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THE WILD RAVINGS OF FOOLISH NEGROES.

The burning of the negro rapist and murderer at Wilmington, Delaware, some ten days ago has created great excitement among the negroes living in the Northern States. Negro preachers have been delivering fiery sermons to their congregations, negro conferences have delivered themselves in lurid resolutions and negro mass-meetings have given forth bloody threats as to what will happen because of the savage deeds of the Wilmington mob. If we are to judge from these wild ravings, then the North is on the eve of a terrible race war. One bellicose cleric denounced the white race as the most blood-thirsty and diabolical class of men who live upon the face of the earth, and he advised his hearers to arm themselves and make ready for the impending fray. At Detroit the African Conference in session became a veritable Mount Pelee in eruption. They adopted an incendiary resolution with a whoop, and smoking speeches in support of it were made to spout sprays of gore. One of them said: "The negro will soon be driven to deeds of violence, and if he must act will strike fast and for himself. If the majesty of the law is not to be upheld, he will and ought to, at the first sound of alarm, shoot, burn and destroy the force that beats him back from the parks of privilege, promise and peace." Another speaker said: "The recent occurrences that have disgraced Bellville, Ill., and Wilmington, Del., have demonstrated that in those localities the inhabitants are lapsing into barbarism. It is hardly possible to conceive of 6000 enlightened Americans leaping and dancing and laughing in fiendish glee while a human creature is tortured and burned, against whom no crime has been proven, and who in the light of the law must be regarded as innocent." At La Crosse, Wis., a negro Justice of the Peace called a mass-meeting of his race and said: "A race war will follow the lynchings now going on over the country, and the first uprising will be in the North, not in the South, because of the education of the Northern negroes." And in scores of other places just such meetings were held and just such deliverances were made. But in all their deliberations not one word was said in abhorrence of the awful crime of the Wilmington negro whom those Northern people burned. Everything said by those negro orators and preachers proceeded upon the assumption that the victim of the mob had done nothing to incur the wrath of the community. We are sorry for our Northern friends. They have put themselves in the middle of a very awkward predicament. And now the negroes, who have always sided with them in politics and sectional hate, have turned against them and are breathing out threats of rapine, bloodshed and slaughter. How was it that they so far lost their sense of humanity as to commit such a barbarous deed upon a poor, helpless negro right under the shadow of the capitol of Delaware! However, that lynching of the negro in a

Northern State does not excuse, much less justify, the incendiary utterances of those Northern negroes. They are doing the worst possible injury to their race in such deliverances. What would become of the negroes if they should precipitate a race war? Blood is thicker than water and their extinction would follow. They had better advise their race to keep violent hands off of white women, be industrious and law-abiding and then lynchings will cease. No industrious and orderly negro is disturbed in his rights. The negro holds his own destiny in his hands. We deplore the lynching of any human being, but there is one crime against womanhood that the white man will not brook. In such cases the law ought to be permitted to take its course, but experience, both North and South, teaches us, and it ought to teach the negro, that this one crime knows no punishment severe enough to satisfy the Anglo-Saxon race. Therefore the Northern negroes had better whistle down the breaks rather than try to stir their race to rapine and murder.

NATIONAL LIQUOR DEALERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

The above is the name of an organization instituted last year, and it is making its business to send out all the anonymous tracts in favor of anti-prohibition now flooding the country. These are tissues of lies and misleading statements from Maine, Vermont, Kansas and other far-away States. Recently there was held in the city of Baltimore a session of the National Liquor Dealers' Association, and the following report of the work being done by this "Protective Association" was submitted to this conference:

"Up to this time the activities of the bureau have extended to twenty-two States, and over seventy per cent of the contests in which it has participated have been brought to a successful issue. In the course of the year the bureau has printed 2,515,000 pieces of literature. Of these 1,355,000 have been mailed direct to voters and 826,000 have been shipped to points where elections were pending or anticipated. In the Eastern, Northern and Western States the preponderance of victory has been largely on our side. In most of the Southern States we have fairly held our own, but in Texas the majority of the elections have gone against us. After the bureau was formed it did active educational work in Texas for a time, and during this period a majority of the elections in that State resulted favorably. Following this period of educational work the Texas people ceased for a time to notify the bureau of elections, furnish us polling lists or ask for literature, and during this period most of the elections held have resulted disastrously. More recently a close relationship has been established between the bureau and the Texas management, polling lists are being furnished promptly and a most vigorous campaign of education is being carried on, not only where elections are pending, but where they are threatened or apprehended."

Texas voters should ask themselves why

the National Liquor Dealers' Association is so interested in their education. Is it to benefit the people, or rather, is it not to help the liquor dealers?

We reproduce this extract, which embodies the leading features of the report, so that our people in Texas may see how interested in our "education" this far-off whisky-solden association is now becoming. The fact is, the whisky and beer interests of the whole country are greatly alarmed at the progress of local option in Texas. They have never relaxed their efforts to stay its progress, but they have seen county after county gradually taken from them until they do not control but fifty-eight counties among the two hundred and forty-six that make up the territory of our Commonwealth. And the liquor interest have resorted to every fraud known to the genius of diabolism to defeat us in every election, and then after we have won large majorities they have gone into the injunction business as a means of turning down the will of the people. But with all the help of fraud and quibbling courts called to the aid of the bar-room, we have gone steadily forward in victories for local option. We do not need any further "education" in behalf of liquor in Texas. For more than fifty years the bar-room has been putting in its work of education until the people have about graduated in its course of instruction. It has taught them all the ignorance, degradation and crime known to the iniquity of that business, and for this very reason they are closing out this school of infamy just as rapidly as the counties can reach it. This "Protective Association" can not tell Texas anything more about the poverty, bloodshed and crime necessarily associated with its business in the Lone Star State. We have been apt learners under its tuition and now we are writing "Ichabod" in fatal characters upon the door posts of these outlawed and accursed institutions of hell. On with the battle!

THE CARTOONS OF THE RAM'S HORN.

The Ram's Horn is a very original and unique paper and in the main it is doing a serviceable work for Christianity. Its pen-points and crisp editorials are spicy and very readable. But its cartoons are immense. They represent the ridiculous in social life and in religion. They go further and illustrate the evils incident to perverted views of morals and religion. This department of the paper is to the Church and the ministry what Pauc is to politics and politicians. In many instances, however, the Ram's Horn goes too far in matters of this character and it unwittingly puts the Church and the ministry in false attitudes before the world. In the last issue, for instance, it has a cartoon giving the relation of the citizen and the preacher to the poker room and the saloon. It gives a picture of the all-night bar-room and the gambling den attachment. In the door there stands a bar-keeper with a brutal face, dressed in his white apron, and near him is a policeman being pushed toward the place by a man representing the newspaper; then pushing the newspaper man is another

labeled as a citizen, and one, some months ago pushing the citizen, later in the picture. The saloon man is standing there with a broad grin upon his face, and under this cartoon is written, "The way the law is enforced." The whole idea of the cartoon is to illustrate what the Ram's Horn believes to be the hypocrisy of the press, the citizen, and the pulpit. Now we understand the impression that such a cartoon is an injustice to the pulpit. That there are men and there are few pulpits in our large cities that are blind and deaf to the accusations of law by gamblers and liquor dealers, we do not doubt; but that the men, as a rule, who edit our pulpits practice any such a fraud upon the moral sentiment we do not believe for a moment. They are men as a class who stand for good morals, spiritual religion and the maintenance of law and order. We give this cartoon as an illustration of the methods of the Ram's Horn toward the pulpit and the Church. It has always been calculated to increase the respect of the people for the pulpit, the preacher and the Church. In other words, it makes the pulpit and the ministry a sort of fast ball and strives to put them in the most ridiculous light possible. Were it in discrimination and take such preachers as need that sort of public contempt and place them in this gallery of journalism, we would not complain, but it makes no discriminations. Its caricatures represent them as a class, and this is a grave injustice to those who are standing for God and righteousness before the world. Therefore the Ram's Horn ought to reform its indiscriminate methods of dealing thus with the ministry and the Church. It is an easy task to make grotesque and thoughtless pictures of preachers and present them as hypocrites to a scolding world, but such things do not tally with the truth, and they are a trifling misnomer in a paper that depends upon Church people and preachers for its support. With the above exceptions the Ram's Horn has a mission to accomplish, but these features do not add to its efficiency or enhance its excellency. It would be a better paper and more faithful to the truth were it to pursue a different course toward the clergy of this country.

The Christian ought to be the most content and joyous person in the world. If what he believes is true he has everything to prosper him with hope. Not so with the non-believers. He has no correct idea of God, and he only lives for what he can get out of life to-day. But the man who has conscious fellowship with God has the promise of a life that now is and of that which is to come. He is the child of a King. This world is his camping place and heaven will soon be his eternal abode. Therefore he ought to have joy unspeakable and full of glory.

People are hard to satisfy. If the day weather sets in everything is going to blow up, but when it rains the crops are going to be destroyed by the floods. But with all these fears and murmurings upon our part, God continues to run the affairs of this world with some degree of success.

District Conferences

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

The eleventh session of the Houston District Conference was held at Angleton, Texas, June 25-27, 1903. Rev. G. A. LeClere, presiding elder, presided. S. W. Thomas was elected Secretary. The attendance was large. All the pastors were present during the session of the conference except Rev. Geo. W. Davis, who was detained at home for sufficient reasons. There was a large number of local preachers and laymen present, who took an active interest in the conference proceedings. The entire session was characterized by a deep brotherly feeling and an underflow of spiritual power. The preaching was of high order. The messages of gospel truth were delivered in demonstration of the Spirit and received with joy by the large congregations that were present at each service in spite of rain and mud.

One of the features of the conference was a paper on Higher Criticism by Rev. Nathan Powell, B. D., which was replied to by the Rev. S. R. Hay in a most marvelous deliverance in which he forever settled all questions of criticism of the higher order. There was a strong sentiment among the brethren favoring the publication of that address by Bro. Hay.

The work of the conference was transacted by committees, and for the most part the general interest of the Church was looked into in a most painstaking manner. It is believed that the district will pay its assessment for missions in full.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference, with Geo. H. Wray and A. Borman as alternates:

M. D. FIELDS,
E. P. HAMBLEN,
REV. R. O. BRAZELTON,
A. P. NORMAN.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the district held their meeting on the last day of the session, which was presided over by Mrs. Metcalf, of Houston, District Secretary. Encouraging reports from almost all of the auxiliaries of the district were heard from with eager interest by all present.

The entertainment of the conference was most excellent. E. L. Ingram is a capital conference host and upon this occasion no pains were spared to make our stay in his charge most enjoyable, for which the conference passed enthusiastic resolutions.

Rev. G. A. LeClere is in fine fettle with the people, and though his health is not the best he was able to preside at each session, direct the affairs of the conference most satisfactorily and preach a magnificent sermon Sunday at 11 a. m.

Rev. W. R. Strother, A. M. President of Chappell Hill Female College, was a visitor to the conference, and made a fine report of the excellent work that had been done this year in this one of our conference schools.

Richmond was selected as the seat of the next session of the conference.

S. W. THOMAS,
Secretary.

Houston, Texas, June 30.

BONHAM DISTRICT.

This conference held its eighteenth session at Bailey, June 25-27. The presiding elder, Dr. J. H. McLean, presided throughout. All the pastors were present except two, and those were detained at home on account of sickness. Six out of twelve local preachers and thirty out of sixty lay delegates were present. A glorious rain may have kept some away. The rain was needed badly and to a degree offset the absence of these laymen. The preaching of the conference was done by T. W. Lovell, "Uncle Dick" Thompson, C. M. Harlow, S. C. Riddle and J. M. Binkley. Rev. Albert L. Scales, Conference Secretary of Education, delivered an address of great force. His former preceptor, our honored President, must have felt proud of this "Georgetown boy." The address took wide range, was original and fairly bristled with practical points. It should bear fruit. The subject of education was magnified in the conference—our District Training School (Wall School, Honey Grove), and the Southwestern University receiving special attention. There seemed to be a difference of opinion as to the "loyalty" to the latter institution of those who think it is "good enough as it is," and of those who frankly but painfully acknowledge its limitations for want of endowment, insisting that the rich Methodists of Texas ought to put it alongside the best equipped denominational institutions at least.

Rev. J. M. Binkley, Financial Agent,

reported our conference college, the North Texas, more prosperous than ever heretofore, notwithstanding "hard times." This great school is growing in favor at home and abroad.

There was a tone of hopefulness in nearly all the pastors' reports. Several conversions were reported. Interest in the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society is growing. A few auxiliaries had been organized. A deeper and more intelligent interest in Sunday school work is being manifested. By this sign we conquer.

While the need of missionary work in the bounds of the district was recognized, no recommendation was made.

Three fine young men were licensed to preach—Elli J. Nicholson and Arb N. Julian, of Bonham, and Isaac R. Beasley, of Honey Grove. Wm. Capric Howell was recommended to the Annual Conference for ordination as a deacon, and he and Chas. T. Tally, L. D. and I. R. Beasley were recommended for admission on trial.

Ladonia gets the next conference. The following are the representatives elect to the Annual Conference:

J. W. HOUSTON,
C. B. JENNINGS, L. D.,
HOPE H. CARLETON,
F. M. ELY.

Hon. P. C. Thurmond and Dr. S. B. Nelson were elected alternates.

The conference adjourned at 2 p. m. Saturday, and nearly all the brethren went home.

S. C. RIDDLE,
Secretary.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.

The Palestine District Conference met at Groveton, the county seat of Trinity County, Thursday, June 18, at 8:30 a. m. Rev. J. B. Sears, the presiding elder of the district, in the chair, immediately after the devotional exercises the roll was called, and while most of the preachers in charge answered to their names, the laity were largely represented by vacant pines, much to the injury of the absent brethren. If my memory serves me right, every pastor in the district, with the single exception of R. H. Greenhouse, who was representing the Board of Education at another District Conference, was present before the conference adjourned. J. W. Mills, the brilliant young preacher in charge of Trinity and Loyal work, was elected Secretary and discharged this business with ease and grace.

The majority of the preachers' reports were made the first day of the conference. There is a gradual forward movement. Seventy-seven have been received on profession of faith. This number is not large, but when it is remembered that our Churches are almost entirely country Churches, and that the revival season with them is just opening, it will be understood why no more were reported.

The second day was to be devoted to missions. The two societies of the women—the home and the foreign—were given control of a part of the morning session. Papers from various auxiliaries of the Home Mission Society were read, while Mrs. C. A. Hooper, of Huntsville, as conference officer of the Foreign Mission Society, represented in person that branch of the work. In the afternoon missionary speeches were made by several of the brethren, and at night Rev. J. B. K. Spain, of Marshall, the representative of the Conference Board of Missions, in a strong, lucid and convincing way presented the great cause of missions.

John Thomas Hooks, of Rusk, was licensed to preach. This same brother, with John W. Albritten, of Kenard Circuit, and John T. Howell, of Willard Circuit, were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:
J. W. MADDEN, Crockett.
HENRY HOLCOMB, Augusta.
R. F. HODGIES, Kennard.
E. C. DICKINSON, Rusk.

One of the most important actions taken by the conference was in reference to the domestic mission work in the bounds of the district. Committees which were so thinned by the movement of the people toward the West a few years ago that our Churches there were disbanded, with the tide of immigration setting in toward East Texas, are now becoming more thickly populated. To meet this condition the Committee on Missions embodied in its report the recommendation that the presiding elder take public collections to get funds to aid one man these neglected fields, if he found the matter practicable.

For a number of years the question of a district parsonage has been more or less agitated. The committee appointed at the last District Conference submitted no definite plan, so the matter came up de novo. An as-

essment of \$1800 was ordered distributed to the several charges in the district, which, together with the money already in hand, will enable us to build or buy for our presiding elder one of the best preacher's homes in the bounds of this conference. Crockett offered a lot for a building site, and so was selected as the place for the location of the parsonage.

Next year the conference is to be held at Wesley Chapel, a country Church about six miles northwest of Crockett. This is a new departure for this district, but one which has in it the promise of much good. Major J. C. Wootters, of Crockett, the chairman of the Building Committee, which has just completed the splendid new church for the Wesley Chapel congregation, together with the Wesley Chapel brethren, will see that conveyances to and from Crockett depot are provided for all coming by rail.

The people at Groveton were exceedingly nice to the brethren. Bro. Parsons was to have been the host of this conference. His recent sad death threw this responsibility upon Bro. Luker, who has but recently been appointed to the work.

EUGENE L. CRAWFORD,

TYLER DISTRICT.

The late session of the Tyler District Conference met in Troupe, Tex., June 16, 1903. Troupe met and entertained us with a royal welcome. No conference was ever cared for better than the Tyler District Conference at Troupe. The nice new church building was comfortable and convenient, beside being handsome and commodious.

At 8:30 p. m., June 16, Rev. J. B. Turrentine, of Willis Point Station, preached the opening sermon from Dent, 29-29. After the sermon Rev. J. T. Smith, presiding elder, opened the first session of the conference. Bro. Turrentine was elected Secretary; the roll was called, and thus the conference was organized for business.

The business was dispatched as per printed program, and very little time was lost. A spirit of brotherly love prevailed, and earnest work was done on the part of preachers and laymen. All the preachers were present except three, who were kept away on account of ill health. These were Rev. W. F. Hardy, Tyler Circuit; Rev. D. L. Cain, Canon and Edgewood, and Rev. Jesse Willis, Malakoff.

The reports showed that the district is in a prosperous condition. The material growth of the Church in Tyler District, as well as the spiritual development, has been constant and rapid enough, not only this year, but for the past three and a half years under the leadership of Rev. J. T. Smith. If one should judge by the volunteer testimonies on the conference floor by both preachers and laymen, this district will be very sorry when Bro. Smith has to leave us, which event must needs occur at Bryan next December. By mutual consent Bro. Smith and Tyler District are "stuck on each other."

All the local preachers of the district had their licenses renewed, and there were several licensed to preach. (After having been asked by vote of the conference to report its proceedings to the Advocate, I should have the names of those licensed. It is my fault that I let it pass my attention.)

Following is a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the conference:
Whereas, Rev. J. T. Smith, our beloved presiding elder, with the present year, will close his quadrennium of official relation to Tyler District;

Resolved, That as a District Conference assembled, we do hereby express our gratitude to God for the faithful and efficient service to the Church in all the interests committed to his care and oversight which he has rendered.

