 3:5; Rom. 8:15; Titus 3:5.)

Source of spiritual power. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8.)

Inspirer to holy living. (Rom. 8:16; John 16:8, 11; 1 John 2:20.)

A leader and guide. (John 14:26; 16:13, 14; Rom. 8:14.)

Comforter in life's troubles. (John 14:16; 16:7; Rom. 8:15.)

Reflections.

Our ears should always be sensitive to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit.

Following the Holy Spirit to-day, it becomes easier to follow him to-morrow.

No earthly fountain can cleanse from

sin. The Holy Spirit brings Christ and the heart together, and the marvelous work of regeneration is done.

Church organization cannot take the place of the Holy Spirit. He is the only source of spiritual power and religious achievement.

A babe in Christ, taught of God, knows more of salvation than a university graduate mad through much learning.

If the witness of the Holy Spirit accords with the witness of your own spirit, the joint testimony is proof positive that you are a child of God.

NOTES.

Miss Gervis Fulton, President Sherman District League Conference, recently organized a Chapter at Pottsville with about thirty members.

David Peel, President San Marcos District Conference, writes that his district will hold its annual session at Waunder, July 28-30.

The "Heart Talks" were missed from the Epworth Era of June 18.

President D. A. Gregg, of San Angelo District, is putting new life into the Leagues under his care.

Will some one report the Galveston session of the Texas Conference?

Miss Gussie B. Tooke, for several years the efficient Secretary of the State League of Louisiana, was married on June 17 to Mr. A. S. Hill, of Lake Providence, La.

It is generally observed that the Epworth Era is much improved of late. It ought to be read by the 300,000 Leaguers of Southern Methodism.

We would like some information as to the organization an object of the "Epworth Guards," of which Mr. Walter Neal is "Commandant," and which he desires to establish in Texas.

Dr. Rankin lectured in Van Alstyne the night of June 23 on his trip to Europe. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and a neat little sum was realized.

A. J. Culwell, at whose home fifty-eight years ago was organized the first Methodist Church in all North Texas, died ten miles west of Van Alstyne Tuesday, June 22. "Uncle Andy," as he was familiarly called, was in the 97th year of his age, and could entertain his friends by the hour, telling of camp-meetings held on the circuit (which originally embraced all of Collins, Denton, Grayson, Fannin and Lamar Counties) when every man carried his gun to church, and while one stood sentinel the others worshipped.

The Tennessee Conference League at its recent session levied an assessment of 5 cents per member for current expenses. W. H. Fitzgerald, of Nashville, was re-elected President. G. W. T.

NORTH TEXAS ECHOES.

The Treasurer reported \$24.26 on hand at the McKinney Conference.

Forty-nine Junior League superintendents sent in reports to Miss Wood. Only three in the North Texas Conference failed to report.

The total amount of money raised by the Juniors was \$516.52.

Mrs. George Oliver, the President's wife, gave a most interesting talk on Intermediate Work.

The following resolution from the Temperance Committee was adopted, viz:

"We heartily endorse the brave fight kept up in the Texas Christian Advocate for law and order and against this infamous curse. Its editor has been brave as a lion in his attacks on these lines of sin. We hope the time is not far away when this paper will be in every Methodist home."

The exercise of more wisdom in electing local Secretaries was recommended.

The appointment of a Junior League Superintendent in each of the several districts was made a law.

This action was also taken: "Be it resolved that this League Conference be held between Sundays." (Note: It is the opinion of the writer that this resolution can only be regarded as suggestive, not mandatory, as the constitution leaves the time of holding a conference entirely with the Cabinet. The necessary requirements were not observed to make this resolution operative as an amendment to the constitution.)

The recommendation was adopted that District Conference precede the annual sessions.

The following resolutions on hospitality were ordered printed in the League Department of the Advocate, viz:

"Since in so many ways the Leaguers and people of McKinney have given us such a hearty welcome into, and during our stay in their midst, and as we have only the frail means of words to express our appreciation, we throw our deepest heartfelt appreciation into the following resolutions of thanks:

"1. To the League in the person of their Reception Committee, who met us at early and late trains with a welcoming smile and a hand-shake warm with the pure blood of life consecrated to Christ.

"2. To Bro. Plemmons, who was so kind to save our feet from touching soil in weary and toilsome travel.

"3. To the homes wherein we have stayed, where we truly felt at home throughout every one of which we felt the throbbing flow of hospitality.

"4. To every one who has in unknown ways administered to our pleasure."

Gainesville was chosen as the next place of meeting. (Note: This action will, I think, have to be ratified by the Cabinet, as it selects the place of meeting.)

The Fireman's Band of McKinney gave a concert Saturday night complimentary to the visiting Leaguers. A most excellent program was carried out.

The First Vice-President reported 25 conversions at League meetings during the conference year.

PERSONAL WORK.

By A. H. McVeigh, 1st V. P.

To achieve success in the business world to-day means that you shall be wide-awake, active and energetic, with a definite and fixed purpose to reach the goal of success. Concentrated energy and zeal rightly and wisely directed can but succeed. "In the lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail." The same elements which are needed to make the business man successful in his profession are also needed in doing the Master's will in all departments of Christian work. The world wants leaders to-day; it is the most urgent demand of our times—in the business, in the social and in the religious world. Girls and boys, men and women are wanted, not merely to fill places or draw salaries, but to go forward to do something. The Epworth League demands consecrated, strong and zealous young manhood and young womanhood in every community throughout this broad land. Give to the Church of God through the Epworth League movement the power of its untired energy and strength in

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Free. The African Kola Plant is Nature's Positive Cure for Hay-fever and Asthma. Since its discovery this remarkable botanical product has come into universal use in the Hospitals of Europe and America as an unfailing specific cure for Hay-fever and Asthma in every form. Its cures are really marvelous. Dr. J. E. Brown, the chief physician of Crawfordville, Ind., writes Jan. 29th, 1903, I feel it my duty to tell all I can of the great virtue of Himsaya. Dr. W. H. Vail, a prominent physician of St. Louis, Mo., writes March 28th, that he had treated a number of Hay-fever patients with Himsaya and that he had found it to be a most reliable and permanent cure. Dr. J. E. Brown, writes Jan. 29th, that Himsaya permanently cured him of Hay-fever and Asthma and strongly recommends it to his patients. Mrs. M. A. Scott, Crosby, Mich., writes March 28th, that Himsaya completely cured her after fifteen years persistent suffering from Hay-fever and Asthma. Dr. Alfred Lewis, editor of the Farmers' Magazine, Washington, D. C., was also cured, although he had had the doctor's best of medicine, being always worse in the first few years. Rev. J. L. Coombs, of Martinsburg, W. Va., writes to the New York World, July 2nd, that Himsaya cured him of Asthma of thirty years standing. Hundreds of others send similar testimony proving Himsaya a truly wonderful remedy. As the Kola Plant is a specific constitutional cure for the disease, Hay-fever sufferers should use it before the season of the attacks when practical, to give it time to act on the system. To prove the power of this new botanical discovery, if you suffer from Hay-fever or Asthma, we will send you one trial case by mail entirely free. It costs you absolutely nothing. Write to-day to The Kola Importing Co., No. 126 Broadway, New York.

In Hot Weather

Advertisement for TARRANT'S PILLZIN. It features a circular logo with the word 'TARRANT'S' at the top and 'PILLZIN' in the center, with 'ADRIEN' at the bottom. The text describes its benefits for various ailments like indigestion, headache, and nervousness. Price is 50c and \$1.00. At Druggists or by mail from The Tarrant Co., 21 Jay Street, New York.

Advertisement for VAN-CALVERT PAINT CO. ST. LOUIS, MO. It lists various paint products and their prices, including Vapor Bath Cabinet, Face & Head Steam, and various grades of paint. It also mentions that they have a catalog and offer special prices to agents and salesmen.

Advertisement for Vane-Calvert Paint Co. ST. LOUIS, MO. It is a shorter version of the previous advertisement, listing mixed paints and their prices, and mentioning that they are manufacturers of these products.

Advertisement for AUSTIN WHITE LIME CO. It states they are manufacturers of white lime and dealers in Portland and Rosedale Cements, Plaster, Hair, Sewer Pipe, Fire Brick, etc. in Austin, Texas.

Advertisement for INTERURBAN LINE. It features a stylized graphic of a train and the text 'NORTHERN TEXAS TRACTION CO.' It states they run 40 cars daily between Fort Worth and Dallas.

Advertisement for W. C. FORBESS, G.P.A. FT. WORTH, TEXAS. It describes their cars leaving Court House Ft. Worth and Post Office Dallas every hour from 6 a. m. to 11 p. m. It mentions no dust, cinders or smoke, and offers beautiful pamphlets. Address: W. C. FORBESS, G.P.A. FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

Advertisement for DALLAS FT. WORTH. It is a small rectangular box with the text 'DALLAS FT. WORTH' inside.