That he, by his fidelity, uniform kindness and courtesy to all the brethren, has won our highest regard and affection, and by his tireless energy and administrative wisdom the Church has prospered and Methodism has been exalted throughout the district.

That we pray God's richest blessings upon him and his family wherever in future the line of his lot may fall. Signed,

W. F. PACKARD,
J. B. TURRENTINE,
A. A. KIDD.

The conference elected the following delegates to the Annual Conference:

L. L. JESTER,
H. F. TAYLOR,
H. C. HUGGINS,
PROF. M. M. DUPRE.

We appreciated very much the presence of our visiting brethren, Rev. W. W. Watts, of Nacogdoches; Rev. B. H. Greenhouse, of Jacksonville; Prof. E. R. Williams, of the A. C. I. Jacksonville; "Uncle Dick," Dallas, and Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., Nash-

ville, Tenn. These brethren preached to the delight of all.

Sunday was spent in religious services and was a profitable day. Pardon me. Our W. H. M. S. received due attention and its session was presided over by Mrs. G. V. Ridley, our District Secretary. Under her supervision the district made a fine showing.

All in all, Tyler District is moving up and under its present management will be out on all lines at Bryan next December.

A. A. KIDD.

SHERMAN DISTRICT.

This conference convened in the pleasant little city of Collinsville on June 25, and was in session three days. Rev. J. A. Stafford, our handsome and portly presiding elder, occupied the chair with his usual dignity, and Elder Spragens, of White-
wright, was "master of the rolls."

Elder Spragens is an intelligent man, but lazy, and by some hook or crook got the conference to vote requesting me to write up the proceedings for the Texas Christian Advocate.

This turns out to be a pleasant duty, however, for the conference was a success from start to finish; and there were so many good things said and done that a chronicler need not be at a loss for something to set down.

All the pastors of the district, with a respectable delegation from the several charges, were present and participant, and every interest was carefully looked into and duly considered.

The report of the preachers showed a marked and healthy advance along all lines of Church work, and the prospect for the future seemed hopeful in the highest degree.

Aside from the routine business of the conference one brother, Rev. W. B. Byers, was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and another, W. M. Shelton, was licensed to preach.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

W. H. MATTHEWS,
D. W. HUGHES,
A. L. BEATTY,
REV. D. W. GROUNDS.

Prominence was given to religious exercises, and the result was that the session was one of the most spiritual it has ever been my good fortune to attend. The preaching was of a high order, and the presiding elder feels justly proud of the leadership of such a band of intelligent and consecrated men.

The claims of the Texas Christian Advocate were presented and emphasized. The opinion was general that the organ of Texas Methodism is not only the best of its class, but that under its present editorial management it is better than ever before.

Visitors, especially connectional men, were conspicuous by their absence. Dr. H. A. Boaz, President of Polytechnic College, and Major Frank Reedy, representing our Publishing House at Dallas, were the only great luminaries who lifted the light of their countenance upon us.

I regret that I cannot record that our "beloved presiding elder preached on Sunday with great power and acceptability." Fact is, he did not preach at all. He compelled the brethren one after another to lick their "sugar sticks," and on Sunday hoisted this writer into the pulpit with instructions to work his lips on Wesley and Popular Christian Education. This feat was accomplished with some aspiration, not a little inspiration and an immense amount of perspiration.

The people of Collinsville entertained the conference with characteristic hospitality—Rev. J. A. Old, the local pastor, playing the host—ingenerally like a veteran entertainer.

It was my fortune to be the guest of Bro. Waldo, a good Presbyterian, who, with his excellent wife, spared no pains to furnish the primrose possible entertainment; and though it may not have been so "ordained from the foundation of the world," it has certainly come to pass that my stay at their house was one of the most pleasant memories I have gathered up along the path of my itinerant life.

The next session of the conference is to be held at Van Alstyne. Let Bro. Gus Thomasson et al. take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

JAS. W. HILL.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.

The thirty-fourth session of the Weatherford District Conference met in Breckenridge, Texas, June 26-28, 1903, Rev. E. F. Boone, presiding elder, in the chair. J. L. White was elected Secretary.

The conference was well attended. All the pastors, except two, were present. Many local preachers read their own reports, and the laymen were well represented.

Rev. S. J. Vaughan, of Cisco, Dublin District, was on hand to represent

the Church Extension Board of the Northwest Texas Conference. His sermon was spiritual, an exception on this subject. Bro. Vaughan is a man of God.

Prof. Sigler, of the Polytechnic College, was on hand. He said many good things on Christian education. Committees were appointed who faithfully looked after all the interests of the Church. Bro. Wagner looked well after the Nashville Christian Advocate.

The reports of the preachers showed prosperity along almost every line. Especial attention was called by Bro. Boone to "Go Forward," the Texas Christian Advocate and "the assessment plans of raising money." A letter from Prof. Hughson, of Weatherford College, was read. He asks the hearty support of all the people in the work of building up Weatherford College. This school seems to be on rising grounds. Bro. Shover caught fire as he spoke of the Southwestern University and Christian education.

J. P. Patterson took fifteen subscribers to "Go Forward," our missionary paper.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

J. M. KEEN,
J. B. FOSTER,
I. W. STEPHENS,
A. P. PAYNE.

Alternates:

J. M. Corbin,
W. B. Love,
J. A. Wallford,
J. L. Williamson.

The following were licensed to preach: Jno. A. Cael, Frank D. Caviness and Pierce S. Wilson. All the interests of the Church were carefully attended to. There were reports read from Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Price, of the W. F. M. and W. H. M. Societies respectively.

Rev. D. B. Kahey, a local preacher, who died during the session was properly remembered.

Bros. Summers, Clark, Smith, Carleton, Wagner, Vaughan, Huckabee, Tooley, Boone and Evans preached to the delight and edification of all.

The conference passed a resolution asking Bro. Evans to have his sermon on Christian Education published in the Advocate. Look for it. It is an eye-opener.

The conference owes much to our presiding elder and our pastor at Breckenridge for the success of the conference.

The thoughtfulness of Bro. Cox and the spirituality of Bro. Boone made our conference not only a business meeting, but also a social and spiritual feast.

Breckenridge gave us a royal entertainment and welcome. May God's blessing rest richly upon her and give her peace.

The next conference goes to Gordon.

J. L. WHITE, Secretary.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

The San Marcos District Conference met in the Methodist Church, in Seguin, Texas, on Wednesday, June 18, at 9 a. m. Rev. Sterling Fisher, presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. J. J. Franks preached the opening sermon Tuesday night.

All of the preachers of the district were in attendance, and a splendid spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the conference. Only a small representation of lay delegates and local preachers present.

The citizens of Seguin gave the conference royal entertainment, and Rev. T. F. Sessions makes a fine conference host. He was untiring in his effort to make every one feel at home.

The conference convened promptly at 9 a. m. and held two sessions daily. Religious services were given prominence throughout the entire time. The preaching was of a high order and deeply spiritual.

Rev. Sterling Fisher had charge of the conference, presiding with grace and ability, wisely directing its business and deliberation. To have the daily care of all the Churches in the District and the additional care of Coronal Institute, indeed means much, yet Sterling Fisher seems to be master of the situation and wide-awake to every interest of our great Zion. During the conference he manifested a keen interest and personal knowledge of every appointment in the district.

Wednesday was devoted to missionary interests and much that was helpful was said and done. The reports of the preachers show a very marked advance along all lines of Church work, especially in missionary work done by the Sunday-schools, and cash paid on domestic and foreign missions.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. J. A. Phillips preached the sermon on missions. He dealt largely with the history and ideals of missions. He handled the subject in a most interesting and instructive manner.

Tuesday the W. H. M. Society reviewed the work of the past year in the district. Reports marked great progress and an advance in every department. The session was interest-

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Bro. J. R. Moor, one of the Curators of Southwestern University, represented the interests of that institution. San Marcos was selected as the place for the next District Conference. The conference adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev. C. W. Perkins. S. B. BEALL, Secretary.

VERNON DISTRICT.

The fifteenth session of the Vernon District Conference is a thing of the past. We met in Crowell, June 18. J. G. Miller presided. This was his first conference to hold, but he had everything so well in hand that one would have guessed him an old hand at the business. Every interest of the Church belonging to the work of the District Conference was carefully gone over. Lively discussion was had. Friday afternoon was set apart for the good women to present their work. It was one of the most profitable services held. Reports and papers were read showing great advancement made and still greater things looked for. Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth made a forcible talk, which sent conviction to some of us preachers. My, how much credit some of us little preachers do get for a great work our wives do!

A resolution was passed by the conference requesting the W. H. M. Society of the Vernon District to organize for district work. From start to finish Bros. Miller and Bloodworth kept their eye on the devotional part. It was one of the most religious conferences I ever attended. The best and most appropriate preaching. The boys of the district did some of it. Some of it by our visiting brethren.

Dr. H. Bishop had gotten into what we could see a great sermon when the wind and rain frighten the people away. We were so disappointed. H. A. Boaz, President of Polytechnic College, preached a fine sermon on education. I wish Bro. Boaz would send me that sermon. I have wanted one like it for a long time, but did not know how to make it. M. K. Little, of Itasca, preached a sermon the equal of which is rarely ever heard in spiritual power. C. F. Roberts, presiding elder of Weatherford District, Indian Mission Conference, also preached a well prepared and helpful sermon.

By common consent for simplicity, gospel truth and spiritual power, the sermon preached at 11 a. m. by J. G. Miller was hard to beat. The principal of Clarendon College, Thos. E. Kennedy, A. B., Vanderbilt University, was on hand looking after the interest of the school. This school has just closed its most prosperous session. With such men as J. Sam Barrens as President, and Thos. E. Kennedy as principal, we are encouraged to believe that this school is second to none of its class in all this country. In fact, when we add to the entire faculty recently announced the attitude and some other natural advantages enjoyed at Clarendon, in our judgment this school has very few equals.

Crowell entertained the conference handsomely. It's a fine people. The completion of the new church and other preparations for the conference showed enterprise and push that would put to shame many towns many times its size. W. R. THORNTON, Secretary.

WACO DISTRICT.

The last session of the Waco District Conference was held in the pleasant little town of Mt. Calm, June 25-27. Rev. N. A. Keen, as host, did his part thoroughly and his people dispensed a generous hospitality. B. R. Bolton, presiding elder, held the reins and kept the team in the middle of the road, but allowed them to make their own pace, which at times was quite rapid. There was open discussion of numerous topics and steel met steel of the Damascus brand. Sometimes the elder himself could not keep out of the arena, and although a fine swordsman seemed to relish the fact

that some of his men could stand awhile, at least, before him. One preacher was detained at home on account of sickness in his family, the others were present. There was a large attendance of laymen. The preaching was well done. Pleasant echoes of Bruce Meador's opening sermon reached your correspondent. W. N. Curry thrilled us on the duty of every man to stand in his own place. A. E. Carraway, with the knowledge of a true guide, led us into the secret fastnesses of God, a refuge. W. H. Vaughan taught us some deep lessons on little children coming to the Savior. M. S. Hotchkiss preached a strong missionary sermon on the adaptability of the gospel to all classes and conditions of men. Horace Bishop, the preaching genius, was with us in the interest of the Mission Board. He fairly throbs with figures and facts, gloss with argument and burns with zeal. Jno. M. Barcus, presiding elder of the Corsicana District, represented the Board of Curators of the Southwestern University in a speech filled with wisdom. It was statesman-like in its utterance and of most refreshing broadness. How the man loves his alma mater. The conference contributed nearly a hundred dollars for Mackey Chapel, an enterprise of the City Board of Church Extension of Waco. This is only following precedent, as the same was done last year for Edgfield, a suburb of the same city. The conference gave the orphans sixty dollars, and contributed forty dollars or more for missions. Some of this latter will run through the years. The reports from the various charges showed a favorable condition of matters in general. Though the revival season has not fairly opened, there have been some six hundred additions to the Church. The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: G. W. BARCUS, A. L. ELLIOTT, W. A. PUTMAN, HENRY LANGE. Alternates: D. W. Linville, M. W. Stanford, T. B. Gardner, A. B. Keen. JNO. R. MORRIS, Secretary.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

The session of the Waxahachie District Conference held at Midlothian, May 28-29, 1903, was in many respects perhaps the best session ever held in the district. The attendance was good. Pastors Littlepage, Odum and Nation were kept from the conference by sickness. Our wide-awake and up-to-date presiding elder had previously arranged a program which was designed to bring out every feature of Church work. The conference unanimously adopted this program as the topics for discussion during its sessions. Horace Bishop, D. D., led in the discussion of missions. It developed during the discussion that our people, as a whole, are not informed as to present missionary methods and successes. But it was further developed that our pastors are reading missionary literature and are endeavoring to disseminate missionary knowledge among our people. Rev. T. J. Duncan led in the discussion of the "State of the Church." We were soon made to realize, as one brother expressed it, "that we were up against an interrogation point" as he "probed" us with questions like the following: "Do our people attend the preaching services, prayer-meetings and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?" "Does attendance upon these means of grace indicate the spiritual state of the Church?" "Is the practice of holding family worship declining?" "Are we having our children baptized, and teaching them the doctrines of our Church?" "Do present business methods interfere with Church and family obligations?" And so forth and so on. As the conference proceeded we still encountered the interrogation point. Hon. J. K. Parr, of Hillsboro, led in the subject of finances. Many and deep were the questions propounded by him, such as: "Are the financial plans of this district in harmony with the spirit of the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Discipline?" "Are our people informed as to the various interests of the Church represented by the 'general collections,'" etc. Books and Periodicals was discussed by Revs. J. G. Putman, O. P. Kiker, R. B. Bonner and W. M. Lane. One of the most interesting features of the conference was an address by Hon. E. W. Williams, of Fort Worth, representing the Northwest Texas Conference Board of Missions. His address was forceful; indeed, and his suggestions with reference to the intricate work of city missions were wise and practical. Rev. W. B. Wilson, of Granbury, representing the Conference Board of

Church Extension, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon from Ex. 25-8. Chas. W. Hearon was granted license to preach. Chas. W. Hearon and Z. Lee Howell were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. Ferris was selected as the place for holding the next District Conference. Rev. W. J. Hearon and his good people gave us a royal entertainment. The conference closed in peace and harmony, and a number of the boys hid away to Georgetown to attend the Institute. Hence this delay. C. B. SMITH, Secretary.

BEEVILLE DISTRICT.

The thirty-sixth session of Beeville District Conference was held in Goliad, June 24-28. All of the pastors were present except two and sickness prevented them. The W. H. M. Society held forth part of Wednesday and most excellent papers were read. This society is doing an excellent work in the district. The W. F. M. S. have not an organization in the district. Thursday was given to Sunday-school work. Speakers to whom subjects had been assigned were present. Friday was Epworth League day. Special program had been prepared and the speakers did their part well. The following brethren preached during the session of the conference: I. K. Waller, J. T. H. Miller, C. Wilkerson, C. S. Mills, J. E. Buck, L. G. Watkins, Sterling Fisher, J. W. Long, M. K. Fred, W. A. Dunn, Dr. G. C. Rankin preacher two most excellent sermons for us on Sunday, at which time the new church was dedicated. T. E. Noonan and C. A. Davies were granted license to preach. C. A. Davies and E. P. Ledbetter were recommended to the Annual Conference on trial. More accessions were reported than were reported to the last Annual Conference. Delegates to the Annual Conference: R. B. ALLEN, R. H. GILBERT, T. E. NOONAN, M. N. SHIVE. Alternates: Geo. Johnson, C. N. Garner.

Rev. Sterling Fisher, President of the Coronado Institute, was on hand and looked well after the interest of his school. He has the confidence of his brethren and we predict for him great success. Dr. Rankin, our popular editor, spoke well to the interest of the Advocate. Only twelve delegates and four local preachers were present. Stockdale gets the next District Conference. Our presiding elder is in great favor with all. Bro. Passmore and his people are ideal entertainers. J. W. LONG, Secretary.

EL PASO DISTRICT.

Being so often asked by the brethren and friends, who write us from Texas, why we did not write oftener, we have decided to send the dear old Advocate some more notes. We shall not write particularly of our town, except to say that it is growing steadily. Almagorero and Clouderoff have been too widely advertised for us to write about these the time and place so to do. Our Church is prospering. Our property is clear of debt, and we have a growing membership, which we expect to see doubled within another year. The Woman's Board gave us a sum sufficient to pay a debt on our parsonage, and now with the contemplated addition we will have a beautiful parsonage home. All honor to these good women of the Church. How they have been used of God. We have all the machinery of the Church installed in this charge, and are looking that results shall follow. On the 17th of April Bro. W. H. Brown came to us and remained two weeks. We had a glorious time. The Lord gave us a gracious meeting. We had conversions at nearly every service. Many who had grown old in sin turned to the Lord, young people and children alike gave themselves to God, and backsliders were reclaimed. There are more backsliders in this country than any place we have ever been. A large portion of the irreligious people we meet tell us that they were once religions. There are so many young men in the West who are away from home, and many of them are away from God. We have grown to sympathize with young manhood as never before. God help us to save the youth of our land. Our Leagues are in a flourishing condition. We believe our Junior League is the best in the conference. They respond to every call of the pastor. Not long since we purchased "Children's Prates," and how these Juniors too do sing, and most of them lead in prayer too.