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Advertisement for Hyd. It features a portrait of a man and text describing the product as a skin medicine for various conditions like eczema, ringworm, and other skin issues. It claims to be a 'miraculous cure' and is 'sold by all druggists'.

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Advertisement for a medicinal product. It describes it as a 'marvelous cure' for various ailments, including weakness and sickness. It mentions 'James Williams' of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as a testimonial.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 170 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

OUR ANNUAL REUNION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1903, the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society, of the Texas Conference, assembled in Palestine. We were a band of happy women, for, in addition to the joy of meeting old friends, we had the happiness of winning new ones. Each one was entertained in the best homes in the city. Carriages had met us at the depot, and our hostesses had made us happy by being so themselves.

It was the first meeting of the "Greater Texas Conference Society." The officers had met in the forenoon, and the preliminary work was done, so that in the afternoon we had an hour for prayer and praise, a consecration service, conducted by Mrs. F. A. Heartsill, President of the East Texas Conference Society. The Lord had been very good to us, and we gladly offered him our services. We were grateful, and were ready to enjoy the occasion prepared for us at night. At 8 p. m. we assembled and found a large audience waiting to greet us. Addresses of welcome, merely translated into fitting words the kindness we had already been made to feel. Miss Maggie Rogers, of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, responded in behalf of the Society. The "Susie Key" Juvenile Missionary Society entertained us with sweet music and choice recitations. We went to our temporary homes rejoicing that those who are to follow us are preparing to do better work than we have done.

At 9 a. m. on Friday we met for the first business session. Organization was speedy, and progress rapid, "for the people had a mind to work." Roll completed showed forty-six of fees and delegates present.

Mrs. Park, Corresponding Secretary Texas Conference Society, reported the work in the Texas Conference, and Miss Lane, Corresponding Secretary East Texas Conference Society, the work in the East Texas. Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Stoddard, Treasurers, respectively, of the two, gave reports of their departments, and now the separate work was finished, and we were one in devising and carrying out plans for the future. Rev. R. A. Burroughs, of the Calvert District, and Miss M. J. Rogers, one of our missionary candidates preparing in the Scarritt Bible and Training School for her life work, were introduced. Letters were read from Misses Tarrant and Bomar, our two missionaries in China, and the morning's work ended with half an hour of devotions, conducted by Bro. Burroughs.

Women away from home proceed rapidly and persistently toward the time of returning, and so we met at 2 p. m., and worked till 6 p. m. Mr. Bryan, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was introduced, and after telling us enough to make us anxious to learn more, most cordially invited us to visit their hall, and see something of what the Lord is doing with the young men of the Church, and also with the wealth he has condensed into the hands of some of his children.

At 8:30 p. m., Rev. B. H. Great house preached from Ecclesiastes 7:10, and we left the Church convinced that this is the best time the world has ever seen; but the next age will be better, and will grow better and better, till the reign of righteousness is completed.

Saturday the tedium of work was relieved by pleasant interruptions, such as fraternal greetings from sister Churches, drawing us nearer to one another, because getting nearer to our Lord. Miss Edith Park, our missionary among the Mexicans, was introduced, but declined to consume our time with remarks. Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

At 8 p. m., our anniversary was held. Reports were heard from the Treasurers, and Mr. Park gave an account of the general condition of the work, and the proceedings of the Womans' Board of Foreign Missions, which lately met in Memphis, Tennessee.

Sunday morning Rev. J. B. Sears preached on that complaint of Judas, that has been so often repeated, surely without consciousness of its origin, "Why this waste?" A memorial service, conducted by Mrs. Heartsill, in the afternoon, commemorated the virtues of several who had gone to their reward.

Eight o'clock found us in the church again, listening to an account of missionary work among Mexicans. The appreciation of the audience was shown by a collection taken by Rev. J. B. Sears. More than fifty dollars was contributed by the general audience. Mrs. Park had announced a pledge of \$1,000 made for us by her at the recent meeting of the Board. We appreciate her confidence. The

amount is to be divided between Miss Bomar's salary, she being one of our missionaries, and the building so much needed for "Isabella Hendrix School" in Juiz de Fora, Brazil.

Monday the business of the session was finished in time to enjoy the promised visit to the Y. M. C. A. building, but a heavy rain prevented. It also prevented our enjoying together the package of "Before the Rain" tea, sent us by Miss Tarrant. It was arranged afterwards in little packages for distribution. Miss Tarrant had also sent a package of decorations, which did not come till too late to exhibit them. Fortunately, they are not perishable, and will be ready for another year.

Monday night we were to meet again for a sermon from Rev. H. C. Willis, pastor of the Church that entertained us. The heavy rain of the afternoon had left the streets in a condition to keep nearly everyone away. But there were enough of us to regret very much that the others could not hear the sermon he had prepared for us. His unwearied kindness will not be forgotten, and the few who heard him that night will retain lasting benefit.

Reports of committees will be noticed later, as this paper is now too long. The Committee on Resolutions had a bewildering task. So many preachers have rarely been with us, so many warm Christian greetings never gladdened us before. The press could not have been kinder. Railroads were never so generous and obliging. Music never more delightful. The occasion will be remembered as illustrating the old saying, "See how these Christians love."

MRS. S. PHILPOTT.

DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS OF W. F. M. SOCIETY, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

President, Mrs. S. Philpott, Dew, Texas.

Vice-President, Mrs. F. A. Heartsill, Marshall, Texas.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Huntsville, Texas.

Recording Secretary, Miss L. P. Lane, Marshall, Texas; Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Stoddard, Palestine, Texas.

District Secretaries, Beaumont District, Mrs. J. E. Green, Beaumont; Brenham District, Miss Anne Lide, Chappell Hill; Calvert District, Mrs. A. H. Purdon, Calvert; Houston District, Miss Henrietta DeChaumes, Houston; Huntsville District, Miss Mary Fisher, Anderson; Marshall District, Mrs. S. E. Kirby, Longview; Palestine District, Mrs. S. H. Posten, Palestine; Pittsburg District, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Pittsburg; San Augustine District, Mrs. Mary Huntington, Shelbyville; Tyler, Mrs. J. T. Smith, Tyler.

"PARSONAGE DAY PROGRAM."

Auxiliaries which have not observed this program are requested to observe it as soon as they possibly can:

Leader, First Vice-President.

Devotional service.

Central thought, "Parsonages."

Hymn No. 185, read before singing.

Scriptural lesson, I Peter 2.

Prayer for home mission workers and for pastor and family.

Hymn No. 549, prayer for a spiritual meeting.

A talk by the leader, "Why Should we Observe This Day?"

Questions on Parsonage Work.

These should be given to the members beforehand, that they may be prepared to answer and discuss them:

1. "Are the loan funds of great value, and in what way?"

2. "Does the society have money enough to meet all donations and loans asked for for parsonages?"

3. "If not, how may we increase our funds for this department?"

4. "What is done with membership dues?"

5. "How are the loan funds administered?"

6. "What is done with unappropriated money remaining to the credit of the several conferences on the first day of April each year?"

7. "How must applicants be presented, whose signature should be affixed and by whom certified?"

8. "Can money received for parsonages be used for other purposes?"

9. "What relation does the Church Extension Board sustain to this department?"

10. "What are the needs of your own parsonage?"

Followed by general discussion on "What we Should do for Our Own Parsonage."

Prayer for this department and for all preachers' homes and families, and that we may do this work cheerfully and lovingly. (Matt. 5:16.)

Send report of this meeting to

MRS. W. W. WILLIAMS,

Decatur, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

Parsonage Day was observed by the Home Mission Society of Grace Church, Dallas, on Monday afternoon, June 22. The program as sent out by Mrs. H.

W. Williams was used in connection with some other items. The ladies who were assigned to places on the program were very enthusiastic. The result was all other members caught the enthusiasm, and quite a good deal of benefit was derived. This was the means of all becoming better acquainted with the work of the society both as a local organization and as a connectional body. As a society we are doing good work. We assist in caring for our Settlement Home as well as our Mission Home, and do other work coming under our notice. The society is divided into circles, each circle having a special line of work to do for our new church building, which when completed will not only be an ornament and credit to East Dallas, but to the entire city. We have a membership of 60, with an average attendance of 25, but all keep up the dues.

Our noble and much loved President, Mrs. L. H. Potts, inspires each and every one of us to better work. No matter how difficult the work to be performed, she some way has it accomplished. Nothing seems too difficult for her.

In our next report we hope to have still better things of which to speak.