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These people are kind to the preacher and his family. We have had many tokens of appreciation, including several poundings. The District Conference was held here recently and was in every way a success. All in all, it was the best this writer has ever attended. And the League Conference which met in conjunction gave the whole district new inspiration, and we doubt not that a year hence will show a marked improvement in League work in the El Paso District. Three of the preachers could not attend, but we had a goodly number of the laity present; and when it is considered that some of the preachers and laymen in order to attend have to travel nearly 300 miles or quite some of the brethren in North Texas may wonder that they came at all. But there is some of the same stuff in this conference, out of which Methodist history is made, and some chapters are yet to be written. The reports showed that most of the charges had held revivals and others hopeful. The preachers were all full of good cheer. Coming as they have from so many different quarters, yet a more brotherly lot could hardly be found. We are never through with visitors, and we seldom see a connectional man. But if you can find time to visit this land of magnificent distance will give you an old-time Methodist welcome. By the way our approaching Annual Conference has been memorialized that it adopt the Texas Advocate as its organ since a far greater portion of the membership of this conference is Texan. Two young men were licensed to preach and four or five were recommended for either admission or readmission. So this conference is moving, as perhaps, never before toward providing her own preachers. The District Conference laid stress on some features of our work which will result in a forward movement. As some one has said, it takes grace, grit and greenbacks to carry forward the work out here. Now brethren, if you will help furnish the greenbacks, the Lord will surely give the grace, and we will try to furnish the needed grit. We might right here refer to our new enterprise, the proposed school at El Paso, or some other place within the conference. This will be established, and it ought to be at the earliest possible time. The importance of such a school is clear to all thoughtful minds. Being here on the border, the center of the great Southwest, and so far removed from other such institutions, of our Church, it is as much needed as Texas Methodism needs our Southwestern, and she could not do without the Southwestern. Now let some one whom the Lord has so richly blessed invest a few thousand, and will not others a few hundred and others even less? This work ought to be done and what ought to be done must be done and can be done. Will you help? Write Rev. T. L. Lallance, presiding elder, who is chairman of the Board, if you want to help, and let him explain to you. Let this good begun work go steadily forward. Through the kindness of friends, the writer, wife and Master Dwight will leave about the 15th of June for a month's visit among the hills of Holston, and then on to Detroit and the League Conference before returning home. We shall not promise, but if we should not lose our head on this trip you may expect some notes from the hill country of Virginia. DALLAS A. WILLIAMS

MANGUM DISTRICT CONFERENCE. The first District Conference for this district convened at Hobart on June 26, with a good attendance. Every pastor present and a goodly number of delegates and local preachers. We had expected Bishop Hoss to be with us and felt a sense of disappointment that he could not come. But our young "beloved," McCullough, presided with so much grace, ease and dignity and

conducted business with such regularity that we soon forgot that a real Bishop had not come. Every interest of the district was looked into diligently, and yet it was all done in two days. The conference licensed four young men to preach. They have promise of usefulness. The conference recommended three preachers for admission into the traveling connection, and recommended one for readmission. Many good, strong, efficient preachers are needed in this rapidly developing country. It is a great field for those who can stand the pressure for a time. The Woman's Home Mission Society rendered a most interesting program on Saturday afternoon, discussing some of the most interesting and important questions concerning our Zion. This society is the pastor's friend and a power in the Church. The preacher who does not encourage it with all his power is unwise. Most of the preachers in this district are from Texas. Of course it was good fellowship for them to meet. Some of them are still looking longingly across the Red River. Prominence was given to religious service, and I am sure that the conference has done permanent good to our local Church, and gave an inspiration to those who attended from abroad. W. J. MOORE, Hobart, O. T.

TOO LATE. By Edw. Milton McCallough. In the heat of passion, I uttered words which wounded the heart of a friend. I had given words to cut them back, but to me the pardon I could not find. So I hurried on all the pain in my heart. Grew so great, I wrote and tried to find my friend and plead excuse. I was too late, my friend was dead, Haskell, Texas.

He honors himself who pays homage to God. W. J. MOORE, Hobart, O. T.

BABY WEATHER. Little Fellows Don't Like the Hot Days. Mothers should know exactly what food to give babies in hot weather. With the broiling hot days in July and August the mother of a baby is always anxious for the health of her little one and is then particularly careful in feeding. Milk sours quickly and other food is uncertain. Even in spite of caution, sickness sometimes creeps in and then the right food is more necessary than ever. Our baby boy two years old began in August to have attacks of terrible stomach and bowel trouble. The physician said his digestion was very bad and that if it had been earlier in the summer and hotter weather we would surely have lost him. Finally we gave baby Grape-Nuts food, feeding it several times the next day and the next morning he seemed better and brighter than he had been for many days. There was a great change in the condition of his bowels and in three days they were entirely normal. He is now well and getting very strong and bushy and we know that Grape-Nuts saved his life. For he was a very, very ill baby. Grape-Nuts food must have wonderful properties to effect such cures as this. We grown-up in our family all use Grape-Nuts and also Postum in place of coffee with the result that we never any of us have any colic, flatulency, but are well and strong. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

The reason Grape-Nuts food relieves bowel trouble in babies or adults is because the starch of the grain is predigested and does not tax the bowels, nor ferment like whole bread, potatoes and other forms of starchy food. Send for particulars by mail of extension of time on the \$7,500,000 cook-off contest for 735 money prizes.

Secular News Items.

James Augustus Wilson '96, a negro from Calhoun, Alabama, won the Hibbard prize in freshman declamation at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, at the commencement last week.

It is expensive to call a man a jackass in Kansas. Robert Sands, a Marion County farmer, applied this word to his neighbor, Bert Sanders. Sanders sued him for slander for \$2,500 and secured a verdict of \$400. Sands has appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

Sunday was the greatest day in the history of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, so far as the passenger traffic was concerned. Every car that could possibly be used was put in commission and it is estimated that over 1,200,000 passengers were carried, 250,000 more than on the best day hitherto.

To save the life of Assistant General Superintendent Wilson Fredericks, who was badly scalded in the Philadelphia and Reading Railway wreck at Westfield last February, 6,000 men employed by the United States Express Company have volunteered to permit the removal of a piece of skin from their arms.

The Louisiana Supreme Court has affirmed the constitutionality of the Act passed by the Legislature at its last session, punishing with imprisonment at hard labor, wife desertions and failures on the part of the husband to support his wife and children. A number of deserting husbands were arrested, but their punishment was suspended, as the Act was declared unconstitutional. The matter was carried to the Supreme Court. A great improvement is expected in Louisiana husbands as a consequence of this law.

A medical writer in the Frankfurter Zeitung, says a cable dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald, gives some curious particulars about the white lines which cross finger nails. These are signs of disturbance in the organism at the time they were formed. They often form during serious illness. The proportion of normally constituted who have these lines on their finger nails is from 10 to 11 per cent, while 46 per cent of criminals have them, 47 per cent of the demitons, 43 per cent of idiots and 34 per cent of lunatics. Sufferers from melancholia show a large percentage, but the largest percentage, 75, is among those who are periodically dangerous lunatics.

M. De Label, a distinguished French promoter, is in New York endeavoring to enlist American capital in a scheme by which it will be possible to go from that city to Paris by rail in fourteen days. The Russian Government, he says, has already granted necessary concessions through Siberia and Canada in giving the matter favorable attention. M. De Label claims to have \$50,000,000 already promised, but says four times that amount will be necessary to launch the enterprise properly. Materials for construction will all be purchased in the United States. The route is to be from Irkutsk via Yakoutsk, East Cape, Behring Strait, Prince of Wales Cape to Yukon City. As a ferry across Behring Strait is impracticable, the promoter has planned to build a tunnel thirty-six miles long, to cost \$50,000,000.

The cable announces that the Philippine Government proposes to sell or farm out the opium monopoly in the Philippine Islands to the highest bidder. The bill granting this monopoly is said to be patterned after that which English legislation forced upon India. Every one who has cared to be instructed knows how that legislation has not only disgraced England but cursed India as well as China.

The evangelical press in Germany is much disturbed over the visit recently paid by Field Marshal Count von Waldersee to the General of the Jesuits when the former was in Rome with the Emperor. It feels certain that some chief political importance attaches to the interview. "Imagine," said one journal, "the highest military personage in the German Emperor's suite going to see the chief director and manager of an Order solemnly prohibited by the state law in Germany for its own protection and safety and paying a polite visit to the Spanish father who has been in the place of Ignatius Loyola since 1892." Others speculate whether Gen. Waldersee paid a visit of condolence to the Jesuit General in order to express his sympathy over the unpleasant delay in canceling paragraph 2 of the Jesuit law, or whether he was the bearer of assurances from Imperial Chancellor von Buelow, to whom the

Jesuit law now appears vexatious and superfluous. It is suggested that there may have been some Chinese reminiscences to be exchanged, especially as Germany had to thank the encroachments of Bishop von Anger and the Roman Catholic priests for the so-called "Boxer" troubles.

It is the shame of Germany that she is today the protector of the Turk, and this is return for commercial privileges. Germany, Austria and Great Britain together could drive the Turkish Government out of Europe.

Peter I of Serbia has been recognized by the Powers, and has already ordered a handsome crown from the Paris goldsmith. A disposition has been manifested among the European Governments to insist on the punishment of the regicides, the Emperor of Austria having led the way.

When Victor Emanuel II died the sum of \$400,000 was in a short time subscribed for a monument. The government added \$1,000,000. The estimate now is that the total cost will reach about \$6,000,000. The monument is to be the most beautiful and costly in modern Italy.

George W. Vanderbilt will build a manufacturing city on a large tract of land recently acquired by him, lying between Hendersonville and Brevard, North Carolina.

Emperor William of Germany sent a congratulatory telegram to President Roosevelt after having visited the Keams and Squadron off Kiel, warmly welcoming the Americans and praising their war vessels.

A dispatch from Washington states that Russia has learned with profound regret that the United States intends forwarding a petition of American Jews to that government in regard to the Kishineff massacre.

While the tax rate for next year has not been officially declared, says the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger, work in the assessment offices has progressed far enough to make estimates fairly accurate. The indicated rate for Manhattan is not more than \$1.10 on \$100, while that of other boroughs will be only a trifle higher. Last year the rate in Manhattan was \$2.27. The large decrease is due to the new system of approximately full valuation assessments, a plan that has more than met the expectations of its advocates.

Last Sunday Mayor Capdeville turned the first spade of earth in the work of establishing the vast sanitation system that is to place New Orleans on a par in that regard with other cities of its size. The undertaking is a stupendous one and will not be completed in less than five years. The tax to pay for it was voted in 1899, after the epidemic of fever in 1898 had brought heavy losses to business men. About \$18,000,000 will be required to construct the system of sewerage, water and drainage. Elaborate ceremonies marked the beginning of the work.

According to William Eleroy Curtis, Chicago is the healthiest city in the world, with the possible exception of Stockholm; and, comparing the decade ending December 31, 1902, with the preceding ten years, we find that the average death rate per 1,000 has been reduced from 20.13 to 15.68. No other city anywhere near the size of Chicago can show a better record. The actual death rate of Chicago for the year 1902 was 14.55 per 1,000 population, and in 1901 it was only 12.88—even lower than that of Stockholm, which claims to be the healthiest city of the world.

The curing of fish tainted or badly cured is said to have some direct connection with leprosy.

A fire in Manila, May 29, destroyed about 2,999 houses, and rendered some 8,000 persons homeless. The new Austrian tariff is to be high, and almost prohibitive against many products from the United States. The government of Corea has order the arrest of persons who sold land to the Russians and the Chinese. The Queen of Sweden and Norway is a staunch supporter of the Salvation Army; and religious work is one of her special interests.

Queen Alexandria is very fond of articles for personal adornment that are enameled and gives many very beautiful gifts of this kind to her friends.

The most hopeful news from Venezuela is that General Matros, the leader of the revolutionists has published an address suing for peace. According to the monthly report of the Sanitary Officer of Cuba, the rate of mortality on the island is decreasing. Small-pox and yellow fever seem to be almost entirely suppressed. The Philippine Government has drafted a bill to prevent the exportation of inferior hemp, and providing for a system of government inspection and grading of the product.

An important case has been decided in New York, where a detective has been fined for "shadowing" a private

citizen. The Judge held that the word "annoy" in the statute covered the case, and that no one has the right to annoy another; and that continual following and watching from morning till night is annoyance. As it was the first case of the kind the court thought necessary to impose only a light fine of \$50.

The British Minister to Serbia is instructed to withdraw from Belgrade for some time, on the arrival of King Peter, and in the meanwhile not to recognize the new government.

Germany keeps \$2,000,000 in readiness for war in a tower at Spandau, and figures that it would last through the first six days of an international conflict.

Three million tons of steel rails will be needed for new railroads in this country next year.

Richmond, Virginia, was in the throes of a street-car strike last week, and soldiers were called out.

Edison has become one of the technical directors of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company.

The great "Salt Lake" is to be bridged. The work will take three years and will cost two and a half million dollars. The Southern Pacific Railroad in Utah undertakes the job.

A number of cities, including Chicago, have forbidden the use of powder on the Fourth of July. Lectures on patriotism are to be substituted for firecrackers. The Superintendent of Schools says the shooting of firecrackers is not American; it is Chinese.

Mrs. Carrie Nation visited St. Paul the other day, and while awaiting the arrival of a street car entered a saloon and began a temperance address. The "bar-tender" turned a seltzer siphon upon her, and she had to leave with her clothing considerably bedraggled.

Lord Roberts, a high officer in the British Army, will visit America at an early date, officially, on a return visit for the recent visit of American military officers to Great Britain and will remain in this country a month.

Steps have been taken to secure the \$5,000,000 appropriated by Congress for the World's Fair at St. Louis. The company has about expended the ten millions conditional before the government appropriation is payable.

President Roosevelt's home-coming to Oyster Bay, Mass., for the summer, was made a fête day by the citizens of that place. Mr. Roosevelt on this occasion unveiled the trophy cannon presented to that town by the navy department.

Judge Wilkes, of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, in an opinion delivered at Jackson, upheld the constitutionality of the Adams Act, holding that licenses issued before its passage expired with the town charters. The decision closes saloons in many towns at once.

Dun says business for the first six months of 1903 was better than for corresponding period of last year.

The battleships Alabama, Massachusetts, Illinois, and cruiser Brooklyn, sailed for the Azores for the summer maneuvers.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Tillman's attorneys obtained a change of venue, and he will be tried in Lexington County, South Carolina.

The Socialists made a big gain in the election of the members of the Reichstag. They increased their representation by fifteen seats and their total vote to upwards of 2,500,000 votes, which is 400,000 more than in 1898. The gain has been made at the expense of all the other political parties.

The Italian Legation at Peking has begun the installation of the Marconi system of wireless telegraph, to communicate directly with ships in the Gulf of Pe-cho-Li.

The delegation of German agriculturists whom the Kaiser sent to this country to study farming conditions, have returned from a six weeks tour of the Western States. They obtained

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much information on methods of farming on a huge scale and the peculiarly American methods of "Bonanza" farming, irrigation and freighting methods, and will make an exhaustive report to the German Emperor on their return home.

There are many indications that Bulgaria and Turkey regard an outbreak of war as probable. It is stated Turkish authorities are organizing a regular persecution of Bulgarian inhabitants, their villages being razed to the ground and notable Bulgarians being imprisoned on slight pretext. Turkish troops in the Villayat number 120,000.

As we go to press there is a race riot in progress at Evansville, Indiana. A negro killed a policeman and the mob tried to take him from the jail. The troops fired on them and seven were killed and a large number wounded. Pandemonium reigns.

President Roosevelt is to be commended for his action in removing Daniel H. McMillan, of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, who has been proven, to the satisfaction of the President, to be guilty of general immorality. The removal of Judge McMillan should be a warning to other public officials who may be indifferent to their character and conduct.

The Catholic Citizen, the Roman Catholic paper of Milwaukee, in an editorial on the commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, says: "Wesley was a good man. The movement which he organized was a most wholesome one in effects, not only on the people who affiliated with Methodism, but on the Protestant Churches outside."

At the Zionist Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, resolutions were adopted declaring that the outrages have again exposed to view the weak and defenseless position of the Jewish nation, and they prove that the Jews cannot remain in Russia without suffering "unnecessary and futile martyrdom," and demonstrate the need of further action than relief of the victims, and that all Jewish congregations should aid in the re-establishment of the race in Palestine.

President Roosevelt was a guest at the seventy-ninth annual commencement of the University of Virginia.

The Ferris Wheel, one of the great attractions at Chicago in 1893 was recently sold at public auction for \$1,800. Originally it cost \$362,000.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity has just held its session in Atlanta. They have determined to erect at Lexington, Virginia, a memorial hall in honor of Gen. R. E. Lee to cost \$10,000.

Booker T. Washington has declined the proposition of the British South African Association, that he should go to South Africa and study and report on the conditions there.

The Local Option Bill in Illinois has been defeated, and it cannot again be brought before the Legislature for two years. This gives the saloon two additional years to intrench themselves.

Nine hundred professors, and 1,200 students were present at the opening of the summer school at Knoxville, Tennessee, on Tuesday. It is expected that the number of students will be doubled.

Within a week the last link of the Commercial-Pacific cable will be laid between San Francisco and Manila, and the United States will then have direct communication with the Philippine possessions.

At Kiel, June 29, American men-of-war won two first, a second and a third in races against the boats of the German fleet. The Americans had five boats entered in the three events, while the Germans had thirty-seven, and the American crews were not familiar with the course and had not specially trained for the occasion. Emperor William presented the prizes to the winners at the Kaiserlicher Yacht Club, Ensign Steel receiving a

silver cup and Lieutenant Mustin and Midshipman Rowan, of the cutter "Chicago," valuable trophies. The Emperor and Rear-Admiral Cotton exchanged felicitations.

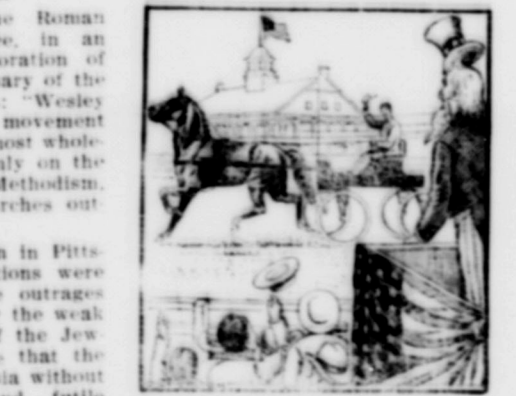
The Navy Department has awarded to the lowest bidder, the Gas Engine & Power Company of Morris Heights, New York, the contract for building the gunboat Paducah, at their bid of \$255,000. The company took the contract for the sister ship of the Paducah a month ago at \$255,000.

Reports from Manchuria show that Russia is making every preparation for permanent occupation.

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The rebellion in Southern China is spreading.