MRS. F. M. TAYLOR,

Recording Secretary.

DUTIES OF AUXILIARY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Duties of Auxiliary Superintendents of Literature and Press Work Woman's Home Mission Society:

1. She shall present the items received from the Conference Superintendent monthly to the monthly meetings of her auxiliary, also any other information she may gather relative to the home mission work. It shall be her duty to keep the auxiliary and the women of the Church informed of the work and needs of the Home Mission Society. This to be done in whatever way her ingenuity may suggest. Never read, but tell the facts. By means of a blackboard the facts may be made much more instructive and interesting. A live superintendent will make this one of the most effective parts of the monthly program.

2. The superintendents in towns or counties where weekly secular papers are published shall endeavor to secure space, and then use it for the upbuilding of the work. She shall use the items and any other local news concerning the work that she may be able to get in short, pointed paragraphs, no paragraph to be longer than ten or fifteen printed lines. After securing space she should establish confidence in the work by regularly filling it. Irregularity will cause the publishers trouble. Let them know you are to be depended upon for your part.

3. As a sameness of wording would be very objectionable to the many papers in our connection, she shall always use her own language in giving these items to the papers, seeking to retain the individuality of expression.

4. It shall be her duty to co-operate in every way possible with the Conference Superintendent, sending her all news concerning her own auxiliary that might be used elsewhere for the good of the work.

5. It shall also be her duty to put on foot such methods as will result in the use of the Reading Course and in every way possible advance the department of literature.

MRS. LUKE G. JOHNSON,

General Director of Press Work Woman's Home Mission Society.

TO THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters: Last year we established the Department of Press Work in our conference. If nothing more was accomplished we aroused an interest in this arm of service. At the late annual meeting in Brownwood this interest found expression in the adoption of a plan which provides that each of our twelve District Secretaries shall in turn provide matter for the Woman's Department in the Texas Christian Advocate for one month. The work has been divided. A list will be found in connection with this paper. Mrs. Johnson, of Corsicana, generously offered to take the initiative to provide for June, the most difficult, because there was no time to prepare in advance, and it was the beginning. Dr. Rankin and Bro. Blaylock, who have never failed us, are pledged to give us space for not less than one column a week in the Woman's Department. Mrs. Howell kindly promises to do her whole part toward making this department the brightest and best part of the paper.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Northwest Texas Conference will follow the same plan and supply matter once a week for our Woman's Department in the Texas Christian Advocate. We rejoice in this arrangement, not alone as the consummation of a long-cherished hope that the press would become the medium of bringing our work more fully before our people, and thus gain a heartier appreciation and support, but especially do we thank God for the

earnest spirit of connectionalism in the hearts of all which has made it possible and brought it to pass. This writer from the confinement of a sick room and out of a very tender heart desires right here to extend personal thanks to every one who has contributed even remotely to this cause.

Now it is due those concerned, and necessary to the accomplishment of our purpose, that we aid in giving our family paper, the Texas Christian Advocate the very widest circulation possible, and may no woman ever again essay to hold office in our society who is not a subscriber to our own conference paper, the Texas Christian Advocate.

We beg each of our District Secretaries to begin at once to plan for her part of the work. Matter must be in the hands of Mrs. Howell not later than Saturday to appear the succeeding week. Items will be sent from the General Director once a month to be used as is thought best. In this issue we publish instructions to auxiliary superintendents, and would call especial attention to clauses 3 and 4. The General Superintendent looks to the conference Superintendent for matter, and she must look to the auxiliary superintendent. So be sure to send us all items of news that will be of interest to the general reader. Matters of a purely local nature will not be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate, but used in the local press. With such varied talent we expect a pleasing variety. The District Secretaries will observe the following order in furnishing matter for the paper, viz: Corsicana district, June; Georgetown District, July; Brownwood District, August; Gatesville District, September; Waxahatchie District, October; Abilene District, November; Weatherford District, December; Dublin District, January; Waco District, February; Clarendon District, March; Vernon District, April; Fort Worth District, May.

MRS. S. C. FOLLIN,
Press Director W. H. M. S., N. W.
Texas Conference,
Fort Worth, Texas.

CORSIKANA DISTRICT.

W. H. M. S. RICE

At last we have joined the happy band of women all over Southwestern Methodism who are striving with might and main to rescue the perishing, care for the dying, lift up the fallen, care for the outcast and the down trodden and lead them to the Christ who gave his life a ransom for them. O that they might know the love of this blessed Savior and be brought to a realization of the fact that he really loves and cares for them.

When we open our eyes and look upon the field already white unto the harvest there goes up from the depths of our hearts this one prayer, "O for more of that love and sympathy which characterized our blessed Master while he walked here among men!"

On the 28th day of last April, in response to a call from the pastor, a small company of women met at the Methodist Church, and after a short talk from the pastor, were organized into a W. H. M. Society, every woman present giving her name for membership. Following are the officers of the society:

Mrs. J. T. Craig, President.

Mrs. J. R. Collins, First Vice-President.

Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Lydia McGee, corresponding Secretary.

Have sent seven new subscribers to Our Homes and have two others, with one renewal, to send. Though few in number, we hope to be able to do much in the work of the society, which is new to the most of us. We send this with ever a prayer in our heart for the blessings of God to rest upon the W. H. M. Society, especially upon those who are in the forefront of this great work.

MRS. W. P. GARVIN.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

We have in the treasury somewhere between \$2 and \$3. Number of subscriptions for paper 3. Name of officers:

President, Mrs. J. F. Myrick.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Joe Langford.

Treasurer, Mrs. John Smith.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Boykin.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Jefferies.

Agent for paper, Mrs. Sharp.

Second and Third Vice-Presidents have not been elected yet.

MRS. J. E. JEFFERIES

Mertens, Texas.

W. H. M. S. BRANDON, TEXAS.

We have raised the one dollar per member for the Scarritt Bible and Training School and sent to Mrs. Rollins, Treasurer. As yet we have done nothing for Dallas Rescue Home. Somehow our people are not in sympathy with it. I have always felt a deep interest in it, knowing the good it does. The attendance in our society is very small, still we have two meetings a month and pay our dues; occa-

INDIGESTION

December 6, 1902

Railway & Co., New York.
Gentlemen: In regard to "Radway's Pills," I wish to say that I have never found any remedy that can equal them. For the past two years I was suffering from nervous dyspepsia and constipation. After eating I would have a sensation of heaviness in the stomach, feel like vomiting, pain and dizziness in the head, and then I would become nervous. I tried everything that was recommended to me. My physician told me I had chronic constipation, and a sour stomach. He could relieve me somewhat, but still did not cure me. I was almost in despair. At last a friend persuaded me to try "Radway's Pills," which I did. And I am glad to say that they not only relieved me, but positively cured me. Even after taking them only a few days, a regularity of the bowels was established, and the dyspeptic symptoms disappeared. Now I feel like a new person. May God bless you and your wonderful remedy.

R. S. TREXLER, Abilene, Pa.

Radway's Pills

cure all Disorders of the Stomach, Liver, Bowels, Kidneys, Bladder, Dizziness, Constipation, Piles, Sick Headache, Female Complaints, Biliousness, Indigestion, Constipation and all Disorders of the Liver. 25c per box. At druggists or by mail, Radway & Co., 55 Elm Street, N. Y. Be sure to get "Radway's" and see that the name is on what you buy.

sionally we have a new member. Our Treasurer is a live one and collects the dues promptly. If we fail to bring the money to the meetings she just calls at our homes, and always gets it, too. We are discouraged over our ice cream party because our own members and officers did not patronize us. Some of our Vice-Presidents never attend the monthly meetings, and we are hampered, but I will say for the few who do come, that they are faithful and earnest. The Corresponding Secretary nearly always has to act as Recording Secretary too. Help me to pray God's blessings on these like-warm members and officers.

MRS. LAURA SLOAN,

President.

A FREE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Dr. D. A. Williams, East Hampton, Conn., says if any suffer from Kidney or Bladder Disease will send him their address, he will mail them, free of all cost, some of the remedy they are seeking for the ONE that will cure them.

It is hardly fair to expect God to provide us a home there if we shirk the responsibilities of a home here.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Saratoga, N. Y.—Account Imperial Council Mystic Shrine, one fare, July 4 and 5, limited July 21.

Detroit, Mich.—Account Epworth League Convention, one fare plus \$2, July 13 and 14, limited July 23, with privilege of extension.

San Antonio—Account Sheriffs' Association meeting, convention rates, July 13 and 14, limited July 17.

Atlanta, Ga.—Account National Convention B. Y. P. U., one fare plus \$2.25, July 7, 8 and 9, limited July 15, with privilege of extension.

Baltimore—Account Annual Meeting B. P. O. E., one fare plus \$2, July 16 and 17, limited July 25, with privilege of extension.

Denver, Colo.—Account Christian Endeavor Annual Convention, one fare plus \$2, July 5, 6 and 7, limited Aug. 31.

All Stations—Account Fourth of July celebrations, one and one-third fare, July 2 and 4, limited July 4.

East La Porte—Account B. Y. P. U. Encampment, convention rates, July 14, 15, limited July 27.

San Antonio—Account meeting State Bar Association, convention rates, July 7, 8, limited July 11.

Kansas City—Account Summer School, one fare plus \$2, July 10, 11, 18 and 25, limited Sept. 12.

For further information see any agent or write W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

GREAT IS TEXAS!

The eyes of the world are upon her. The home-seeker wants to know about her "matchless" climate and her cheap lands. The investor wants to know about not only her cheap land and low taxes, but as well her wealth of mine and forest, and this is to let you know that the International and Great Northern, Texas greatest railroad, traverses more than a thousand miles of the cream of Texas resources, latent and developed, and that you may learn more about the great I & G N. Country by sending a 3-cent stamp for a copy of the ILLUSTRATED AND GENERAL NARRATOR, or 25 cents for a year's file of same, or by writing D. J. Price, G. P. & T. A., I & G N. R. R., Palestine, Texas.

A SPECIAL CONCESSION FOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS AND FRIENDS.

Through the co-operation of other Colorado lines and for the benefit of those who will visit Denver upon the occasion of the Twenty-first Annual Convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, to be held July 9th to 15th, for which a rate of about one fare plus \$2 for the round trip has been announced, "The Denver Road" has arranged that the final limits of tickets sold from Texas points shall be August 21st, instead of July 23d, as previously announced. Under this arrangement visitors will have ample time for a really beneficial vacation, as well as unusual opportunities for sight seeing, which should and doubtless will be much appreciated.

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THE STATUS OF PROHIBITION IN TEXAS.

Of the 246 counties of Texas 129 have adopted the local option law, and prohibited the sale of intoxicating liquors under its provisions, throughout the limits of the county. In these counties are located some large cities and towns, as Sherman, Denison, Abilene, Waxahachie, McKinney, Bonham, Denton and a large number of towns of 1,000 to 10,000 population.

In addition to the counties which are entirely under prohibition (local option) fifty-nine, some of them very populous counties, are partially under the law, the vote having been taken in precincts separately. In these precincts are some large towns, also.

ONLY FIFTY-EIGHT COUNTIES FREE.

Thus it appears that only fifty-eight counties in the State are now free from the law. Among these are quite a number of unorganized and sparsely settled counties, but the list includes also the counties in which the larger cities are located. Dallas County is in the list of the partially dry, but the city of Dallas is the only part of that county not dry. Bexar, including San Antonio; El Paso, including the city of El Paso; Galveston, including the city; Harrison, including Marshall; Harris, including Houston; Jefferson, including Beaumont; Kaufman, including Terrell; Hunt, including Greenville; McLennan, including Waco; Navarro, including Corsicana; Tarrant, including Fort Worth; Cooke, including Gainesville; all of these populous counties are yet free from the law, except in a precinct here and there, the vote of the large cities making it impossible to carry the proposition when submitted. A vote was taken in Dallas lately to include the city, but the election was not sustained by the prohibition leaders and the result was not a criterion by which to estimate the strength of the proposition.

THE AGITATION.

In a number of counties the agitation is now on and the interest is intense. Within a month there will be several county elections, and petitions are before the courts of other counties asking for an early vote.

This year the prohibitionists have been far more successful than in previous years, some of the most notable victories for the "drys" having been achieved since the first of April. Grayson County, in which Sherman and Denison are located, voted dry, much to the surprise of the "antis."

It is conceded that the efforts of the liquor dealers to overcome the law where it has been voted by the people have given an impetus to the prohibition movement, which its promoters are not slow to take advantage of.

THE "DRY" LIST.

The counties here named have voted local option in force, and are now wholly subject to its provisions:

Andrews, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bailey, Bandera, Baylor, Brazoria, Briscoe, Burnet, Castro, Camp, Chambers, Cherokee, Cochran, Coke, Collin, Collingsworth, Concho, Crane, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Denton, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Eastland, Ector, Erath, Ellis, Fisher, Floyd, Franklin, Foard, Frio, Freestone, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Haskell, Hays, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Jones, Kent, Kimble, Knox, Lamb, Lampasas, Limestone, Live Oak, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Madison, Martin, Milam, Mitchell, Montague, Moore, Motley, Morris, Newton, Ochiltree, Orange, Panola, Parker, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Red River, Roberts, Rockwall, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Smith, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terry, Throckmorton, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upton, Upshur, Van Zandt, Winkler, Wise, Walker, Waller, Yoakum, Young, Zapata, Zavalla, Wood, Somervell, Wilbarger.

ONLY DRY IN SPOTS.

The following counties have local option precincts, in some instances covering the greater part of the area and including the majority of the people; yet in some cases only one or two precincts are under the law:

Anderson, Angelina, Austin, Bee, Blanco, Bosque, Bastrop, Bowie, Burleson, Brewster, Brazos, Bell, Cass, Cooke, Comanche, Coryell, Coleman, Calhoun, Callahan, Caldwell, Dallas, De Witt, Edwards, Falls, Gillespie, Gonzales, Gaudalupe, Hardin, Hamilton, Harrison, Karnes, Kaufman, Kerr, La Salle, Llano, Leon, Liberty, Lamar, Lavaca, Mason, McCulloch, Matagorda, McLennan, McMullen, Mills, Midland, Medina, Montgomery, Neacochoches, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Polk, Runnels, Tarrant, Travis, Uvalde, Victoria, Wilson, Williamson.

Fifty-nine partly dry counties.—Fort Worth Register.

ROBERTSON COUNTY GOES DRY.

You will have been apprised ere this of the glorious victory for prohibition won in Robertson County on June 9th. Robertson, on account of its large negro population, was considered a very doubtful proposition—indeed, the antis were somewhat confident of retaining it in their column; but such was the energy of the ladies and devotion of the white men of the county that a safe majority was rolled up on the 9th day of June. Organization was the key-word of this victory; men, women and children were organized into clubs, societies and bands, and parades, and lectures, and prayer-meetings were the order of the day. We can never sufficiently enough thank Sister Zehner of Oak Cliff, Dallas, for her splendid lectures, enthusiasm and leadership. Victory perches close to her banner; long may it wave and lead to the overthrow of the saloon evil of Texas!

At the close of the prohibition campaign, while feasting ran high, we opened up a gospel campaign and began preaching to men and women the healing, saving message of our Lord Jesus Christ. Bro. W. D. Bass, of Corinth, Mississippi, came to our assistance and after preaching for us about ten days, some twenty or more were converted and received into the Church of Christ. Bro. Bass is an earnest gospel preacher and worker; may God bless him. We are looking for great spiritual and material blessings to follow these temperance and evangelistic efforts, and are assured from God's Word that "he is not unrighteous to forget our work and labor of love," and that "no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." This section for several, though situated in the far-famed Brazos Valley, has had failure after

failure in crops, and town and country have been hard pressed. We trust our God will look upon our endeavors after righteousness and zeal for his kingdom, and remember us and bless us with a return of prosperity. The prohibition campaign so consumed my time and energies that I was compelled to leave the Summer School of Theology out of my program; this was a great deprivation to me. However, I managed to find time to compose and send in my paper. I trust I shall be able to attend next year, for I am sure, from all accounts I have heard, that the school was a great success and of much advantage to the preachers.
C. J. OXLEY.

LEAGUE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The Corsicana District Epworth League and Sunday-school Conference convened at Blooming Grove Tuesday evening, June 23. The presiding elder and half of the pastors in the district were present at the opening, and also a good number of Epworth League and Sunday-school workers. The conference was well attended and the splendid program, which had been so wisely planned, was successfully executed. The discussions and addresses were forcible, clear and edifying, while the papers were well prepared and read with the ring of enthusiasm.