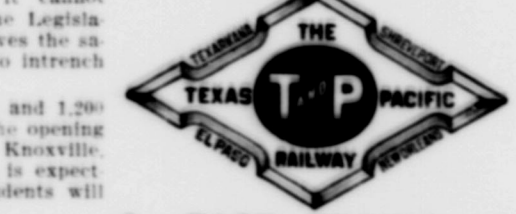
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NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Snyder. C. D. West, July 5: I am just in from Church. This has been a good day for Snyder. Baptized eight infants had a large number of communicants at the sacrament...

Salado.

J. M. Armstrong, June 20: We have held successful children's day services at three of the four points in this charge. Corn Hill will surely not lag behind. The superintendent and other officers and teachers there are too much alive for that.

Holland.

C. S. Cameron, July 4: The charge is moving forward spiritually and materially; our services are well attended. Sunday school and League, W. H. M. S. and prayer meetings all doing well. There is room for improvement, but we are here for that purpose.

Anson.

Zoro B. Pirtle: On the third Saturday and Sunday in last month Rev. E. A. Smith, our wide-awake presiding elder, held our third Quarterly Conference at Fairview. The sisters there spread an immense dinner, which was enjoyed by quite a crowd.

Munday.

Ed R. Wallace, July 4: We go tomorrow into our Gorce revival meeting. I am to have the presiding elder with us for one week. Bro. Miller is a real good preacher, the which all presiding elders should be.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Fort Worth, Glenwood.

J. D. Young: Our new church will be completed Saturday, July 11. To say that it is a beauty puts it mildly. It is finished from foundation to finish.

ECTOR.

W. J. Bludworth, July 3: We are just back from our District Conference, held at Bailey. Dr. McLean was at his best. The preachers nearly all present and in the best of humor. "Uncle Dick" Thompson represented the Orphanage, receiving a nice collection. Bro. Binkley, of the North Texas Female College, preached a very uplifting and edifying sermon.

Dick" is to be with me the fifth Sunday in August. My meetings are arranged and we expect a gracious revival throughout the charge.

Woodland and Kanawha.

Walter Douglass: Our third Quarterly Conference was held at Kanawha June 18, 19. Bro. Casey was on hand, preaching good sermons, presiding with dignity and eating vast quantities, as the "beloveds" always do. Bro. Casey complimented our new church, finding only one item of criticism—a want of a chancel. But when he saw the material on the ground for its building he "took back" what he had said, and blessed the community that was so enterprising.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dripping Springs Mission.

Rex B. Wilkes: Our work is in fine shape at about all six of the appointments. We now have three Methodist Sunday schools doing well and also two union schools. Two Senior and one Junior League have been organized since we came on the work last conference. It was our great pleasure Sunday before last to organize a Woman's Home Mission Society at Driftwood, one of our best appointments. Our people are all farmers and the crop seasons have been so late we have not as yet held any meetings. Will begin the first at Henly next Sunday. Bro. New Harris came out from San Marcos and did some fine preaching to the people at Fitzhugh and Dripping Springs the fourth Sunday in June.

Cuero.

L. B. Ellis, July 1: We have just closed a great meeting here in which there were over 100 conversions and over seventy-five additions to the different Churches. I received forty-seven into our Church. Bro. H. D. Knickerbocker, of Dallas, did the preaching, and those who know "Knick" know that it was well done. I never heard better preaching nor have I ever seen more faithful and earnest work done. "Knick" is pure gold and a yard wide, especially his mouth. Bro. D. J. Evans led the choir and did it well. Our meeting was a union tent meeting, in which the Baptists and Presbyterians and Methodists united. The spirit of unity was refreshing, and besides the immediate results the reflex influence upon the Churches and the city will be a blessing in the days to come. Our Church is doing well; our Sunday-school has about doubled in membership. We have the primary department and the baby roll. Have organized a Junior League with forty-five members. Have received since conference seventy-two additions. Have paid several hundred dollars on old debts. Our finances are well up. Our district is in excellent condition. Our young presiding elder is a success. He is active, vigorous, poetic and evangelical, and can outpreach any of his preachers.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Center.

J. M. Adams, June 30: I have just closed a gracious meeting; ten additions by profession; about fifteen were reclaimed. I was ably assisted by Rev. J. W. Goodwin and Rev. J. M. Perry. Eighteen have been received by certificate this year.

A Sustaining Diet.

These are the ever-critical days, when, as somebody has said, men drop by the sunstroke as if the Day of Fire had dawned. They are fraught with danger to people whose systems are poorly sustained, and this leads us to say, in the interest of the less robust of our readers, that the full effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla is such as to suggest the propriety of calling this medicine something besides a blood purifier and tonic—say, a sustaining diet. It makes it much easier to bear the heat, assures refreshing sleep, and will without any doubt avert much sickness at this time of year.

The fast man makes the poorest speed.—Ram's Horn.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Gatesville District Conference met in Meridian June 25-27, inclusive. Rev. S. W. Turner, P. E., presiding. All the pastors except three, a few local preachers, and quite a liberal sprinkling of lay members were present.

The reports of the pastors all showed that they are faithful to the work assigned them, and are striving to glorify God in upbuilding the Church and saving souls.

Prominence was given to the devotional services, the prayer services being uplifting and the preaching of a high order.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of Fort Worth, visited us in the interests of Polytechnic College and preached an able sermon on Christian Education. Rev. R. W. Thompson was on hand to press the needs of the Orphanage, and to tell us what is doing in that institution. His appeal for the children was liberally responded to. Uncle Dick is the right man in the right place.

The presiding elder gave Friday afternoon to the ladies for an opportunity to present the work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies, and right well did they improve the opportunity. Mrs. S. H. Lumpkin, the District Secretary of the Home Mission Society, presided over this part of the meeting. The conference had the pleasure of hearing several able and interesting papers from representative women of the district, showing conclusively that the ladies have their work well in hand, and that they are fully alive to the tasks they are undertaking. May God bless the good women.

The characters of all local preachers were passed, and their licenses renewed.

Francis P. Hunsicker and Talbert M. Dalton were granted license to preach, and Samuel T. Cherry was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Delegates to the Annual Conference:

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, W. J. MAYHEW, J. R. HILL, LEAKE AYRES

Meridian entertained the conference, visitors, wives, babies and all in old time Methodist style, and made us feel that it was good to be there. Bro. G. W. White is an ideal host, and left nothing undone to provide for the comfort and pleasure of his guests.

The conference adjourned Saturday afternoon, to meet in 1904 with the good people of Hamilton.

LEAKE AYRES, Sec'y Gatesville Dist. Conf.

Resolutions.

Whereas A few pastors and several local preachers, in the bounds of the district, have failed to attend this session of the conference, and have failed to show cause why they were absent; therefore, be it resolved,

First, That it is the sense of this body, that it is the imperative duty of every pastor to attend District Conference, and that he has no right to excuse himself unless providentially hindered.

Second, Every local preacher in the district should feel it his duty to attend District Conference, and in case of enforced absence, should, without fail, have his written report before the conference.

Third, That pastors, local preachers and delegates elect should previously adjust their plans so they could remain through the entire session of the conference.

MORE ABOUT PROHIBITION IN GRIMES COUNTY.

As our readers have already been informed, this county carried prohibition on June 13 by about 190 majority, but on account of some irregularities one box was thrown out, leaving 160 majority. We are rejoicing over our glorious victory and hope soon to see all the saloons in the county closed up, and their owners engaged in some other business that will enable them to make a living in a respectable way. I wish to tell how this victory was won. First, a county convention was held on May 28, and a vigorous campaign was organized. The entire county was canvassed and speeches made in every neighborhood. Two active temperance workers, Mrs. Zehner and Rev. J. G. Adams, were secured, and they delivered some of the finest speeches in Navasota and Anderson that were ever heard in this county. But the most of the work was done by local talent.

Hon. J. M. King, of Navasota, a leading lawyer and a Methodist, played a conspicuous part and with a fine male quartette, consisting of Dan Doyle, Luther Hall, John Franklaw and Benton Randolph, all of Navasota, went to nearly all the most important places in the county and did most effective work. Hon. A. M. Campbell, our efficient District Attorney, and Capt. T. P. Buffington, of Anderson,

made a number of able speeches and did yeoman service in the good cause. Rev. R. W. Adams and this writer also made several speeches and helped to win the victory over the powers of darkness. The good women worked and prayed in a quiet way and the Lord heard their prayers, and thus the right triumphed over the wrong. The liquor men held a meeting and talked about getting out an injunction, but found that it would cost them a large sum of money and they wisely decided to submit to the will of the majority. They did not put any speakers in the field during the campaign, but circulated a lot of literature that was vile and false, and we exposed it so that but few believed the statements contained in it.

W. W. HORNER.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

July 2.—S. J. Vaughan, sub. W. F. Gibbons, sub. J. M. McArthur, sub. J. D. Odum, sub. J. R. Nelson, sub. A. Methvin, sub. M. C. Dickson, sub. L. E. Riddle, sub. H. C. Willis, sub. W. K. Rucker, sub. has attention. Joe Trice, sub.

July 2.—J. P. Lowry, sub.

July 4.—Jno W. Hennessey, sub. R. P. Dunn, sub.

July 6.—E. R. Patterson, sub. J. D. Odum, o. k.

July 7.—Frank Hughes, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. B. C. Ellis, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, sub. C. A. Evans, sub. J. A. Phillips, thanks. J. A. Johnson, o. k. Nathan Powell, thanks.

July 8.—W. B. Martin, sub. M. C. Dickson, sub. Gus Garrison, sub. R. L. Ely, sub. J. M. Owen, sub.

A DEBATE.

Rev. J. N. Hall, of Bitter Creek fame of Kentucky, and T. J. Beckham, of the North Texas Conference, will begin a discussion in Pilot Point, Texas, July 29 on the doctrinal differences of their respective denominations. We take this method of inviting all Methodists and others to attend and bring with them their baptismal robes, so if they desire they may go down into the "liquid grave" and come up with "dripping garments" out of a baptistry like the one Paul baptized the Roman jailer in. The Baptists have challenged us and propose to furnish everything but brains and entertainment for the Methodists. This we will try to do ourselves. Everybody come.

T. J. BUCKHAM.

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THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR AT SAN ANTONIO.

We are just in receipt of the premium list for the Fifth Annual International Fair to be held at San Antonio, Texas, October 17-25, next. The premiums offered this year by this association are very liberal and have been increased considerably in livestock and agricultural departments which ought to encourage the farmers and live stock breeders to make an effort to show the best they have. The premiums in the agricultural department cover both dry and irrigated farms; also very liberal premiums are offered for county exhibits. This ought to bring together one of the grandest displays of agricultural products ever seen in the State, for with the magnificent crop prospects this year, farmers ought to be able to make a mammoth exhibition.

The different cattle associations of America have recommended the good fortune the San Antonio International Fair has had on the different kinds of live stock in the State and to give encouragement to this Fair, have offered very liberal special premiums for their respective breeds.

The roping contest this year will be on a grander scale than ever before. This includes several roping contests and broncho riding.

Anyone desirous of obtaining a copy of this premium list can do so by addressing J. M. Vance, Secretary, San Antonio, Texas.

A CORRECTION.

I desire to correct a statement in regard to names of delegates to Annual Conference appearing in my contribution in last week's Advocate. The name of J. T. Upchurch appears, which it should have been L. W. Ross. When I wrote the article I did not have the minutes before me, and the name of Bro. Upchurch, who is an alternate, was used instead of the name of Bro. Ross, who is a delegate.

E. I. RIDGER.

DEDICATIONS.

Rev. E. W. Salomon, of Corsicana, will preach the sermon and dedicate our church in Kilgore on Sunday at 11 a. m. August 2, 1903. All former pastors are requested to be present.

M. F. DANIEL, P. C., Kilgore, Texas.

On the second Sunday in August we expect to dedicate our church at Frisco. The dedication services will be conducted by Dr. G. C. Rankin, and beloved editor. All former pastors are respectfully invited to be present.

T. E. BOWMAN.

FRISCO, TEXAS.

THE OFFICIALS OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE IN TEXAS. Have Arranged for a Special Party to DETROIT, MICH., For International Conference, July 16-19, 1903. Via COTTON BELT ROUTE TO MEMPHIS. LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE TO CINCINNATI. (With Stop at Mammoth Cave.) C. H. & D. TO DETROIT. (Side Trip to Niagara Falls.) The Party will travel in Special Sleepers, and a delightful trip, at least possible cost, is contemplated. One car is nearly filled, and we will arrange for another. For full information regarding personnel of party, schedules, etc., address: A. K. RAGSDALE, Secretary, Dallas, Texas. H. H. HALSELL, President, Decatur, Texas. GUS W. THOMASSON, Van Alstyne, Texas.

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ONLY A CHILD.

"I'm only a little child;
But mamma said one day
The smallest hands some work can do
And the youngest heart can pray.

"And O I am so glad
To know that this is true
That God has in His harvest field
Something that I can do!

"Some little corners where
My little hands may glean,
So I may bring a golden sheaf
When the grain is gathered in.

"I'm only a little child,
But Jesus died for me,
Lord, give me every day new grace,
To work for love of Thee."

—Selected.

QUESTIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

If you are good at guessing or answering, here are a few questions you can wrestle with: You can see any day a white horse, but did you ever see a white colt? How many different kinds of trees grow in your neighborhood, and what are they good for? Why does a horse eat grass backwards and a cow forward? Why does a hop vine wind one way and a bean vine the other? Where should a chimney be the larger, at the top or bottom, and why? Can you tell why a horse, when tethered with a rope, always unravels it into a kinky knot? How old must a grapevine be before it begins to bear? Can you tell why leaves turn upside down just before a rain? What moon will bear the greatest weight before breaking? Why are all cow paths crooked and none straight?—Wesleyan Advocate

THE BRIGHT FACE.

There is nothing that conduces more to the happiness of the home than to find a bright, sunny face looking into ours as we enter the door. If the light of love shines, it lightens the load and brightens up the outlook. The bright, sunny face in the home is a power for good that can not be estimated. There is nothing like the cheerful, happy frame of mind which it helps to bring about.

So, dear ones of the household, wear happy, sunny faces, and see what wonders they will work when there are fretting, anxious cares and uncomfortable people about to deal with. Many annoyances come every day; none of us is exempt from them. The vexations of life are necessary to discipline us. Let us be sure that in the end, they make our faces, to shine.—Selected.

GIFTS FROM MONOPOLISTS.

There seems to be a wide difference of opinion as to the propriety of accepting gifts from men like Rockefeller. Those who solicit such gifts start in with the proposition that a worthy object has a right to call upon any one for assistance, regardless of the manner in which he secured possession of his money; and the second argument in such a defense is usually that the individual himself is a man of generous impulses and high character and that even though a part of the income is derived from objectionable sources, the contamination does not extend to that portion of the income derived from legitimate sources.

The subject is worthy of consideration because if private monopolies continue to grow, it is likely to become a more and more important issue. First, can a worthy institution afford to accept money that is wrongfully accumulated? In order to establish the principle, let us take an extreme case and assume that a gang of highwaymen should succeed in accumulating a large sum by robbing travelers and also succeed in so terrifying the authorities as to escape punishment. Would any Christian college or any other worthy institution feel justified in accepting donations from such a group of individuals while they continued in lawlessness? If they repented and as far as they could made return of the stolen goods, and offered to some worthy institution that for which they could not find the real owner, a different question might arise, but who would defend such a donation while disrespect for moral and statute laws continued to be manifested?

Does it really make any difference, from a moral standpoint, whether the sum secured is a small sum and in violation of statute law, or a large sum secured in the absence of law, but in violation of moral rights? In other words, can an institution founded on moral principles hide itself behind mere statutory law and excuse a thing which is wrong, merely because the

law does not specifically prohibit, or, if it does prohibit, is not rigidly enforced? A private monopoly has always been an outlaw, and the principle involved cannot be defended from a moral standpoint. Not only is a monopoly morally wrong, but it is also a violation of statute law. With in the last few days the Federal Salt Company has been convicted of maintaining a monopoly contrary to the anti-Sherman trust law, just as the meat packers were found guilty in Missouri of violating a State statute. The Standard Oil Company, like several other monopolies, exercises an absolute control over the price of oil. If the manager desires to make a contribution to any fund he has it in his power to raise the price of oil and then collect the amount contributed, and such interest as he may think proper, from the consumers. It is not only an immoral use of the taxing power, but an illegal use, even though these trusts have so far had influence enough to prevent an enforcement of the law.

Can a benevolent enterprise afford to be the recipient of money collected from such a source?

Aside from the moral principle involved, there is another question of scarcely less importance. Can the friends of a benevolent enterprise afford to risk the silencing influence of such a gift? Can they afford to risk the restraining effect of such an acceptance upon their lips? The people who are interested in benevolent enterprises are, as a rule, persons of active mind and of social and political influence. Are they in a position to denounce as strongly and as constantly as they should, the conduct of the trusts if they solicit or accept a part of the proceeds of the trust's misconduct?

And what should be said of the responsibility of the stockholder in a trust? Some may attempt to draw a line between the stockholder and the director, or manager. Some may say that a stockholder can conscientiously draw dividends from a trust, if in the election of directors he tries to secure men who will deal fairly with the public.

Likewise, some may argue that a man may conscientiously be a director in a trust if, in the selection of its officers, he tries to secure the election of men who will respect the rights of the public. But one who will attempt to defend either a stockholder or a director on the ground that he means well, but is out-voted, will probably defend the manager of the trusts on the ground that he is acting for others and not for himself, and therefore under compulsion to make the most possible for them, regardless of his own conscientious scruples.

This shifting of responsibility is in itself a recognition of the indefensible position of the man who accepts the benefits of immoral transactions. It marks the triumph of a love of money over conscience. A man who buys stock in a trust buys it with the knowledge that it is conducted by human beings; he buys it with a knowledge that he cannot control the conduct of those in charge unless he has a majority of the stock, and if he will allow his reason to exercise itself he will soon come to the conclusion that he takes the stock for the purpose of securing for himself the profits that arise from a disregard of human rights.