We had a delightful time and with all we had a profitable time. O how we long for the glad day in which all the young people will be enlisted in the cause of the Master! Blooming Grove is the seat of the Corsicana District University Training School, and the good people of the town are showing themselves worthy of this desirable institution of learning. The preparations which they had made for us and the hospitable manner in which

they received and entertained us will ever entitle them to a choice place in our hearts. Now that this delightful occasion is over and we have returned to our places of duty, let us be ever faithful to our blessed Lord, and when our work on earth is ended may we all meet again in the land beyond the sky.
IRVIN F. HARRIS.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

The Abilene District Sunday-school and League Conference convened at Abilene, June 16-18, 1903. Rev. C. S. Field, the President, being absent, Rev. C. W. Irvin was appointed President and H. C. Williams Secretary. There were 100 delegates present, representing Merkel, Buffalo Gap, Big Springs, Colorado, Claiborne, Snyder, Roby, Anson, Haskell, Stamford, Albany, Baird, Putnam, Truby, Eula, Eskota, Roscoe, Spring Creek, Mason, Sweetwater, Jim Ned and Abilene. Hon. H. A. Tibbitt delivered the address of welcome and Judge W. B. Crockett responded beautifully.

Rev. J. A. Biggs being absent the writer preached the opening sermon—after encouraging reports from the superintendents, Rev. E. A. Smith, our "beloved," delivered an instructive address on "Hindrances to Successful Sunday-Schools."

Rev. W. A. Manly discussed "The Visitor," H. C. Williams the "Magazine," and Judge C. J. Monroe the "Quarterly Lesson Paper and Catechism."

The writer discussed "Training Children of Sunday-school to Attend Church," and T. E. Powell "Training the Sunday-school to Give."

Rev. I. L. Mills and Geo. Fisher discussed "How to Make Practical Paragraph 247 of the Discipline."

Rev. C. A. Evans addressed the conference on "Importance of Children's Day," and Rev. W. E. Manly preached at night.

Prayer and praise service Wednesday morning was conducted by Rev. W. E. George.

Mrs. C. S. Field read a paper on "Primary Work in Sunday-school," and Prof. Chatfield on "Grading and Methods."

John Bosden spoke on "Model Superintendent" and Rev. R. B. Young on "Model Teacher."

Wednesday afternoon session was opened with divine services conducted by Rev. T. N. Lowry, after which was heard reports from all the Leagues.

"Best Methods of Conducting Devotional Exercises" was discussed by C. E. Conner and Mrs. Anna Martin.

M. K. Jackson spoke on "What Should be Expected of Leaguers as Soul Winners" and Revs. M. H. Hudson and C. W. Irvin on "Does the League Fill the Place of Class-Meetings and Love-Feasts?"

Rev. C. D. West preached at night.

Thursday morning a sunrise prayer-meeting was held by Mrs. Anna Martin.

Rev. C. A. Evans spoke on "Mission of Junior League," and Mrs. C. J. Monroe read a paper on "Best Plans With Children," and Miss Sallie Hopkins one on "Application of Charity and Help Department," after which E. A. Watson read a paper on "Scope of Charity and Help Department."

E. B. Bynum delivered an address on "The Responsibility of the Young Men and Women in Gospel Work."

After a discussion, in which Dr. Bass was the leading speaker, the Leagues agreed to assist in raising \$750 to support a special missionary in the foreign field.

Miss Leonora Barrett read a paper on "Social Features of the League."

Rev. C. W. Irvin was elected President; Prof. Chatfield, Vice-President, and Miss Leonora Barrett, Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Rev. C. W. Irvin preached at night.

Next conference goes to Baird. Bro. Henson and his good people entertained the conference royally, and all felt greatly benefited by the conference.
ZORO B. PIRTLE, Sec'y.
Anson, Texas.

THE BISON DEBATE.

I have always opposed debates on religious topics, but was induced to attend the one at Bison Texas, between Rev. C. L. Ballard and Rev. J. J. Lockhart. And now I am ready to say they are not only admissible, but sometimes absolutely necessary to the maintenance of truth.

It seems that this debate grew out of a Baptist fifth Sunday meeting, where, instead of preaching their own doctrine and letting other people alone, they spent a good deal of time trying to criticize other people, especially the Methodists. They asserted that infant baptism is a relic of heathenism, and a child of hell; a mother of all heresy and the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:16, 17); that the Baptist Church was the only true Church and that they could trace their succession directly from Christ to Bison; that the doctrine of the possibility of apostasy was a doctrine of devils, and all that believe it are children of the devil; and that baptism, other than by immersion, was a direct disobedience to and a wilful re-

bellion against God. The Baptists, especially Lockhart, had been making such assertions all over this country; and now they challenged the Methodists to get a man to meet Lockhart in debate on these subjects. The Methodists of the community went to their preacher in charge, Bro. J. T. Trice, and he soon had a promise from Bro. Ballard to come. Bro. Lockhart refused to confine the debate to King James' translation, so they called in other languages and history. When the debate ended everybody, except the Baptists, declared that Ballard had thoroughly vindicated Methodism at every point. And I am sure there was not a Baptist there that would have denied it. They were the worst heat crowd I ever saw. Bro. Ballard is a strong defender and expounder of Methodism; conducts himself in debate in a gentlemanly manner and exhibits a Christian spirit; is never thrown off his guard or taken unawares. I verily believe if he could have remained a few days the foundation was laid for a great revival. Bro. Ballard sold a large number of his book, "Methodist Dynamite," a treatise on the mode of baptism. It is about the most convincing that I have seen. Get it.
C. D. WEST.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

June 25.—O. A. Shook, sub. W. Wootton, sub. D. J. Martin, matter has attention. J. R. Atchley, sub. J. E. Hightower, change. F. P. Ray, sub. J. J. Shaw, sub.
June 25.—C. E. Lindsey, matter will have attention. R. W. Nation, sub. J. R. Ritchie, sub. W. S. Easterling, matter will have attention. W. T. Morrow, sub.
June 27.—A. H. Bozzo, sub.
June 29.—A. E. Turney, matter has attention. W. W. Graham, sub. J. M. Sweeton, sub. C. R. Wright, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. B. A. Snoddy, sub. J. J. Morgan, change.
June 30.—I. S. Barton, sub.
July 1.—T. N. Lowry, sub. J. L. Mills, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. J. J. Shaw, sub. W. F. Maxine, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. D. F. Pulley, sub. H. E. Grimes, sub. C. R. Gray, sub.

GIRLS AWAY FROM HOME.

Write your home letters regularly and keep in touch with your parents and old friends by weekly correspondence. Never let a Sunday afternoon drift out without your hour spent in an intimate and loving letter to dear mother. This is a good occupation for Sunday, and I can hardly tell you how minute and confidential and affectionate this writing should be. But there is no need. You know what you like to hear from home and what mother and father most long for when your letters come. I follow those letters. Mother is in the kitchen washing the dishes. She wipes her hands and sits down in the low rocking-chair by the window where the blue is beginning to bud. Father stands between the table and the door waiting to hear what you have said and aware that he must wait until mother has satisfied her heart with the first reading. Then it will be his turn. To them both you are and you will always be, just their own little girl, and you can never send them a line which they will not scan with eagerness. So never put off your family at home with a scrawny hurried scrawl, take time and tell them everything—Ladies' Home Journal.

THE FAMOUS BELL AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ROUEN, FRANCE, KNOWN AS "ROUVEL," HAS BECOME CRACKED. IT HAS RUNG THE CURFEW FOR AN UNINTERRUPTED PERIOD OF SIX HUNDRED YEARS. REPAIR SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE, AND THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE MOURNED AT THEIR LOSS.

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DAVIS.—The wife of Rev. W. F. Davis, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Navasota, Texas, died at Navasota June 12, 1903. Thus the Church lost a faithful member. Bro. Davis a true wife and his four little children a loving mother. Sister Davis' maiden name was Vanlock. She was born at Woodville, Tyler County, Texas, May 15, 1844. In her thirtieth year she was confirmed in the Protestant Episcopal Church by Bishop Gregg. In 1887 she moved with her parents to Houston, Texas, where on April 4, 1888, she was married to W. F. Davis, of San Augustine, Texas. In October, 1889, she joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived as a faithful member till her death. She was the mother of six children, the two oldest of whom went to heaven in advance of her. On June 12 she was buried at Palestine by the side of Darby, her oldest boy, who had been laid to rest there a little more than two years before. Her burial was attended by the writer, Rev. Ellis Smith, of Houston; Rev. H. C. Willis, of Centenary Church, Palestine; Rev. Harry Hayes, of Howard Street Church, Palestine, and a number of other loving friends. Sister Davis was a true Christian woman and left a splendid deathbed testimony. A few days before the end came her husband said to her: "Myrtle, we have often heard of persons claiming in their last moments to see their departed loved ones. Now, if you see Darby and our little girl before you go, tell me if you can." Thank God, she was granted the vision, while she had power to tell it, before she went away she said: "Here are our children and the precious Jesus." This was a great comfort to Bro. Davis and will be a comfort to her children when they are old enough to appreciate it. Sister Davis had every possible attention. She was ministered to by Bro. Davis' sister, the wife of Rev. J. L. Dawson, of Rust, at whose home the little ones are now. B. H. GREATHOUSE.