If it is impossible for a mere stockholder to justify a participation in tainted profits, what shall be said of the director and the manager himself? In the case of Mr. Rockefeller, it is a fact known to all that he not only derives a large part of his present income from the Standard Oil Company, but that the dividends of his Standard Oil stock have furnished the money for his other investments. The tremendous pyramid of his fortune rests upon the stock of the Standard Oil Company, and it is a matter only too well known that in acquiring his fortune he has resorted to every evil practice known to the trusts. He has forced rivals to sell to him by cutting off their market or source of supply or both; he has bankrupted men who refused to sanction his business methods. He has violated the laws of State and nation, and secured not only rebates, but a part of the freight paid by others. If but a few of the facts set forth in "Wealth Versus Commonwealth" (by Henry D. Lloyd) are correct, no criminal now incarcerated in the penitentiary for larceny has shown more indifference to human rights and property rights than this same Rockefeller. Does it lessen his sins that he has given liberally to Churches and colleges? Nay, it exaggerates them, for he attempts to make others share with him the odium that his conduct merits. He is held up as a Christian, but the test of Christianity is not in profession, but in performance, and a

Christian has been too well defined to enable a man like Rockefeller to be mistaken for one. "If a man say I love God and hateth his brothers, he is a liar." This may seem a forcible way of putting it, but who has authority to change the test? And what victim of statute law has ever shown his hatred of his brother more than Rockefeller has in his management of the Standard Oil Company? "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," cannot be proved by a distribution of a part of one's income if it is disregarded in the collection of the income.

It is high time that we should have a moral awakening which will condemn both the giver and the gift where the money is accumulated by methods which are repugnant to the conscience. This form of punishment should not take the place of the law; it should rather supplement the law, but it is a form of punishment that might prove effective if the public opinion awakened was strongly and forcibly expressed. After all, the possession of money would lose much of its charm if ill-gotten gains, instead of bringing flattery and praise, brought contempt and universal criticism. It is time worthy enterprises were learning to spurn the blood money offered by trust magnates to relieve their consciences or to purchase immunity.—Exchange.

THE LETTER-CARRIER AND THE 'BAR.'

In the old mining days, says a Western correspondent, the mail between Strawberry Hill and Bluff City had to be carried nine miles over the hill twice a week by a man on foot. One day the carrier came into Strawberry Hill without the mail-bag, and the four hundred men of the place at once gathered around him and demanded an explanation. The carrier was bleeding from a dozen wounds.

"I'll tell you how it was," he said. "Up thar by the bend I was tackled by a 'bar.'"

"And you killed him?"

"No, I didn't have my gun."

"Then you dodged him?"

"No, tried to dodge him, but he was right thar."

"Then you ran away?"

"No chance to run! The critter was after me or that mail bag, an' so I heaved him the mail-bag an' got away. He clawed me a few times, but it don't amount to much."

A murmur of indignation passed through the crowd, and Judge Watkins stepped to the front.

"Stephen Jackson," he said solemnly, "do you mean to tell us that you gin up that mail-bag to that 'bar'?"

"Had to, judge."

"Didn't that 'bar seem to prefer you to the bag?"

"I reckon he did."

"An' you felt that he did at the time?"

"Yes—I felt pretty strong that way."

"An' yet, after swearing to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and defend that mail-bag with your life, you can't feed it to a 'bar'?"

"Judge, I had to get away."

"Who said anything about your getting away? It were your solemn duty to perish right thar! It were your duty, sir, as a patriot an' a mail carrier an' a government official, to hang that mail-bag to a limb an' let that 'bar' go ahead an' take your carcass!"

The crowd uttered cries of approval. An' now, the judge went on, "you have escaped the 'bar,' but you have the outraged feelings of this here camp to deal with. Stephen Jackson, how do you prefer to die?"

"By hangin'!"

"Well, Stephen Jackson, before we proceed with that formality, we'll send a couple of men up to the bend. If they find the bag an' the mail, we'll spar your life. If the 'bar' has devoured it, we shall proceed to pass sentence on you!"

The men who went up to the bend found the bag unopened. The 'bar' had scorned it as an article of diet. So Jackson's life was saved, though he was discharged from the government service. Singularly enough the bag contained only one letter and that was a dunning letter for Judge Watkins.

A STREAK OF FORTUNE.

"Mayn't I come in, please? Won't you let me, Jennie, if I sit still on the butter firkin, and don't eat any of your ice cream? You've let Wink Burt, and he's in the class below me at school."

"No, Polly, you can't come down in this cellar, whether you want to or not. Wink Burt's got a whole box of strawberries. Aunt Lizzie gave me the last two eggs, so there's nothing for you to bring. You're too little, anyhow! I should think you'd be ashamed too, staring round in some one else's cellar at a secret meeting where you're not wanted, and when your sister's visiting there!" And the big ten-year-old sister took off her blue apron and pinned it up over the iron grating of the cellar window, so



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that seven-year-old Polly could not peek in on the secret workings of the M. S. C.

"You might have let her in, Jennie. Your eggs could have counted for both of you. We needn't have to tell her about the Hinbub; and she could have turned the freezer at first, while we sewed on the dresses. Even if my mother did say we could have only five down here, she's little, and would not have counted for one more as long as she didn't eat any ice cream."

Polly meantime scuffled wearily down the alley into the hot street. Oh, she wished she were older! The exclusiveness of the grown-up play was sharply bitter to the small outsider. If her mamma were not away she would be happy. She was tired of hunting out secret post-offices. Anyway, she knew where the last one had been hidden. Just this morning she had found it in the spout hole of Sadie's house. She had stolen three letters out of it, and had read all about the Hinbub and the M. S. C. Now she was boiling up, and those girls were eating ice cream. They were mean things! Why were no children born when she was, so she could get up a set of her own against Jennie and her girls? Polly sat down on the hot curb stone, and dug her toe around and around in a little hole. Life was not worth the living.

But what was that shining in the sand? Joy! It was a five-cent piece! Now they would let her in!

She hurried to the cellar window, and listened. The ice cream was almost done; she could hear the freezer click slowly and the ice crunch hard. How good it would taste with the real strawberries! Probably they would eat it out of Sadie's rosebud saucers.

"Jennie, mayn't I come in now? I've got five cents," said the eager, plaintive voice.

Then from behind the blue apron curtain Polly could catch the bits of whispered consultation.

"Let her come in, Jennie, and have a little ice cream. There'll be enough. We can put the five cents in the treasury for the Hinbub."

The temptation was strong, but Jennie held firm.

"I said she shouldn't come in, and she shan't. Our secret's going to be kept."

It was too much for Polly, altogether too much.

"I know all about your old secret. I

found your postoffice in the spout-hole. The M. S. C. is the Mother's Social Club, and Hinbub is the cocoa-nut-cake man down the square. I shall not come in unless I can have a saucer of ice cream. I was going to buy broken cake with the five cents."

Instantly a murmur came from the cellar, almost a gasp. Polly knew she had conquered, and she could afford to be conciliatory.

"Some of the cake has chocolate frosting."

That was enough. Jennie herself was won to retribution.

"Go buy the cake and knock three times, and you may come in." It was the relentless Jennie who said it.—F. E. Sullivan in Christian Register.

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OUR EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

This department of the Advocate is constantly improving. At last we have gotten a live, wide-awake young Leaguer to take hold of it who knows how to enlist the interest of the Leaguers of the State. Brother Gus Thomasson, of Van Alstyne, had good training for some time in the General Secretary's office at Nashville, and he thoroughly understands the needs of the work. He is also possessed of the editorial intuition and knows at a glance the sort of matter that will be helpful and of interest to the League work. He is making his page very spicy and in doing it he is bringing to his help many of the Leaguers of Texas. Let all the League organizations throughout Texas appoint some capable person to pick up items of interest pertaining to the work and send them to Brother Thomasson who will shape them up for that department, and thereby give variety and helpful suggestions for the benefit of all concerned. If your League is doing anything, write and tell him what it is and how you are doing it. In this way the League Department will grow more and more interesting to our young people.

We are fortunate in having an arrangement with Dr. H. M. DuBose, our General Secretary at Nashville, by which he furnishes us his League Lesson exposition to appear simultaneously with its appearance in the Era. And in this connection we wish to state that the Epworth Era under his direction is an excellent paper for all our Leaguers and it is meeting with favor throughout the Church. We are glad to note that it has reached the self-supporting period of its life, and with the arduous efforts being put forth by Dr. DuBose it can soon be made a source of revenue to the Church. Let the Texas Leaguers support their organ, the Era, for it will give them a general knowledge of the work throughout the connection that can not be gotten out of any one of our Church organs. We give you the record of the State work, but the Era will put you in accord with the League work throughout Southern Methodism.

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EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

Moral color-blindness is a serious affliction.

To see things with a single eye is to see them correctly.

Appearances are very deceptive, but realities are never misleading.

Because one man feels badly and is cast down is no evidence that the world is growing worse.

People can be good without becoming soft, and they can be wise without suffering the affliction of pedantry.

Not every man who carries a pious face or indulges in holy emotions is possessed of the highest type of character.

The new convert from an evil practice who wants to execute everybody that does not follow his exact example is not a very safe leader of men.

The spirituality that grows out of a conscious personal acquaintance with God and that conforms itself to his commandments is worth far more than a lofty pretention coupled with obnoxious manners toward other people.

THE SCHULENBURG STICKER.

The above is the name of a small paper published down in the foreign population of Texas, and of course is only partially in sympathy with American civilization. Its name indicates its quality and character as well as its calibre and capacity. A week or so ago it was seized with a desire to conciliate its beer-guzzling patrons and it dropped into the following ill-odored deliverance:

In view of the certainty that the appropriation made by the Legislature would by far exceed the State revenues for the next two years, Gov. Lanham has deemed it wise and proper to strike out a few hundred thousand dollars. For all that, the deficit will be there, and worse than all, that deficit will probably loom up in much greater proportions than was dreamed, thanks to the nonsensical narrow-mindedness of the would-be pietistical apostles of prohibition. It takes money to carry on a household; a State Government is a household on a large scale; it takes an income to keep the State machinery in motion; those revenues have to come from somewhere and from somebody, hence it follows that if no income is to be derived from licensing a legalized occupation, then an increase direct taxation has to be resorted to in order to supply the necessary nervous-remuneration. Apparently the logic of the prohibitionists is this: "That of the two evils, 'whiskey or taxation,' they prefer taxation," especially referring to those who have little or no taxes to bother them, but as usual are the noisiest and most rabid.

As a matter of fact Governor Lanham did not strike out a solitary item of the appropriation necessary to the legitimate support of the State Government. Only such items as could be dispensed with in the interest of economy were eliminated. If the "Sticker" man knows anything, he knew these facts when he opened the flood gate of his verbosity in the above quotation. He seems very much concerned about local option people who "have no taxes to bother them," but we venture the statement that the man who runs the "Sticker" does not contribute a nickel of taxes to his town, his county or his State. Yet such is his estimate of the manhood and womanhood of his county that he prefers to steep the people in liquor in preference to having their taxes slightly increased—though he can not show where the taxes will be changed. As to the "noisiest and most rabid" of the local optionists, we can only add that we know none among them whose gall is shown off to such woeful disadvantage as the man who grinds musty matter for the "Sticker." When it comes to making "noise" he is entitled to the premium. But even the "Sticker" has a lucid interval once in awhile. In looking over an issue of this sour mash piece of small journalism, issued a few weeks prior to the number containing the nonsense in question, we find the following:

There was a sight at one of the depots recently that would have touched even a heart of stone. A poor,

frail, little woman, with the body of a dead child, was waiting for a train. It was the time when she stood in need most of that husband's love, his comfort, his sympathy, and when she needed most his strong arm around her to support the faint, sick and tired body. He was in another seat blind drunk and asleep, a slave to whiskey.

Now look on this and then look on that, and take your choice. In the first piece the "Sticker" got a momentary glimpse of the truth, but in the last utterance his wee mind went into total eclipse and stumbled over into his beer vats. One day he sees a sad sight, but the next he wants all the poor mothers and wives in his county to have husbands "blind drunk and asleep, and a slave to whiskey!" Consistency, thou art a jewel! Now, it is a pity that the "Sticker" can not stick to truth, righteousness and sobriety, but the fumes of beer now and then float over his feeble mentality and he falls to dreaming dreams and seeing visions. When in that state he forgets the poor "woman with a sick and tired body" and goes to making faces at one hundred and thirty-four counties in the intelligent sections of Texas whose citizens have eliminated the beer joints from their towns and precincts. Others will vote soon and probably with similar results. So that if the "Sticker" has any more tears to shed it had better shed them now; and if it has any more scenes like the one it described at the railway depot, it might be well to let its beer-guzzling and doping joints have the benefit of them. In the meantime local option will go marching on Down with liquor and up with the down-trodden women, cursed by the infamous institutions fostered by the "Schulenburg Sticker!"

THE ADVOCATE AND THE WOMEN'S WORK.

The Advocate has always been liberal in its division of space with the work of our good women. More than four columns in our last issue were devoted to their cause. And we do not hesitate to say that the Advocate's Department in the Texas Christian Advocate is in advance of similar departments in our other Church papers. We are glad to see our women take advantage of our offer to keep full reports of their work before the readers of the paper. Mrs. W. H. Howell, the editor of this department, is now receiving the hearty co-operation of her co-workers throughout the State, and we have no more interesting page than the one used by these ardent toilers in the Master's vineyard. They are making it sparkle with interesting items touching all phases of their work. And we are especially glad to note the fact that as these good women become interested in their own department, they also become more and more interested in the circulation of the Advocate. Read what Mrs. S. C. Follin, press director of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Northwest Texas Conference, had to say on this subject in our last issue. "Now it is due those concerned and necessary to the accomplishment of our purpose, that we add 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." These words have the right ring, and if they are heeded by our good women they will aid us materially in our efforts to put the paper in all the families of Texas Methodism. The more widely the paper is circulated, the more it will contribute to the work of our women, as well as to all phases of the work in general. We stand pledged to make the Advocate help them in all possible ways to reach the largest possible results in their mission work. There is no doubt but that the columns of the Advocate afford the only medium to our women for bringing their work in Texas before the very people whom they desire to reach. It is but natural, therefore, that they should arouse themselves to the duty of putting the Advocate in all our Methodist homes.

A STOP OVER IN GREENVILLE.

Last Saturday in going to Cooper I had to stop over for quite awhile in Greenville, and in returning on Monday I had to do likewise. While there I met several of the brethren, such as Brother Dial, of the Banner, who is laying himself out for local option. He also helps the preachers in meetings. Ex-Senator Harris, of the Herald, is a royal good fellow, and a true Methodist. His paper is also on the right side of moral questions. Dr. Cantrell is a staunch member of Wesley, and he told me that Rev. J. L. Pierce is doing fine work with the congregation. Judge George Perkins showed me substantial courtesies. Brother Tisdale, of Kavanaugh, spoke in high terms of his pastor, Brother Sweeton, whom I met for a few moments. Others of our good people I met too numerous to mention. Hunt County is in the throes of a local option election contest. About one year ago the people voted the bar rooms out. The election went into the Civil Courts and it was declared valid. So local option came in and the law was enforced. It gave great satisfaction to the people. But the anti managed to get it into the Criminal Court where it was sustained, but an appeal was taken to the Court of Criminal Appeals and two members of that body knocked it into smithereens on an infinitesimal point of technical law. Judge Brooks, who is one of the ablest members of that tribunal, did not agree with the majority in turning the law down. The two members of that court set aside the will of the people after one of their own number and the Civil Court had pronounced the law all right. The result is that six bar rooms opened up immediately in Greenville, and the like of whiskey drinking and drunkenness was never known in that community. The police force had to be increased, the city jail is full of criminals and debauchery prevails—thanks to two members of a court that stifle for minor technical points. The fact is, we have reached a time in Texas when we are not being governed by the will of law-abiding citizens, but by courts. The people get good laws passed by the Legislature, then under those laws they vote to protect themselves; but the courts come along, grant injunctions, turn down the will of the people on minor points and flood our communities with the devilry of liquor. Be it said to the honor of a number of our District Courts, the will of the people is sustained, but others of them run rough shod over the popular vote, grant vexatious restraining orders on the flimsiest pleas and postpone the enforcement of law just as long as possible. Then, a majority of our highest Court of Criminal Appeals ignore the decisions of the Civil Courts and undo the lawful will of the people. The fact is, the people are becoming disgusted with such travesty upon law and justice and their patience is being severely tried. I have never witnessed such scenes of drunkenness and debauchery as were in progress in Greenville last Saturday. But the people are going to give red liquor such a blow in Hunt County next Saturday week that even the Court of Criminal Appeals will probably respect the result.
G. C. R.

A SUNDAY IN COOPER.

Last Sunday we spent pleasantly with Rev. E. R. Edwards and his congregation at Cooper. We had some tribulation in reaching that point owing to the heavy rains recently precipitated. Between Dallas and Greenville the floods poured down in torrents and the face of the earth was drenched last Saturday. The railroad just above Caddo Mills was washed away for two hundred yards, but the expeditious work of the Katy construction force soon had the track so we could pass over it. Just above Greenville there was a similar washout, only it was more extensive. But the Cotton Belt and the Midland repaired the damage in an incredibly short time. So by six-thirty in the evening we reached Cooper and found our good friend, Brother Edwards, waiting for

us. I was soon installed in the parsonage, where I was kindly received. Sister Edwards is the daughter of Captain B. D. Atwell, of Hutchins, and sister of Hon. W. H. Atwell, United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. She is a cultivated and devoutly religious woman, and knows how to preside with grace and hospitality in a parsonage. Their house has been recently repaired and put in excellent condition. The paper hanger and the painter, as well as the carpenter, have done good work on the house, inside and out, and it is very cozy and comfortable. Then the handiwork of the good women of the Church is in large evidence, and their preacher's family are well fixed. So that it is useless to say that my stay with them was to me a great pleasure. Sunday was an interesting day. A large tent had been prepared for the protracted meeting. During the preceding week, Rev. E. W. Alderson, presiding elder, had been doing some strong doctrinal preaching. But owing to the rain on Saturday, the Sunday morning service took place in the church. The house was packed, and a more attentive audience one need not want to address. We had a good season of worship. The singing was exceptionally fine, and it was furnished by local singers. We have not a better choir for congregational singing in Texas. At night we went under the tent and it was crowded. It seemed that the whole town was there. The attention was very marked and deep impressions were made. I left Monday morning, but Rev. J. L. Morris, of Paris, was to come in and preach that night and through the remainder of the week. The prospect for a good meeting was good, and I am sure that gratifying results will follow. Brother Edwards has a strong hold upon his people, and they are in hearty accord with his efforts. This is the first year of the station life of Cooper, and they are anxious to make it permanent. They will be sure to succeed, for more devoted people can not be found. It is a pleasure to meet them and preach to them. I always enjoy going to Cooper. It is a local option town and county, and the officers strictly enforce the law. It is a dry community and the bar rooms will never re-enter the county. And it is a prosperous community. The people say that the absence of liquor is one of the greatest blessings that ever came to Cooper. The Advocate is taken and read largely by our people there, and they appreciate it.

DEATH OF REV. J. C. MICKLE.

It is with profound sorrow that we record the death of Rev. Joseph C. Mickle, of the Texas Conference. He died in Bandera, West Texas, last Thursday while on a visit to his brother, who resides in that section. For several years his health has been poor, and for this reason he has been on the superannuated list of his conference for quite a while. But we did not know that his condition was such as to cause his death at this time. Bro. Mickle was admitted on trial in the Texas Conference in 1878, and immediately took rank as one of the most earnest and consecrated members of that body. He filled a number of important places, among them the presiding eldership of the Huntsville and Brenham Districts. In these places he proved himself a strong preacher, a capable executive and a loving associate. He possessed an amiable disposition, a deep religious experience, and he was wonderfully devoted to the doctrines and polity of our Church. Personally he was loved by everybody, and yet he was a man of convictions and of strong purpose. He was never known to shirk a duty or to compromise a principle. He preached the whole truth as it is in Jesus, and his life quadrated with the gospel he proclaimed to others. He was never married, and hence leaves no one dependent upon the conference. For ten years this writer has known and loved him well. No better man ever entered the ministry of our Texas Methodism. He labored well, and Bro. Mickle has now entered upon his eternal reward.

SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

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installed in the parsonage kindly received. Sis- the daughter of Cap- il, of Hutchins, and W. H. Atwell, United (ttorney for the North- Texas. She is a culti- tly religious woman, to preside with grace in a parsonage. Their recently repaired and condition. The paper painter, as well as the done good work on le and out, and it is comfortable. Then the the good women of n large evidence, and family are well fixed, eless to say that my was to me a great was an interesting had been prepared ed meeting. During week, Rev. E. W. Al- g elder, had been do- g doctrinal preaching; rain on Saturday, the; service took place in e house was packed, tentive audience one to address. We had a worship. The singing ly fine, and it was fur- singers. We have not r congregational sing- t night we went under it was crowded. It whole town was there, as very marked and s were made. I left z, but Rev. J. L. Mor- is to come in and it and through the re- week. The prospect- ing was good, and I ratifying results will Edwards has a strong eople, and they are in ith his efforts. This is of the station life of y are anxious to make They will be sure to re devoted people can t is a pleasure to meet h to them. I always Cooper. It is a local county, and the of- force the law. It is y and the bar room- er the county. And i- community. The peo- absence of liquor is est blessings that ever The Advocate is tal- gely by our people appreciate it.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of perfecting all the legal details of transferring to Southwestern University the belongings of the Dalas School of Medicine and Surgery, and thereby complete the establishment of the Medical Department in this city, met last week and thoroughly finished their work. Rev. I. W. Clark, Chairman of the Committee, presided, and Regent R. S. Hyer, Rev. Jno. R. Nelson and H. S. Wilson were the members present. Judge N. W. Finley was the legal counsel who passed upon all matters and drew up all papers necessary to the contract. So that the business was attended to in legal form and the papers have gone to record. No financial obligations are imposed upon Southwestern, and no debts can be contracted by the Medical Department without the consent of the Trustees of the University, who now become the Trustees of both departments. The two schools are now one, and the arrangement is perfectly satisfactory to all parties concerned. The arrangements have all been completed, and it has been officially announced that for the immediate present the University Medical Department will be conducted in the Cranfill Building at Elm and Akard Streets, and that the chances for a much larger and more commodious building in the future are extremely good. The faculty has not yet been fully made up, but so far the following chairs have been selected: Dr. B. E. Hadra, emeritus professor of gynecology. Dr. S. Eagon, emeritus professor of surgery. Dr. J. M. Pace, professor of diseases of children. Dr. H. K. Leake, clinical professor of diseases of women and abdominal surgery. Dr. A. C. Graham, clinical professor of physical diagnosis. Dr. R. W. Allen, clinical professor of diseases of the chest. Dr. S. D. Thruston, professor of practical life insurance. Dr. J. B. Shelmir, professor of skin, genito-urinary and rectal diseases. Dr. J. B. Smoot, professor of clinical surgery. Dr. John O. McReynolds, professor of ophthalmology. Dr. H. L. McLaurin, professor of gynecology. Dr. E. J. Reeves, professor of principles of surgery and orthopedic surgery. Dr. R. W. Baird, professor of practice of medicine. Dr. H. L. McNew, professor of clinical medicine, neurology and electro-therapeutics. Dr. J. W. Bourland, professor of obstetrics. Dr. G. W. B. Swaim, clinical professor of pediatrics. Dr. C. H. Sherman, professor of anatomy and clinical professor of genito-urinary diseases. Dr. S. L. Terrell, professor of otology. Dr. E. Aronson, professor of diseases of stomach and intestines. Dr. D. E. Seay, professor of rhinology and laryngology. Dr. W. Herral, professor of materia medica and therapeutics. Dr. R. Whittis, professor of anesthetics and surgical anatomy. Dr. S. M. Freedman, assistant demonstrator of anatomy and adjunct to chair of gynecology. Dr. J. A. Thornhill, professor of minor surgery and bandaging. Dr. Miles J. Duncan, demonstrator of anatomy. Dr. B. Kinsel, lecturer on histology and clinical microscopy. Dr. S. P. Tipton, assistant to chair of clinical surgery. Mr. H. L. Seay, professor of medical jurisprudence. Dr. J. H. Morris, professor of physiology. Mr. R. A. Baker, B. S., professor of chemistry. The advisory board consists of: Alex Sanger, Royal A. Ferris, J. B. Wilson; E. A. Tenison, W. H. Gaston, J.

B. Adoue, E. J. Gannon, C. C. Slaughter, John L. Henry, Henry D. Lindsay, C. A. Keating, R. H. Stewart, J. W. Everman, P. B. Hunt, Joseph Linz, E. M. Kahn, George N. Aldredge, N. W. Finley, Henry C. Coke, W. C. Padgett, A. A. Green, J. M. Moroney, M. M. Davis, G. C. Rankin, H. A. Bourland, J. A. Dorsey, Ed S. Lauderdale and A. P. Tenison. The officers elected are as follows: Dr. Robert S. Hyer, Regent of the Southwestern University; Dr. J. M. Pace, Chairman of the Medical Faculty; Dr. H. K. Leake, Vice Chairman of the Medical Faculty; Dr. E. S. Seay, Secretary of the Medical Faculty; Dr. John O. McReynolds, Dean of the Medical Department. The Executive Committee is composed of: Dr. J. B. Shelmir, Dr. H. L. McNew, Dr. J. B. Smoot, Dr. R. W. Baird, Dr. J. W. Bourland, Dr. John O. McReynolds (ex-officio).

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. W. T. Harris, of Forney, ran over last week and looked in on the Advocate force. His work is in good shape. Rev. H. M. Courtney, of Erath County, made the Advocate a pleasant visit last week. He is a useful local preacher in that part of our work. At the late session of the San Marcos District Conference Louis McVey and Marcos Williamson were licensed to preach. The latter was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. Rev. D. L. Coale, of Allen, was in the city recently and made us a delightful visit. The recent rains have made his people rejoice, and the prospect for a prosperous year is very promising in those parts. Professor Marvin C. Quillian, of Salado, and Miss Carrie L. Brown, of Fort Worth, were recently married at the home of the bride, and the daily papers give a charming account of the happy event. The couple will henceforth make their home in Salado. We extend congratulations.

The Young Ladies' Society of First Methodist Church of this city will celebrate the golden wedding of Capt. and Mrs. Wm. White at the parsonage on July 21. Capt. and Mrs. White are two of the most devoted Methodists in Texas, and the Church in Dallas is going to appropriately observe this event in good old Methodist style.

Mrs. Annie Powers, widow of the late Rev. R. M. Powers, of the North Texas Conference, died last Friday morning at the home of her brother, Rev. J. F. Pierce, of Gainesville. Her remains were taken to McKinney and laid to rest by those of her husband. For a number of years she has been a patient sufferer, but she is now free from pain and in her long-sought home above.

In a couple of issues back there appeared a communication from Rev. Jos. Norwood which brings up many tender memories, and it gives in detail his experience since we last heard from him. The fact is, we had lost sight of him for a number of years, but we are glad to hear from him and to have the privilege again of publishing his communications. We hope he will often tell us of his work, for he is still held in high esteem by the readers of the Advocate, especially by those who knew him in the years gone by.

CHURCH NEWS.

Bishop Hoss spent a recent Sunday at Paducah, Kentucky, and raised \$15,000 on the church debt. Wesley Monumental Church, Savannah, Georgia, has decided to support a missionary in the foreign field. Nashville is to have a woman's hospital, the first and only institution of its kind south of Mason and Dixon's line. A million-dollar woman's college is to be erected at Durham, North Carolina. This will be the richest institution of our Church for women. The alumni of Vanderbilt University will put a handsome stone wall about the campus. The Senior Class of 1903 will furnish the gateway. The Greensboro Female College has been closed. It was one of the oldest schools in the State of North Carolina,

having been chartered in 1838. Lack of financial support is said to be the cause for its closing. The native Christian community in India, Burma, and Ceylon is 1,612,463, exceeding a million for the first time. Ten years ago it was 670,000. It is said that Methodism on the Isle of Man is stronger relatively than anywhere in the world. Out of a population of 53,000 more than two-thirds are Methodists. The United Presbyterians propose to raise \$2,000,000 as a Fiftieth Anniversary Fund, to be used for education, Foreign and Home Missions, Church Extension, etc. The Combined business of the Publishing House at Nashville and the Branch House at Dallas for the past year aggregates \$525,000, an increase over the year before of \$16,000. Rev. R. A. Parker, missionary to China, who has been spending some months at Moberly, Mo., is preparing to sail with his wife and children soon for his home at Soochow, China. Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist and singer, is hopelessly blind. The trouble came from an attack of trachoma, and has been growing for two years. The optic nerve is now entirely destroyed. The Canadian Conference required the seven young men received into the ministry to tell how they came into Christian experience, and to a sense of a call to the ministry. Six of the seven emphasized the influence of godly parents, good homes, early training in Church and Sunday-school, and the Christian character of teachers in teachers in schools. WORDS OF APPRECIATION. Please let me say through the Advocate to my many friends who have written me such kind words of sympathy and condolence upon the death of my dear wife that while I am unable to answer each separately, their messages of love and their prayers are appreciated by me in this sad hour far more than I am able to express. I have not forgotten to ask God's blessings upon every one who has sought thus to console and encourage me. While my heart is all broken and my life made so sad, brethren, I still look up to God and pray as the Psalmist prayed, "Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil." Though I do not now understand, yet I confidently expect God to bring to my life, in his own good way, an experience spiritually as deep and rich as this providence has been dark and heart-rendering. As I tread life's pathway alone I shall not be alone, nam I am not alone. He abides with me still, and the joy of his presence makes this awful calamity bearable. W. F. DAVIS Navasota Texas. REV. J. C. MICKLE. Say to our beloved Methodism that her true friend and faithful servant, Rev. J. C. Mickle is no more with us. He died at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 24 instant. We buried him yesterday at Bander. Doubtless loving hands better acquainted with the life and works of Bro. Mickle will furnish a befitting memoir to this faithful man of God. "Servant of God well done; rest from thy loved employ." W. G. COCKE Camp Verde, Texas. DRAKE'S PALMETTO WINE. A complete medicine and tonic for immediate relief and absolute cure of Chronic Stomach Troubles, Flatulency, Constipation, Liver and Kidney Congestion, Inflammation of Bladder and Catarrh of Mucous Membranes. When used for the cure of Bright's Disease, Diabetes and female troubles, it cures to stay cured and promotes health and vigor. One tablespoonful, once a day, establishes a perfect cure and is a wonderful tonic for the appetite and nerves and purifies and enriches the blood. The Drake Formula Company, Lake and Dearborn Sts., Chicago, Ill., will send one trial bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine free and prepaid, to every reader of the Texas Christian Advocate who needs such a medicine. Simply send your name and address with request for one bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine prepaid, free of charge. The only way to arbitrate with the devil is with a shot-gun. NOW READY. My Paper, "Exposition of Romans, 6th chapter" read at our Theological Institute at Georgetown, June 8, and the publication of which was requested by said Institute, is now ready for delivery. Price \$10 cents single copy; \$1.00 per doz.; \$7.50 per 100. Charges prepaid. Parties wanting please remit by P. O. Order to me at Gatesville, Texas, Box 112. S. W. TURNER

Gleanings from the Exchanges

WEARY OF THE RACE PROBLEM. Minneapolis Times: How would it do to let the race problem alone for a year or two and give it a chance to solve itself? The black boys who are sunning themselves on the levees of the South, or working with dignified deliberation the plantations, are not bothering half as much about it as some people who never wandered beyond the suburbs of Boston.

SIMPLICITY IN DRESS. New Orleans Advocate: To be unconventional in dress or manners, and take pride in it, is quite as objectionable as to be fastidious and a stickler for the clerical cut. Some of our brethren are so disgusted with white ties and straight-breasted coats we would not be surprised to see them on the streets and in the Churches in the regulation shirt waist minus the short-tail sack.

STATE AND CHURCH IN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC. Christian Work: All accounts from France indicate that the relations between the State and the Church are strained to breaking point. All over the country the Clericals and Anti-Clericals are fighting, usually within the Churches themselves, and in the debates on the Law of Associations, and the way it has been carried out, constant demands are heard for the denunciation of the Concordat. A direct vote with that object was, in fact, only defeated on June 17 by a majority of 31 (278 to 247). M. Combes resisted this vote for reasons of policy; but the violent language of a section of the Bishops has been felt by the majority of Deputies as a challenge, and the Premier may, it is stated on good authority, be forced to yield.

"THE AVERAGE EDITORIAL." Western Christian Advocate: We are writing in a mood of utter squealedness after reading, in the New York Advocate, the devastating and annihilating opinion of "Stylus" on the "average editorial." He says: "The average editorial is hardly worth reading. It is usually as flat as a shingle, as pointless as a door-knob, and as free from certainty as the weather predictions." Now, what room for self-complacency, or even for that thing the preachers are always recommending—"a proper self-regard"—is left us after such a verdict? Are there—we ask in the interest of pure humanitarianism—no exceptions to such a flattening-out conclusion? Come now, let Stylus be generous, and say he didn't mean Methodist editors, of course, but that he was banging away at the Baptists and Presbyterians. But what if "Stylus" were an editor? The suggestions raises so many corroborating and dazzling anticipations and possibilities that we are quite overwhelmed in their contemplation!

A WONDERFUL OPERATION. Ram's Horn: A story comes from the little Scotch village of Croft Head, in which it is stated that John Carruth, age thirty years, who has been blind from birth, recently recovered his sight through an operation performed by Dr. Maltland Ramsey. Carruth was taken to the Glasgow Ophthalmic Institute. The operation was successful. In describing the sensations when light first dawned upon him, Carruth said that the first face he saw was that of Dr. Ramsey. He was bewildered, but thought he must be looking on a face for the first time. Then he saw the face of the nurse and knew she must be a woman, for her face was so pale and smooth. The first meeting with his mother under the altered conditions is described as a most pathetic incident. "Lovely," was the word Carruth used when he gazed upon his mother's face, and the mother's joyous cry, "Eh, laddie, you can see, you can see," made the hearts of those who heard it throb with sympathy.

MORE MEN ARE GOING TO CHURCH. Cumberland Presbyterian: We are not surprised to learn what we have freely and frequently predicted, that the Churches are entering upon an era wherein men more numerous than before are attending the services and taking part in the work. As an illustration of this truth, Rev. Dr. Donald Sage Mackay, of the Collegiate Dutch Reformed Church, of New York City, said on a recent Sabbath: "I believe that more thoughtful, intellectual men are going to Church in New York to-day than there were ten years ago. On the other hand, proportionately, I believe fewer women are attending Church than formerly. This is especially so among wom-

Impaired Digestion

May not be all that is meant by dyspepsia now, but it will be if neglected. The uneasiness after eating, fits of nervous headache, sourness of the stomach, and disagreeable belching may not be very bad now, but they will be if the stomach is suffered to grow weaker. Dyspepsia is such a miserable disease that the tendency to it should be given early attention. This is completely overcome by Hood's Sarsaparilla which strengthens the whole digestive system.

on of leisure and the so-called society woman, for whom the Sabbath is crowded with social engagements. It is also true, largely of the wage-earning woman, who not unaturally desires the Sabbath for recreation. In the aggregate, of course, there are more women in our Churches than men, but I say, after close observation and comparison with my brother ministers, that the thoughtful men of New York City to-day are on the upward grade in this matter of Church attendance.

OFF TO DETROIT. On the night of Monday, July 13 the Texas delegation will leave for the International Epworth League Convention at Detroit, traveling via the Cotton Belt Route to Memphis, L. and N. Railroad to Cincinnati (with a side trip to the wonderful Mammoth Cave of Kentucky), C. H. and D. Railway to Toledo and Michigan Central. After the meeting at Detroit is over a side trip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo has been arranged, the option of taking this journey by rail or by lake steamer being given. Through sleeping cars will be operated from Texas points to Detroit without charge, and the party will be accompanied by State President H. H. Haisell and State Secretary A. K. Ragsdale and many others. If you have not already done so it will be well for those who are going to enroll their names with the Secretary at once, in order that you may be assured of sleeping car accommodations. This will unquestionably be one of the most delightful journeys that the Epworth Leaguers have ever taken, and besides the trip will be made at a very reasonable cost.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS. I am just advised that the Epworth League delegations from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee will congregate at Nashville, leaving that city at 7:50 p. m. Tuesday, July 14, joining our Texas party at Bowling Green, Ky., continuing the journey on through to Detroit with us, and taking the side trip to Mammoth Cave. This will give us the opportunity of mingling with our brothers and sisters from the States named and becoming acquainted with them before arrival at the convention city, making the trip a veritable love feast and adding immeasurably to its benefit and enjoyment. Personal acquaintance and intercourse will go far towards making the proceedings of the convention harmonious in the extreme and thus enable us to do more and better work, "all for Christ" than has ever been accomplished at any previous meeting. A. K. RAGSDALE, State Secretary.