HOLLINGSWORTH.—Thomas W. Hollingsworth, the subject of this writing was born in Jacksonburg, Calhoun County, Ala., and died at his home in Marystown, Johnson County, Texas, June 19, 1903. He came to Texas in the fall of 1867. He was married to Miss Mary Hollingsworth July 13, 1869, and settled at his home in September, 1870, where he lived a useful life until his death. After his conversion, he joined the M. E. Church, South, and was an active, faithful member of the same until God said, "It is enough; come up higher." He was an efficient Sunday-school superintendent for about twenty-five years and served as steward nearly all his life as a Church member. He was broad-minded and liberal; faithful to every trust the Church put upon him. He was a friend to his pastor and would often counsel him in the interest of his work. He loved the Church. A good man is gone from labor to his reward. The Church is poorer by his death, but heaven is his home. He said on Sunday before his death that in view of the reading of the scriptures he could see no reason why he should not be saved. At other times he said: "If I slip away any time, you will know where to find me." He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death. But they are all Christians and if they are faithful to the end they will meet never to part again. He will be missed at home, in the Church, in the community. His house was the preacher's home. God bless the bereaved ones. J. P. MUSSETT, P. C.

DENIS.—Bro. R. Denis was born April 5, 1838, and departed this life April 29, 1903, aged 65 years. Bro. Denis was converted at the age of 15 years and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived consistently for 50 years. Bro. Denis was leader in his Church. He was a fine Sunday-school worker; was superintendent of the Sunday-school at the time of his death. He held Sunday-school on the 19th, went home, ate his supper, retired as well as usual, and woke about 5 o'clock with a pain in the region of the heart, and died about noon. He was laid to rest in Sunny Lane Cemetery leaving a sorrowing wife and children and a host of friends. A good and useful man has gone from labor to reward, and we weep, but not as those that have no hope. B. H. McLENDON, P. C.

COLLIER.—Francis Egbert Collier, beloved and only child of Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Collier, was born Jan. 31, 1888, and died May 23, 1903. Such is the brief record of this short life. Egbert was one of the most gifted and interesting children it has ever been my privilege to know. Though scarcely more than a baby, he had already manifested an unusual interest and talent for music, and had he lived would doubtless have been a musician of much more than ordinary ability. He was wonderfully precocious. Baptized in infancy, he counted himself a member of the Church, and loved it devotedly. For several months before his death he would present himself at the Lord's table on communion occasions and partake of the emblems of his Lord's body and blood with as much seriousness as an adult, and I rejoice to-night that at the last service before the end I placed in his hands those emblems of the Lord he loved, and has already met. His death was the result of an accident. Leaving home to play with a little friend, he returned in a short time to suffer for a few hours, and then to fall asleep in Christ. He is not dead, but gone hence. Quitting the walks of men, his little feet have climbed those altar stairs that slope through darkness up to God. He loved flowers and music passionately. With what eager delight his ears have feasted upon the music of the skies, and his eyes have gazed upon those never withering flowers blooming beneath the sun that never sets. Two little sisters had preceded him to that summer land. He leaves a loving father and mother, and a host of affectionate relatives and friends behind, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. Trusting in Christ, they expect to meet him again. His pastor, J. B. TURRENTINE.

WHITE.—Mrs. Fountain Pitts White (nee Terrell) was born in Sumner County, Tenn., Aug. 12, 1836. Her parents were Methodists of the old type. She came into life under influences conducive to piety. Therefore we are not surprised to find that at the tender age of twelve years she gave her heart to Jesus and joined the Church of her parents, in whose communion her life was beautifully consistent. April 29, 1867, she was married to Dr. Jack White, who four years ago preceded her to the home of the good. Of this union there were four children, three of whom mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother. In 1882 Sister White, with her husband, moved to Rockwall, Texas, where they resided until eleven years ago, when they moved to Crawford, McLennan County. Here in the quiet of her own home, surrounded by loved ones, she ended her earthly career, Sept. 28, 1902. Here faith wrought its mightiest victories and held steady the frail bark of life as it dashed out upon the dark billows toward the shores of a blissful immortality. By its power she had views of that "land that is far off," and could shout back to the world: "Land ahead; its fruits are waving." T. B. HILBURN.

GALOWAY.—Robert A. son of Asa and Mary Galoway, was born Nov. 6, 1882, and died April 5, 1903. Between these two dates lies the pathway of a life from the cradle to the grave—a life full of bright hopes and noble possibilities is that brought to a close. Bro. Robert made a profession of religion in early life. He was conscious of his approaching end and signified a willingness to go. A large circle of friends and loved ones followed his remains to their last earthly resting place, where loving hands gently laid them away to await the resurrection morn. His death has brought a great shadow over the home—darkness that nothing but the grace of Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life," can penetrate. But in life's darkest hour we can find the outstretched hand of the world's Redeemer and hear the still small voice saying, "It is I; be not afraid." May we follow on to know Him and the power of his resurrection. LEE A. CLARK, P. C.

KILLINGSWORTH.—Sister Missie Killingsworth was a native of Texas. She was born in Cameron, Milam County, Aug. 31, 1848. She first married Mr. Tucker, who died, leaving her with two children. She was married to J. H. Killingsworth Nov. 4, 1888. They had four children, two of whom are still living. She joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 12 years, and lived a consistent member until her death. She was a reader of the Texas Christian Advocate all her life. She was sick twenty-eight weeks, and suffered a thousand deaths with muscular rheumatism. She was patient and endured as seeing Him who is invisible. She sometimes would rejoice while services were being held. Death was surely a great blessing. It came May 23, 1903, at 3 o'clock a. m. A good Christian wife, mother and neighbor has gone, but she said, "Think of me in heaven." All can meet her there. So mote it be. Her pastor, R. V. GALLAWAY.

BOWERS.—Miss Lillian Bowers was born January 8, 1880, and passed peacefully away in her quiet home, in the little town of Katy, Texas, on the 5th day of June, 1903. Miss Lillian was one of the most beautiful Christian characters with whom I ever had the pleasure of associating. She never knew anything else but to love and serve her Lord. She was trained up in the Lord's service, and at the age of 14 she consciously assumed the obligations of membership in the Methodist Church, and lived not only a consistent, but a useful member until the time of her departure, and we believe that she has only entered upon a larger field of service and usefulness in which she can glorify her Lord more and more. She manifested great patience during a very long and wasting illness; was never known to murmur nor complain, but cheerfully submitted to the will of her Father in heaven. She leaves behind a father, mother and three sisters, who are also on their way to the happy land to which she has gone. That they may be an unbroken family in heaven, is the prayer of their pastor, M. L. LINDSEY.

WRIGHT.—Sister M. F. Wright (nee Henderson) was born in Mississippi, Sept. 15, 1840, and died at her home in Sabine County, Texas, May 24, 1903. She was married to Rev. R. D. Wright Nov. 7, 1858. This union was blessed with eight children—seven boys and one girl. Her husband and one son preceded her to the other world. Sister Wright, or Aunt Fannie, as she was called, professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist Church early in life; then in October, 1869, she, with her husband, united with the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consecrated Christian until the day of her death. She was a devoted mother. She loved God and her Church, and was ever ready to make sacrifice for the cause of Christ. Her home was always open to the ministers of God. Her work on earth is done, and oh! how she will be missed in her home and community. Let us strive to emulate her example and meet her in heaven. Her pastor, J. R. RITCHIE.

FANNIN.—Abram W. Fannin was born in South Carolina April 2, 1818, and died in Dallas, Texas, March 30, 1903. In young manhood he emigrated to Alabama, where he married Miss Mary Mizell, by whom were born unto him nine children. His wife and seven children survive him. In 1873 he removed to Texas. When about 16 years of age he joined the M. E. Church. Thus he was one of the charter members of the M. E. Church, South. He lived in the Church about 69 years. During this long period his life was exemplary. He was not in the Church long before he was made steward in which office he served some 10 years. As a steward he was faithful, very punctual in his attendance upon Quarterly Conferences, and carefully looking after the financial condition of his pastors. As a husband he was kind; as a father, he was indulgent; as a friend, there was no bound to his attentions; as a humanitarian, he was too humane for his financial condition. He is gone we trust to the glory world, where some of us hope to meet him in the great future. WM. A. SAMPEY.