MARRIAGES. Black Taylor.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Honey Grove, Texas, July 5, 1903, Mr. Frank M. Black, son of Rev. J. A. Black, of sacred memory, and Miss Alberta Taylor, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Taylor, Rev. S. C. Riddle officiating. Landrum Robinson.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. James E. Robinson, near Collins, Texas, June 29, 1903, Prof. George A. Landrum, of Whitewright, Texas, and Miss Mary E. Robinson, Rev. C. W. Dennis officiating. Grady Broyles.—In Whitney, Texas, July 5, 1903, Mr. W. G. Grady, of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Marie Broyles, of Whitney, Texas, Rev. J. H. Braswell officiating. Harbour Wood.—At the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Daniel Morgan, Grey's Schoolhouse, Lampasas County, Texas, July 5, 1903, Mr. A. A. Harbour and Miss Texas Wood. Lushy-Jones.—At the residence of Rev. W. F. Clark, pastor of Clark's Chapel, 364 Williams Street, Dallas, Texas, July 1, 1903, at 8 p. m., Mr. W. K. Lushy and Miss Jessie Jones, both of South Dallas. If you are interested in the Texas Christian Advocate Pilgrimage to the Orient, write for literature. It is a chance of a lifetime to make this tour at the rate we are offering. L. BLAYLOCK, Dallas, Texas.

The Sunday-School Department

Third Quarter, Lesson 3, July 17.

SAMUEL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS
1 Sam. 12:13-25.

Golden Text: "Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart."—1 Sam. 12:10.

From the International Evangel we take the following on today's lesson:

A new interest in the Bible has been awakened in many minds by looking at it as literature. It really contains about every variety of literary compositions and materials—plain history, poetry of various types, philosophy, dramas, folk lore, proverbial wisdom, biography, theology. It is also a great treasury of oratory. Justice Brewer, in ten large volumes, has made a collection of the "World's Great Orations." In that collection, covering all ages, there is not an example of oratory from the Bible. The omission indicates either a lack of appreciation of the literary character of the Bible, or the persistence of the old habit of considering the Bible as standing apart from the general literature of the world and not to be studied from the standpoint of literature at all. As a matter of fact the Bible contains not a few examples of oratory of the very highest order. There is nothing greater anywhere than the farewell address of Moses given in the closing chapters of Deuteronomy. And the farewell address of Samuel, when he turned the government over into the hands of King Saul, is another specimen of noble oratory.

A great oration requires a great occasion and a great subject. If to these you add a man capable of grasping the subject and of rising to the level of the occasion, there will be great and eloquent speech. In the case present in the season there was such a combination. The occasion was one of high significance. It was the passing away of an old order and the introduction of a new era in the life of a nation. The Judge was going out, the King was coming in. There was a great assembly of the people, "all Israel," called thither by the event. The subject for the discussion of which the occasion naturally called was a great subject. It might have been expressed as "God's Place and Part in the History and Destiny of Israel." And the man was equal to the occasion and the subject. He had been chosen as God's special interpreter when but a child, and had been brought up in perpetual intimacy with God and in the constant service of the people. He was familiar with the history of the nation, knowing not only the facts of that history but the moral meaning of the facts as well. And he knew the people there assembled. He had had many years of experience with them—knew their follies, their fickleness, their perverseness, their frequent rebellions against God. And, what was not true of those to whom he spoke, he could forecast the future through his clear understanding of the inevitable results of right or wrong conduct. Add now to all this the personal character of Samuel—his unselfishness, his genuine love for the people, his consciousness of the high part he was playing in the purposes of providence, the long years of uncorrupted service he had rendered—and the conditions for eloquent speech are complete. All these things the student of this lesson must set before him if he is to understand it. Picture a vast and expectant multitude representing a nation fired with a new enthusiasm by a great victory and the hope of a new and better order; a young King just about to assume the reins of government; the hero of a great battle and the choice of God to rule over his people; and rising in the midst to speak the gray-haired prophet and judge who stands between God and the new King and the people. Words spoken by such a man under such circumstances are likely to be worth hearing.

The first thing that strikes us in this address is the personal equation of the speaker. Samuel had some most serious and severe things to say to the people. It was to be no occasion of soft rhetoric and speed compliments. He purposed speaking straight to their consciences. He wished, therefore, to get upon such a footing as would warrant him in saying all that was in his mind to say. No man who was not himself true would be entitled to talk to them as he now intended to talk. So he appealed to them concerning the integrity of his character and the blamelessness of his conduct. "Be-

hold, here I am; witness against me before the Lord, and before his anointed; whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore to you." And the people answered: "Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand." And Samuel pressed the matter, and said: "The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand." It was the equivalent to solemn national oath. And they replied: "He is witness." Now he was prepared to speak! Now they must hear him! The warrant for his searching message was in a clean heart and pure hands.

Then he reviewed the dealings of God with their fathers; their deliverance from Egypt; their frequent forgettings of God and the retributions which followed; their repentings and God's relentings and deliverances; up to the recent fear which caused the people to ask for a King, because they trusted not to the God who had so often come to their help. Then, pointing to Saul who stood in their midst, he cried out: "Behold the King whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the Lord hath set a King over you."

Then follows the assurance of divine blessing if they should serve and obey God, and warnings of punishment if they should rebel against him. And then, that they might know certainly that God stood back of him in all that he said, he gave the sign of the thunder and the rain. It was in the midst of the season of the wheat harvest when rain never fell. And this miracle he caused to be wrought to witness the Lord's displeasure at their sin in asking for a King. It was a dramatic climax of tremendous power; and the fear and the penitence which it awakened prepared their hearts for the words of grace and tenderness that followed.

The Epworth League Department

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

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F. R. Buchanan, recently elected President of Cuero District, was at one time First Vice-President of the State League. Bro. Buchanan is an untiring worker and we are glad to see him in harness again.

The types made us say the literary department in the afternoon session of the McKinney Conference was "magnificent," when we said "magnified." But it was magnificent.

We hear of some excellent work being done for the League by Presiding Elder Peterson, of the Terrell District. It is my intention to report the ramblings of our party daily for this department during the trip to the International Conference. G. W. T.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES.

Sixth Session, Detroit, July 16-19.

Minneapolis wants the convention of 1905.

"Come early, stay to the last hour, and when you must go away, go away slowly, and, I hope, regretfully."—Mayor Maybury.

Visiting Leaguers en route to Detroit will be heartily welcomed in Nashville. The Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas delegations are expected to spend that day here, besides many from Tennessee towns.—Midland Methodist.

Texas, Alabama and Georgia will have Detroit headquarters in Preston M. E. Church, corner Twenty-third street and Lambie Place. Remember this.

Detroit is full of hotels, and many residences will be open for the entertainment of visitors. Committeemen will board the train as it approaches Detroit and secure the names of Epworth Leaguers for registration, and a committee will also meet the train and give full directions as to hotels and boarding houses. Good board can be

secured for one dollar per day up; and rooms from fifty cents up.

The party of Texas Leaguers who will be personally conducted by Mr. A. K. Ragdale, the Cotton Belt representative (also State Secretary of the League), will stop at Mammoth Cave en route July 15. The party will take dinner in the cave. On July 29 a side-trip will be made from Detroit to Niagara. A full day's stop will be made at Nashville July 27.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT—ITS IMPORTANCE.

The Epworth League has been wisely planned. The Devotional Department takes care of the principle—justification by faith. The Charity and Help Department gives an avenue for the expression of the noble sentiments and emotions of the heart, and the Literary Department seeks to cultivate and develop the mind—the controlling power of the body.

The heart may be right with God, but if the mind be untutored, there will be many sad mistakes.

I repeat the League has been wisely planned, and every thoughtful person will readily admit the importance of and the necessity for the Literary Department. The reason given that a Literary Department was included in the planning of the Epworth League, I am sorry to say, not the only one that necessitates its existence. The province of the Department is to counteract evil as well as to inculcate good.

In this day of cheap books for cheap people, when Laura Jean Libby runs an exciting race with Mary McLean, and both are left far behind by the ten-cent-a-year story paper and the twenty-five-cent-a-year magazine, it behooves the Church to concentrate or ganized effort on the young people, that the evil may be met by cultivated minds and hearts and trash recognized as trash, for which there will be no desire and less relish.

How—yes, ah, yes; there comes the rub—how can it be made effective? You do not expect me to tell you wise, learned preachers how you may make the Literary Department a success? Nor you Epworth League Presidents do not look for concentrated wisdom from me, who am not even a League official.

Please be prepared to speak to what I may suggest, for it is what I shall say, combined with what you may say, that will enable us to accomplish anything in the discussion.

The head of the League may be the President, but if he be—well, the conference can only appropriate the material at hand to the best advantage.

"The power behind the throne" is frequently stronger than the crowned heads.

The pastor must be in love, thoroughly in love, with the League if it succeed. If that be his normal condition, words are superfluous. A live League must be kept moving—no one department can be allowed to become rusty—and the pastor is the one who must energize the President and do and see to all he neglects.

How can it be made effective? By adapting individual methods to individual needs. You can't run your League as we run ours because all your members are grown-ups, while ours are the gossamer age.

Maybe we can't manage ours this year as we shall be able to do next. Once, I remember, we had an average attendance of seventy-five, and there were less than three adults attending regularly. What would you have done with the Literary Department? All we tried to do was to have social gatherings occasionally with wholesome entertainment provided. I can imagine a locality where it might be made very effective as a debating society, or young folks' club. But in towns, where we have half-dozen Churches where there should be but one, and where there is a lodge for every night in the week and Home Mission Societies and W. C. T. U.'s and women's clubs for every other afternoon, it is almost beyond the power that is mine to suggest effective ways. But the one thing to remember is to run your League as an individual League, and not be afraid of innovations.

You do not need to originate them; whenever there is a need for them they grow naturally from the brain of the pastor or League President, if they are in love with the League. You remember how quickly John Wesley adopted new, novel and startling methods when the case demanded it.

Again, appropriate. Make an idea of your own and enlarge it to suit your present demands. I speak here as to the effectiveness of the Literary Department.

The Church in its wisdom has provided a League Course, and our own League has ordered it repeatedly—from four or five to ten sets—but the course is not suited to our individual needs. Take last year's course. I can imagine a successful year with our young people taking one book out of that series—The Earl of Shaftsbury—meeting publicly once a month and talking about him and him only, hav-

ing papers and speeches and songs.

Once our League met every fourth Sunday at 8 p. m., the pastor substituting our missionary program for the regular sermon. This service comprehended the principal "literary effort" of the League at that time.

However, I have a suggestion to make that may be appropriated and adapted to any chapter anywhere, and it is this:

Whenever the League Course is not effective, or is unsuited to the individual need, if a plan of Bible study were adopted, gradually developing the Leaguers into students, we would have taken a long stride forward. This could be done in an infinite variety of ways, owing to the age and intelligence and temperaments of the members of the circle. If ignorance were the chief obstacle, one might begin with giving out a set of five or ten easy questions.

If you had capable Leaguers, the pastor might get a set of suggestive questions from the Chicago University. I think they are to be had for the asking.

Again, this study might be strictly biographical.

One could scarcely devise a surer means for the conservation of a force that would abhor trashy literature than to inspire a boy or a girl with love for a hero like Daniel, than whom I never read of a more highly heart and mind-cultured man, who had all the advantages of a brilliant court society, but who adhered to principle in the face of awful death.

What more refining and ennobling than to get intimately acquainted and associated with the chaste, gentle, beautiful Joseph? What more thrilling than Esther's courage, or sweeter than the music and rhythm of David's pen?

But let it not be said of us, "This ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone."

Where it can be done use the League Course; where it is impracticable, devise, appropriate, innovate, only do something.

Let's not be weaponless, but well prepared. We cannot be unless we read our paper, the Era. Oh, if we would only have a purpose and then live up to it. Let's not be shiftless. If we are Leaguers, let's be Leaguers, strong, healthy, capable, happy Leaguers, knowing our own minds, living up to our ideals, and purposing in our hearts to be true to the living God.

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With "activity" as our watchword and "every League a training school" as our motto, the year 1902-1901 will prove great in results for God, the League and the Church.

THE SOLID SOUTH TO DETROIT.

I am in receipt of the following telegram from Epworth League headquarters at Nashville in response to my letter outlining route of Texas delegation and inviting them to so arrange their trip that they might join us at Mammoth Cave and if possible run special to Detroit.

Nashville, Tenn. July 2, 1902.
A. K. RAGSDALE, Dallas, Texas.

North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee delegations expect to visit Mammoth Cave. They leave here 7:50 p. m. July 14, and will join your party at Bowling Green, Ky. Mr. O. W. Patton of Epworth Era, and myself will be in charge of party. Be glad to do anything to make trip pleasant.

J. R. McGRIGOR of C. H. & D. Ry. Our delegation from Texas starts Monday, July 12. We have a number of names already enrolled for this trip, including H. H. Halsell, State President, and wife, Gus Thomasson and wife, Rev. J. Marvin Nichols and wife, Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, Rev. T. J. Duncan, M. L. Woods, of Fort Worth, Mrs. Jno. R. Nelson and party of Waco, and more than twenty young ladies and gentlemen from various points. We are arranging to run at least two Pullman sleepers. This is an opportunity to visit Mammoth Cave, Detroit, Niagara Falls and various Lake resorts at nominal cost and in excellent company.

Every Epworth League member in Texas should make an effort to go with us. Sleepers are being rapidly filled up. If you would like to go, write me at once for full particulars as to cost, schedule from your station to nearest point at which you can join us, etc. Your pastor would enjoy this trip for a short vacation. Can you not arrange to send him? Have you not a League member who has been faithful and active in your local League to whom this trip would be a wonderful experience? A little effort on the part of a few would provide means for all expenses and prove a blessing to one who probably would never get to make such a pleasant journey. We will meet en route the workers from nearly every Southern State and can exchange notes by the way. Write or wire me to-day for information—the time is short.

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NOTES OF TRAVEL.

I promised myself at the beginning of this conference year, a year of literary pursuit, but conditions changed so as to work a complete revolution in my plans. First, the demands consequent upon entering a new home. Then the Board of Trustees of the Polytechnic College enjoined upon me the arduous task of raising funds to complete and equip the magnificent stone building now in process of erection on the campus. I have spent thirty-eight days in three protracted meetings, preaching day and night. I have witnessed the conversion of many souls, and the edification of believers. I have preached up to this date 197 times. In this regard the rest I promised myself is not profound.

On the 15th ult. at 8:50 a. m. accompanied by my wife, I boarded the train bound for Beaumont, which place we reached at 10:15 p. m. We traveled to Houston over the Central. It is a magnificent road and makes splendid time. However, I have a grievance. The pleasure provided for the comfort of some of the passengers is at the great discomfort of others. Why do the railroad authorities have their first-class coaches constructed with a smoking department, which is at times in the front end, so that people getting on and off must necessarily inhale the corrupt air freighted with nicotine poison? And the air currents caused by the speed of the train forcing this sickening poison back through the coach. Why not adhere to the better plan of having a separate smoker for those who must smoke? There are two classes, the smoking and the smoked. Was he into the smoked class, of whom I am one? By the time the train reached Houston this scribe had inhaled sufficient of tobacco poison to produce an unenviable physical condition, and increased antipathy to this very annoying practice.

The city of Beaumont has developed wonderfully during the past two years. It has the air of a western town. The hum of industry may be heard on every hand. The whistling of trains and of mills, and the singing of saws and planing machines, with the rush of trade, indicate the transaction of a great volume of business. Just south is the oil field, the famous "Spindle Top" with many wells. This is a great industry which has made not a few wealthy, while others have lost their hard earnings of years past. Sour Lake is also coming rapidly to the front and bids fair to rival "Spindle Top" as an oil field. A bank has just been opened there and the hotel there is to be enlarged and improved at a cost of \$100,000. It is wonderful how the oil and rice industries have developed that country. Wealth has increased rapidly. That section is fast becoming one of the wealthiest in the State.

This great commercial center, with a large influx of population—a truly cosmopolitan population—presents to the Church a grave problem. To these general hindrances to the success of the gospel may be added some unfortunate past occurrences in Methodist circles which render the work of our pastors there exceedingly intricate. But we have strong and aggressive men at the helm. The presiding elder, Brother Cochran, is comfortably ensconced in a good district parsonage located in a desirable part of the city. He is an energetic, wide-awake man and is grasping the situation with that ability and forecast which gives flattering prospects of good returns. He is making a favorable impression on the preachers and the people. Brother Godbey, who has charge of the Central Church, is moving to the front. He has his forces well organized and is planning great things for the future. If his health does not yield to the pressure of the climate and work he will doubtless do a great work there for our Church. He has succeeded in drawing the people to him and is constantly growing in favor with them. It was my pleasure to preach to his people morning and evening of the 17th ult. He has a splendid Sunday school, a large and attentive congregation and I doubt if his choir can be surpassed, if equaled, in the State. Bro. Green has charge of the North Side. He is a success anywhere. He and his people now worship in a rude, but large tabernacle structure. But doubtless they will build a church house equal to the demands of Methodism in that part of the city. His people love him, his congregations are large, his finances up to the harvest and I am sure under God he will reap a great harvest. Fatigue from continuous hard work in the pulpit and out of it caused me to decline an urgent invitation to preach to his people on the evening of the 24th ult. I am

under obligations to him for a delightful ride over the city behind his splendid horse.

I enjoyed the privilege of preaching for Bro. Scruggs on the South Side at 11 a. m. 24th ult. He has a good congregation and a neat church house, in which to worship. I enjoyed the hospitality of his Christian home for a short season. He is an earnest worker and will doubtless accomplish much in his part of the city. He had secured in good subscription almost money enough to build a good parsonage. It occurs to me that his church house would have been better located nearer the center of population. The Methodists need to build two first-class church houses, which I am sure they will do at no distant day. The Baptists are now building a fine stone church which will cost not less than \$20,000. The Methodists can not allow our Church to fall behind. Several of the Methodists and some who were not Methodists, did well for the cause.