GREGORY.—Richard O. Gregory was born in Springtown, Parker County, Texas, April 4, 1878; was born of the spirit under the ministry of Rev. C. W. Irvin and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1893; was married to Miss Lillie E. Mullins, of Aubrey, September 20, 1900. Died at his home in Aubrey, June 6, 1903. The writer did not know Bro. Gregory long; but the record he leaves behind him in Aubrey is that he was a sweet-spirited, Christian man; he was noted for his cheerfulness and pleasantness. I visited him often in his afflictions, and prayed with him. He was young and had a fine mind, and desired to live and be useful, if it was God's will; but was perfectly willing that God's will be done. On June 6 the last battle was fought and the victory won. I will say to his bereaved wife and loved ones, "Look up and be faithful a few more days, and we will all meet around God's white throne some sweet day, and we will ever be with the Lord, where all tears are wiped away." J. W. TINCHER, P. C.

CROW.—Alphonso Macon Crow departed this life after a long struggle with that dreaded foe, consumption, on May 14, 1903, at Patroon, Texas. He was born Nov. 15, 1830. He came to Texas in 1856. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, for fifty years. He joined the Church at Coul Springs Camp-ground, Habersham County, Georgia, in 1853. In his 23d year, and died as he had lived—an upright, consistent member of the Church of his choice. He was in the way between the States under Ben McColloch. He was born in Macon County, North Carolina. He was a farmer, and left a wife and four children to mourn their loss. His pastor, B. R. GOODSON.

BRADSHAW.—On June 15 some one rapped on my door and said: "You are wanted at the home of H. H. and Sister Bradshaw." When I entered I saw Nellie, a seventeen-months old baby, in the cradle surrounded by a weeping family. Death was stealing their babe. Their prayers and tears had failed and at last he bore from the embrace of its mother her loving babe and carried it hence. Death cut down the flower and the Father beyond took it to make up the bouquet of heaven. It will never wilt; it will be watered with the water of life and live forever. Don't grieve. Behind this veil death is no more. This veil is growing thinner every hour and our children are coming in sight. Bro. J. T. Hudworth performed burial services, and while he spoke of the resurrection, the great shekinah of heaven filled our souls. The storm cloud passed, joy and peace filled our hearts and death seemed a blessing, so we could live again. G. M. THOMPSON.

Brookston, Texas.

PACE.—Sister Laura Pace (nee Davis) was born Jan. 21, 1869, and died at her home near Whitt, June 1, 1903. Sister Pace was baptized in infancy; was converted and joined the Methodist Church when 12 years old. Her life has been consistent, being loyal to the Church and devoted to the cause of her Master. In her last sickness she was often made happy because of the presence of Jesus. This writer talked with her several days before her death, and I shall long remember the bright expression of her face when she said: "Bro. Tooley, I believe I shall go home to heaven when I die." May the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved husband, sisters and brothers and the aged father. Only be faithful a while longer and all will be well. Her pastor, L. B. TOOLEY.

McCOY.—The subject of this sketch, Nora McCoy (nee Tinsley), was born Feb. 9, 1882; was married to James McCoy Sept. 28, 1902, and died in Aubrey, May 28, 1903. Nora was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. I do not know when she professed religion, but one thing

I do know, she enjoyed the presence of the Lord, and demonstrated it to the world in her affliction, which was long and severe. She suffered beyond description, but in the midst of it all she exclaimed to her husband that she was so happy in the love of the Lord and ready to go. I feel she has fought a good fight and gone to glory and to God. May her bereaved husband trust in her God and be saved from his sins and finely meet some sweet day to part no more. J. W. TINCHER, P. C.

STEWART.—Jas. Cordelia, youngest child of J. S. and J. C. Stewart, caught fire while assisting in burning corn-stalks near Annona, Texas, March 24, 1902, and was so badly burned that she died the same day about 8 p. m. She was born near Petty, Lamar County, Texas, March 10, 1890, and the community of her birthplace was still her home. She was visiting a sister at the time of the horrible event. Her disposition was that of a bright heart, full of song and sunshine, and hence a radiant light in the home. She was a regular attendant at Church and Sunday-school when opportunity afforded. Her suffering was excruciating in the extreme, and yet she died trying to cheer those she was leaving behind. J. A. WYATT.

WILLIAMS.—Aaron Sherwood Williams died at his home near English, Red River County, Texas, Jan. 24, 1902. He was born in Marshall County, Tennessee, April 24, 1847, and came to Texas in childhood with the family and settled in Red River County. Here on July 8, 1868, he was married to Miss Mary J. Warthan. To them were born eight children, seven of whom yet live. He made a profession of religion in early life, but failed to join the Church, and went back into sin. He, however, again made peace with God on his deathbed. J. A. WYATT.

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WEST TEXAS CO. Llano District—Th San Saba sta. at Chas San Saba sta. Rock Springs District Conference will be held July 9, at 9 a. m. League Conference will be held, Monday, July 13, Sunday, July 12, at 8 p. m. W. H. H. Cuero District—Th Runge, at Helena Sweet Home, at Terry Hallettsville, at C. L. El Campo, at Ashby Teakum Clear Creek, at Cheaps Ganado, at Ganado Cuero J. C. San Angelo District—Brady, at Merlan Pontotoc, at San Frena Mason, at Loyal Valley Milburn, at Varga Center City, at Pleasant Lometa, at Mullin Lampasas mis. at Kemp J. B. Beville District—TI Corpus Christi Oakville Mathis Rockport Blanton Joe I Austin District—Th McJade, at Oak Hill West Point, at F. Prater Cedar Creek, at Upton Elgin Manor Walnut, at Merittown Manchaca, at Creedmore Webberville, at Osborn South Austin First Street, Austin Travis Street, Austin Hotchkiss Memorial, Au E. S. San Marcos District—Timon cir. at McMaha Belmont cir. at Oak Fm Gonzales sta. at Kyle and P. Grove, at P. Staples cir. at Harris C. San Marcos sta. Sterling San Antonio District—Cutula cir. at C. Amphion cir. at Reby Moore cir. at Big Foot Utopia cir. at Leaky Carriar S. and Batesville Sherman St. 11 a. m. Prospect Hill, 8 p. m. West End South Heights Travis Park, 11 a. m. Comal St. 8 p. m. W. J. J. NORTHWEST TEX. C Dublin District—TI Morgan Mill, at M. M. Cisco mis. at Central Eastland, at Pleasant G Bluff Dale, at Marvin C Granbury, at Granbury Glen Rose, at Elm Flat Green's Creek, at G. C. Carlton, at Fairview Euflava Iredell and Fairy, at F. Dedemona Huckabay District League and meet at DeLeon June 17-18 Conference at Tolar July 1-2 E. A. Fort Worth District—Kennedale, at Thomas C Arlington Joshua, at Marytown Mansfield, at Britton Cuba Price chapel Blum, Keppel Healthfield Grapevine Cleburne Jas. C. Georgetown District—Maddale cir. Taylor sta. Salado cir. Holland cir. First Ch., Temple sta Georgetown sta Troy cir Rogers cir Hutto cir J. S. Ch Vernon District—Th Seymour sta Spring Creek mis Benjamin mis Paducah mis Matador cir Wellington cir J. G. Corsicana District—TI Corsicana, First Ch. Rice, at Rice Alma, at Alma Cotton Gin, at Campbell's Wertham, at Woodland Horn Hill, at Central I Thornton, at Big Hill Greenbush Eureka, at Birdston Richland, at Quimby of Frost, at Salem Dawson, at Harmony Dresden, at Jones Ranel Brandon, at Risco Barry, at Love's Ch Armour Mexia Kerens, at Blizette Roane Lone Cedar Jno. M. Weatherford District—Palo Pinto, at Cedar Spr Hillman, at Olive Branch Sante, at Sante Gordon, etc. at Strawn Hanger, at Necessity Breckinridge, at Flagab Crystal Falls, at Baker Springtown, at Goshen Whitt, etc. at Bethesda Peaster, at Carter Farmer, at Farmer Graham cir. at Gouse N Throckmorton, at Bush H Elizaville, at Caddo Mis. Inst. at Graham Graham sta. E. F.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Clarendon District—Third Round.
Llano District—Third Round.
Rock Springs District—Third Round.

Cuero District—Third Round.
Runge, at Helena, July 1st Sun July
Sweet Home, at Terryville, July 2nd Sun July
Hallettsville, at C. L., July 3rd Sun July
El Campo, at Ashley, July 4th Sun July

San Angelo District—Third Round.
Brady, at Merian, July 4, 5
Pontotoc, at San Frenando, July 5
Mason, at Loyal Valley, July 11, 12

Beeville District—Third Round.
Corpus Christi, July 4, 5
Oakville, July 11, 12
Mathis, July 18, 19

Austin District—Third Round.
McLade, at Oak Hill, July 4, 5
West Point, at F. Prairie, July 11, 12
Cedar Creek, at Union, July 18, 19

San Marcos District—Third Round.
Timon cir, at McMahan, 1st Sun July
Belmont cir, at Oak Forest, 2d Sun July
Gonzales sta, 2d Sun July

San Antonio District—Third Round.
Cotulla cir, at C., 1st Sun July
Amphion cir, at Roby, 2d Sun July
Moore cir, at Big Foot, 3d Sun July

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE
Dublin District—Third Round.
Morgan Mill, at M. M., July 4, 5
Claco mis, at Central, July 11, 12

Fort Worth District—Third Round.
Kennedale, at Thomas ch., July 4, 5
Arlington, July 11, 12
Joshua, at Marystown, July 18, 19

Georgetown District—Third Round.
Maxdale cir, July 4, 5
Tranger cir, July 11, 12
Taylor sta, July 18, 19

Vernon District—Third Round.
Seymour sta, July 4, 5
Munday cir, July 11, 12
Spring Creek mis, July 18, 19

Corsicana District—Third Round.
Corsicana, First Ch., July 4, 5
Rice, at Rice, July 11, 12
Alma, at Alma, July 18, 19

Weatherford District—Third Round.
Palo Pinto, at Cedar Springs, July 4, 5
Millam, at Olive Branch, July 11, 12
Santo, at Santo, July 18, 19

Calvert District—Third Round.
Franklin sta, July 4, 5
Marquez, at High Prairie, July 11, 12
Franklin cir, at Concord, July 18, 19

Paris District—Third Round.
Rosale cir, at McK Ch., July 4, 5
Baskville cir, at Albion, July 11, 12
Clarksville cir, at Albion, July 18, 19

Palmer District—Third Round.
Palmer, at Palmer, July 4, 5
Graham cir, at Goose Neck, July 11, 12
Throckmorton, at Bush Knob, July 18, 19

Pittsburg District—Third Round.
Winfield, at Winfield, July 4, 5
Texarkana, Rose Hill mis, July 11, 12
New Boston mis, at L. Hill, July 18, 19

Waxahachie District—Third Round.
Milford, at Midway, July 4, 5
Grandview, July 11, 12
Bristol, at Carrol, July 18, 19

Abilene District—Third Round.
Big Springs, July 4, 5
Gail, at Prairie V., July 11, 12
Lynn and Terry, July 18, 19

Brownwood District—Third Round.
Glen Cove, at Midway, July 4, 5
Winters, at Center Valley, July 11, 12
Wingate, at Dora, July 18, 19

Waco District—Third Round.
Mart, at Mart, July 4, 5
Fifth Street, July 11, 12
Morrow Street, July 18, 19

Gatesville District—Third Round.
Valley Mills, P. Hill, July 4, 5
Mis. Mass. Meeting, Chilton, July 11, 12
Ogleby, Station Creek, July 18, 19

Marshall District—Third Round.
Harris n cir, at Union, July 4, 5
Halvill, at Summerfield, July 11, 12
Langview, Kelly Memorial, July 18, 19

Palatine District—Third Round.
West Palestine, at Pleasant G, July 18, 19
Palatine, Centenary, July 25, 26
Jacksonville sta, July 25, 26

Palatine District—Second Round.
Mt. Solman cir, at July 2, 3
Rusk sta, at July 9, 10
Beaver Valley cir, at July 16, 17

Dallas District—Third Round.
Denton, July 4, 5
Cedar Hill and Duncville, at D, July 11, 12
Argyle, at Roanoke, July 18, 19

Bonham District—Third Round.
Dodd, at Windom, July 4, 5
Ladonia sta, at Savoy, July 11, 12
South Bonham, at Savoy, July 18, 19

McKinney District—Third Round.
Princeton cir, Cullboka, July 4, 5
Nevada cir, Bear Creek, July 11, 12
Renner cir, Alpha, July 18, 19

Bowie District—Third Round.
Benvenue, July 4, 5
Henretta, July 11, 12
Gibtown, Wednesday, July 18, 19

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Deport cir, at Halesboro, July 18, 19
Annona cir, at Coleman Spgs, July 25, 26
White Rock sta, July 25, 26
Maxey mis, at El Bethel, Aug 1, 2

Terrell District—Third Round.
Fate, at St. John, July 4, 5
College Mound and Elmo, at Morrow, July 11, 12
Chapel, July 18, 19

Brenham District—Third Round.
Caldwell, at Cook's Point, July 4, 5
Caldwell mis, at Dime Box, July 11, 12
Lyons mis, at Independence, Fri, July 11, 12

San Augustine District—Third Round.
Lufkin mis, at Wells, July 4, 5
Lufkin sta, at Wells, July 11, 12
Tenaha, at Concord, Wed, July 18, 19

Beaumont District—Third Round.
Beaumont, Cartwright Ch., July 4, 5
Jasper and Kirbyville, at J., July 11, 12
Burkville, at Sursey, July 18, 19

Sherman District—Third Round.
Willow Street, 1st Sun July
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Waco, at Waco, 3d Sun July

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SAN MARCOS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The San Marcos District Conference was held in Seguin June 16-20. Rev. Sterling Fisher, our popular presiding elder, was in the chair. Rev. Sam B. Beall was elected Secretary and rendered efficient service. All the pastors of the district were present and made encouraging reports of their several charges. Only one of the local preachers and but few laymen were in attendance.

President J. E. Harrison of San Antonio Female College, made us a brief visit and addressed the conference in the interest of the college. Mrs. Volina spent two days among us, representing the Bessens work. We were greatly pleased and edified by the presence, speeches and sermons of Bros. J. R. Moad and J. A. Phillips. These brethren added much to the conference and we hope to have them again.

The emphasis of the conference was put upon Sunday-schools and missions, one day being devoted to each. Our presiding elder had prepared a very excellent program on each of these subjects, and many good practical addresses were made on phases of the subject. The speakers showed knowledge and enthusiasm for each of these burning questions.

The best day of the conference was Thursday. The presiding elder gave Thursday to the W. H. M. ladies, and they used it vigorously. A very fair representation from various parts of the district was present, fired with zeal for their work, and from the initial service the interest grew and closed at high tide. Mrs. Fisher, the District Secretary, presided over the meeting. The papers, discussions, question box and workers' council were of a high order. Marked progress in the woman's work this year was noted with great satisfaction. Mrs. Monkhouse, of Gonzales, was in attendance on ladies' day and spoke to the body in the interest of woman's foreign missionary work.

On Friday the presiding elder, having to leave to meet with other District Conferences to represent the school to which he has recently been elected, appointed Rev. Thos. Gregory to the chair. Bro. Gregory proved a most excellent President. He at once opened the conference to its best, and to the end a lively conference was greatly enjoyed. A series of resolutions was passed expressing the sense of the conference incident to the election of Rev. Sterling Fisher, President of Coronel Institute. The substance of those resolutions was as follows: (1) Sincere regret in losing Bro. Fisher from our District; (2) commending the judgment and action of the School Board in his election; (3) pledging him our heartiest support in his new field of labor; (4) offering him our individual service in any way serviceable in using his present term of office as presiding elder.

Friday night the conference closed to meet with the good people of San Marcos in 1904.

By Sunday morning nearly every pastor was back to his flock.

Rev. New Harris, of San Marcos, spent Sunday in Seguin, preaching morning and evening for the pastor Bro. Harris is a strong, eloquent preacher. The people of Seguin were greatly pleased and helped by his sermons.

T. F. SESSIONS

To the Presiding Elder and Members of the San Marcos District Conference, West Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, at Seguin, Texas:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the matter in reference to local option beg leave to report: That as a conference representing the M. E. Church, South, in the territory embraced in this district, we renew our endorsement of the work of local option, being carried on throughout our

State, and that we urge all our people throughout the district to keep the matter of local option constantly before the public. We regard whiskey as the greatest evil to our civilization, and it behoves us at all times to strike a blow inasmuch as the Scriptures say, "No drunkard shall inherit eternal life." It is therefore a sin to drink. We view with pleasure and satisfaction that fact that the prohibition or local option sentiment is growing all over our beloved State, as is demonstrated by a great many of our most populous counties having very recently voted in favor of local option. Let us keep at it, be vigilant, and by the grace of God victory will be ours.

H. B. HENRY,
H. C. WALLACE,
S. C. RECTOR,
ED. A. CHRISTIAN,
Committee.

Church a Total Wreck.

The storm here Wednesday night blew the Methodist church completely off its foundation and left it a total wreck. We will worship in the Masonic hall during the summer months and build a new church in the fall.

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The Young Men's Christian Association will have two days at the State Fair this fall. Mr. T. C. Horton, Secretary of the Dallas Association, makes this statement in reference to Y. M. C. A. Day at the great State Fair, which will open September 26, and close October 11, following:

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