I represent notably that wide-awake, patriotic and aggressive normal, Wm. Weiss, and that staid and true man who has stood so long as a bulwark for Methodism in that community, Capt. O'Brien. Other generous and broad-minded men, who are conversational in views and sentiments brought us Fort Worth people and Methodists at large under lasting obligations for their liberal consideration. May God give the Church a liberal, constitutional sentiment.

While there I witnessed the laying of the corner stone of a magnificent Y. M. C. A. building. The stone was laid by the Masons. The address was delivered by Leon Sanford. The address was thoughtfully prepared and well delivered. It was historic, earnest and convincing. R. C. ARMSTRONG.

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The first night was devoted to addresses of welcome. Brother C. R. Wright, the pastor, has entertained the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society so often that he has acquired the skill of a professional in this line, and as we listened to his warm, cordial words we felt instantly that we were in good hands.

Following the words of welcome and response was an address by our President, Mrs. Bullock. She saw not how so many Christian ladies could forego the blessed privilege of engaging in this work for the Master. Foreign missions must not be a side issue, but the chief concern of the Church. Knowledge of the mission needs is the keynote to progress.

An enjoyable report of the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, held recently in Memphis, Tenn., was made by Mrs. Barnum, our Corresponding Secretary. She was aglow with enthusiasm, and the fire kindled throughout the audience. Some interesting and instructive papers were read: "Missionary Interest and Missionary Literature" were ably presented by Mrs. Johnson. "Why We Should be Interested in Foreign Missions," by Mrs. Willis, made us realize more deeply than ever our duty to this great cause.

"Are Missions a Success?" was given so decided an answer in the affirmative, by Mrs. Cox, of Mexico, that no one could longer doubt. As we listened to the beautiful, clear tones of Miss Rawlings' voice as she told us of "Impressions of Mission Life in Mexico," we were borne in fancy to this delightful country, and there beheld the wonderful work being accomplished. Two interesting and suggestive papers on juvenile work were read by Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Stanford. The ladies were urged to rally to this work, as in the children lie the hopes for the future. Upon the Young People's Society of the M. E. Church, South, has been conferred the beautiful name of "Golden Links" by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. The reports of the delegates were hopeful and inspiring. Miss Manns was introduced to the Conference Society. She is the accepted candidate from this Conference Society for the Scarritt Bible and Training School. The memorial and testimonial services were very sweet and their influence will long abide with us. Thursday night we had the pleasure of listening to a sermon by Bro. Milton Hotchkiss. Scripture lesson was from Mark 14:1-9. As he spoke to us of the glorious work accomplished by the W. F. M. S. our hearts swelled with gratitude that to us had been accorded so large a share in the service of the Master.

A pleasant social hour was spent in the park. Tables tastily decorated in flowers were scattered here and there, from which were served delicious refreshments. So delightful was our stay and so courteous and kind were the citizens of Temple that it was with a keen feeling of sadness we bade farewell to this hospitable city.

The following officers and District Secretaries were elected: President, Mrs. M. E. Bullock; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. P. Mussett; Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. M. M. Davidson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. F. Barnum; Recording Secretary, Miss Minnie Sims; Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Harper; Auditor, Miss Alle Charles; Georgetown District, Mrs. Robert McSwain; Waco District, Mrs. John R. Nelson; Corsicana District, Mrs. M. L. Read; Waxahachie District, Mrs. W. D. Butler, postoffice, Hillsboro; Fort Worth District, Mrs. M. L. Woods; Weatherford District, Mrs. D. M. Alexander; Dublin District, Miss Emma Perry; Gatesville District, Miss Ellen Clark, postoffice Meridian; Brownwood District, Mrs. R. H. Overall; Vernon District, Mrs. J. H. Stewart; Clarendon District, Mrs. J. T. Coulter; Abilene District, Mrs. A. H. Curby.

ALIE C. CHARLES

Georgetown, Texas.

We have on hand several original papers by sister workers sent us for publication in this department which we will be glad to publish as soon as space will permit. At this time we are giving preference to the annual meetings of our various Conference Societies and to district meetings, etc., but

hope to give attention in due time to all matter sent us for this department.

To the Treasurers W. F. M. S. Northwest Texas Conference: You remember each auxiliary is assessed \$1; each Juvenile Society 50 cents for publishing the minutes. Will you please send this amount at once that the minutes may be printed without delay? I hope you will not disregard this appeal. Do not forget that your contingent fund should be paid in full during this quarter.

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A CONDENSED ACCOUNT OF DISTRICT MEETING W. H. M. S., DALLAS DISTRICT.

The district meeting of the auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Dallas District was held at Grace Church, Dallas, June 25, 11 a. m. Rev. Percy R. Knickerbocker, pastor, preached an introductory sermon on "Home Mission Work" the previous evening, which was full of the spirit of missions and most encouraging to the women engaged in this blessed work. Mrs. W. M. Crow, District Secretary, presided.

Reports from the various auxiliaries (most of them represented by a delegate) were favorable.

Both sessions were interspersed with fine papers by some of our most able representatives. Discussion followed.

The universal sentiment prevailed that this was one of our very best meetings both spiritually and socially. In recognition of this fact Mrs. L. H. Potts wisely suggested "union" meetings quarterly. This was made a motion and adopted. Mrs. W. C. Young's invitation to "hold forth" at First Church in September was accepted. The President appointed the following committee on arrangements: Mesdames Smith, Henry, Haughton, Gillespie, Tongue and Chiles.

From the depths of our hearts we send forth to the good women of Grace Church and their most estimable pastor our highest appreciation of the warm welcome and kind hospitality. It was truly a day of Christian fellowship. With God in our hearts and work, we look forward to these "times of refreshing."

MRS. MAMIE HAUGHTON

Secretary, 691 McKinney Ave.

Treasurer's report W. F. M. Society, West Texas Conference, quarter ending June 1, 1903:

Table with financial entries: Dues \$110 10, Easter offering 62 80, Conference contingent fund 26 75, Conference pledge fund 10 45, Students' loan fund 15 70, Publication fund 4 45, Mite-box 4 09, Donations 3 75, Thank-offering 1 50. Total \$249 50.

Table with financial entries: Conf. contingent from last quarter 33 25, Total \$282 75.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with financial entries: Remitted to Mrs. McTyre June 18, 1903 \$119 35, Remitted to Miss Gibson June 18 62 80, Conference expenses for the quarter 73 90, Balance on hand 26 70. Total \$282 75.

B. MALONE, Treasurer.

San Marcos, Texas.

WHAT THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY IS DOING.

Seventeen years ago the W. H. M. Society of the M. E. Church, South, was organized by Miss Lucinda B. Helm, and was known as a body of home builders for the ministers of the Church. Since then God has led the society out into a large place of service until now it is a potent factor in the Church, and our auxiliaries to-day number 1662, with a membership of 28,551; Young People and Juvenile Auxiliaries 119, with a membership of 2862; total membership 31,414. There were organized during this year 344 auxiliaries and 112 parsonages received help amounting to \$11,103.17. More than two parsonages a week were aided East of the of the Mississippi River there are 727 charges still to be supplied with parsonages, and west of the Mississippi River there are 371 charges without parsonages. My dear sisters, note this down in your minds and work and pray and don't keep all your money at home. It is the aim of the W. H. M. Society to have a parsonage at every station or circuit. A furnished parsonage in the Methodist Church is a necessity, and the smaller the preacher's salary all the more necessary to have a good parsonage. A year or so ago I had an occasion to visit an old schoolmate, a bright girl, who carried off first honors at school. She had married a Methodist preacher. They were on a new circuit with a very small salary. They had no parsonage and were living in a three-room cottage with planks set up and down, no ceiling, weatherboarding or paper, and all the furniture they had was a bed, a stove, some dishes and

chairs, not even a looking glass. Think of a bright young woman living without even reflecting her face in a mirror, in the twentieth century, and intellectual enough to fill any station in life. I came in unexpectedly and found her crying, and cutting carpet rags, with a sick baby and her husband gone to one of the four preaching places. The ladies had told her if she would cut the rags and have the carpet made they would furnish the rags and chain. I was aroused to indignation, and since then my heart has been on fire in this home mission work, for we have more than 1000 just such preachers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, whose salaries range from \$100 to \$300 a year, and many of these have families. It is easy to see what a source of comfort a box of good clothing or money would mean to these preachers, and now, my dear sisters, when you send a box don't let it be like the one a good preacher tells about—all the old clothes that could be gotten together of every form and fashion, without hooks and eyes or buttons, were put into a box and sent to one of these unfortunate preachers. When the box was opened and the wife saw that it was impossible to make them look decent her heart sank, but she did the best she could, and Sunday morning, when the children were ready for Church, every style, size and shape were to be seen, and as they went trooping down the aisle the preacher arose and announced his text, "And Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these." Only occasionally a box like this one is sent. And God grant there may never be another, and may the eyes and hearts of the women be opened to the needs of the preachers. The supply department has sent 162 boxes to preachers, 223 to orphans, 50 to schools and Rescue Homes, making a total of 435, valued at \$14,309.11. The W. H. M. Society is a seed planted in fertile soil, for we have some of the brightest and brainiest women, who are standing shoulder to shoulder, realizing what a broadening and deepening influence the work may become to the Church, for all Christian work is brought under this grand body. Do you see that poor, degraded woman whose heart throbs with agony and remorse and despair in the midst of her guilt and shame? More than likely if some pure, sweet, noble woman would stand by her and be her friend she could be redeemed. That is what the Rescue Home is doing at Dallas, Texas. Last year it furnished refuge for 169 girls. Of these 15 have returned to their homes, 27 have gone to Christian service, 9 left without permission and 1 died. The girls remaining in Home 52, and 17 babies. You see some few go back, but the greater number are leading pure, good lives. In connection with this they have an industrial school and kindergarten for waifs. A sewing room and laundry have been added, which almost make it self-sustaining. But they need more room and they are working to this end. At Greenville, Tennessee, there is a home beautifully located, valued at \$10,000, where 113 little ones are given a home and taught principles of good and right. The W. H. M. Society does not stop with this. Scientists tell us that heredity and environments are the master influences of the organic world; that these have made all of us what we are, and that these remain the great natural forces which mold our character and lives. Accepting this as true let us look for a moment at these poor mountain people, their lives and conditions. These people are dwindled in mind and morals. Their great need was realized, and the Sue Bennett Memorial School at London, Ky., was established for boys and girls. This school property is valued at \$25,000. It has accommodated 327, and two score were denied admission for lack of room. There are conversions at almost every prayer-meeting. A large per cent of graduates go from this training school to smaller district schools as teachers, and these people are begging for more schools like this one. On the Pacific Coast the Board maintains four night schools at Los Angeles for the Chinese, and at San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda for Japanese. Since the organization of these schools more than 559 students have been enrolled, and three score have become Christians. One Chinaman has gone from Los Angeles to China as a missionary. The three schools at Tampa, Ybor City and Key West have 15 teachers and 480 children. Twelve city mission boards have during the past year employed 16 missionaries. These women have gone into more than 10,000 homes, carrying sunshine and gladness. Three day nurseries have cared for more than 4000 young children while their mothers were earning their daily bread. Four kindergartens have nurtured 200 children. Industrial schools have taught 4000 children how to cook and sew. Many a bright boy has been aided in his studies who was forced to leave school and work. Many a wandering girl's footsteps have been planted in the pathway of right. Then think of the good that can be done to destitute humanity.

My sisters, are we doing our part,

and wide-awake, or sleeping, content to make little and use that little on ourselves? Let's give out a helping hand to some weaker brother. Just think only \$25 will keep a boy or girl in school one year. Pause and think of the good you can do by helping some one to help some one else, and on and on the helping hand keeps moving, until your enthusiasm reaches all that great body of women, 900,000 who call themselves Southern Methodist. If all these were intelligent, consecrated women who tried to make the world better by their living, the whole world would realize and feel her power. The nation which has the largest number of Christian homes is the most powerful. The Church in all ages has spent time in saving lost man and has had little time to shelter the lambs within the fold, when the future of the world depends on the teaching of the children. The parents are first known, first trusted, first loved, first obeyed by the children. Would God that we could make our homes sacred in the eyes of our children and cause them to realize and feel the power of God, thereby moulding them into a great army for the cause of Christ. In doing this our own souls would rise higher and higher in the realms of light, and we would live through the endless cycles of eternity.

MRS. A. C. BUCHANAN

Temple, Texas.

To the Pastors and Sunday-school Superintendents: The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions at its late session placed that peer of children's foreign mission periodicals, The Little Worker, at 10 cents a year, in packages of 50, being less than actual cost. Make an appropriation from the Sunday-school fund and give our children access to this little messenger from month to month and year to year, and a Methodist who does not believe in and generously support foreign missions will belong to our own and not to this rising generation. When you who live within the bounds of West Texas Conference have supplied your schools will you kindly report same to me, enabling me thereby to keep a record of its circulation? Send money to Miss Lena Freeman, care Publishing House M. E. Church, South, Nashville Tenn. Send to same address for sample copies if desired.

MRS. SAMUEL SPEERS

Cor. Sec. W. F. M. S. W. T. Conf. Llano, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY—GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

The Georgetown District only had four auxiliaries at the beginning of last year. We now have 14. Two have been organized since the annual meeting at Brownwood. The new societies are enthusiastic and doing a fine work. The old auxiliaries are taking it leisurely, feeling they have done a good work in the past, but I think they will soon wake up with renewed energies. We held a most excellent district meeting at Holland last year. Most of the auxiliaries sent delegates. This year we want to hold our district meeting at Taylor during the District Conference. The preachers of the Georgetown District have been so courteous in answering all letters and helping every way possible that we want them to see and know our work better. I have the promise of several more auxiliaries during the year. My heart is wholly in the work, and before

visiting or organizing I have asked God to bless and use me for the instrumentality of good. So far I believe these prayers have been answered. And I feel repaid for the sacrifices made. God grant that every District Secretary will consecrate herself anew this year, and the harvest be a hundred-fold.

I organized a W. H. M. Society at Pendletonville June 18, 1903. They are enthusiastic, for the Church is going to build a parsonage this fall, and they realize what they have to do. The following officers were elected:

Miss Emma Carril, President.

Mrs. Lockie Lusk, Vice-President.

Miss Cora Meadows, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Wm. Elkins, Treasurer.

Miss Mollie Bease, Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. A. C. BUCHANAN,

Temple, Texas.

Temple Auxiliary.

With such a society of faithful workers as First Methodist Church of Temple has one is glad to report something in regard to our work. We have 54 members with an average attendance of 20. Meet weekly. Have two business meetings—one social and one devotional—during the month. Though at times it has fallen on a few to do the work, still it is not so long ago since we paid \$500 on our church and \$500 on the pipe organ. The calls of the poor and the needy we are ever ready to answer as we have the calls. The whole society is a committee to visit the sick and strangers. Our pastor finds it a great aid welcoming the visitors and strangers to the Church services. We pay monthly towards keeping up a mission Sunday-school. Our members visit it, and some act as teachers. Thus we close the record of such things as can be enumerated of the quiet, unrecorded work in the way of cheering sad or discouraged lives and of the quickening of our own spiritual lives. Let us hope that there has been much accomplished by the past work in our Master's service.

MRS. W. E. WILLIS

Corresponding Secretary.

Taylor Auxiliary.

The W. H. M. Society of Taylor was organized January 27, 1903, with 15 connectional members and 42 local members. The meetings are held once a week at the church. The ladies have undertaken to pay for the seats and carpet for the main auditorium, which will amount to about \$1175. We have on hand at present \$225.90. There are 42 local workers. There have been 50 visits made, four needy families assisted, eight subscribers to Our Home. We support one scholarship.

PRESIDENT.

Produces Strength for Work.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate perfects digestion, calms and strengthens the nerves, induces restful sleep and builds up the general health. A wholesome tonic.

Prince Karageorgevitch says the murderers of Servian monarchs should be punished, and to take a crown from them would be like acting as an accomplice. Russian papers say the murderers should be treated as criminals.

Advertisement for Bigham & Smith. Text: "We Want A Worthy, Reliable MAN or WOMAN In every community to make a house to house canvass distributing Bibles. WE HAVE A FAMILY BIBLE AND A TEACHERS' BIBLE That sell on their merits wherever shown. Preachers, Local Preachers, Teachers and others can do good in this work as well as make a nice profit for themselves. Cut this out and write us for particulars. BIGHAM & SMITH, DALLAS, TEXAS."

REVIEW

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REVIEW NOTICES.

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...King Leopold of Belgium, by W. T.
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...the Rev. W. M. Morrison; an account
...of "The American Invasion of Ugan-
...da," describing the recent completion
...of twenty-seven steel railroad bridges
...within a year's time by American
...builders, by Joseph M. Rogers; a study
...of "This Year's High Tide of Immi-
...gration," by Samuel E. Moffett, illus-
...trated from photographs of immigrant
...types taken at Ellis Island, in June,
...especially for this article: "The Erie
...Canal—Its Past and Future," by M. M.
...Winer; "Forest Fires in the United
...States," by H. M. Sater, illustrated
...from photographs taken for the Bu-
...reau of Forestry at Washington; "The
...Recent Floods of the Middle West,"
...by Charles M. Harger, with photographs
...of Western river scenes during the re-
...cent high-water period; an account of
...the "Welfare Work" organized in the
...great McCormick harvester works at
...Chicago, and a summary of the latest
...Antarctic discoveries by Mr. Cyrus C.
...Adams.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.—
..."A Few Real Boys," a record which is
...just what its name implies, is the
...feature of Leslie's Monthly for July.
...This is the first of a series of reminis-
...cent stories of boys, by Judge Henry
...A. Shute, and the best thing of its
...kind since Aldrich's "Bad Boy" Popsy,
...Puzzy, Whacker and the other young
...sters are the kind of boy that other
...boys and grown ups delight in equal-
...ly. There are seven other stories—
...of love, of strikes, of horses and of
...humor—in this number, besides a par-
...ticularly interesting installment of E.
...Hornung's serial.
...There is a thrilling account of an
...orchid hunter's trip through unknown
...Venezuela, and a description of the
...curious industry of buying and selling
...wild beasts; the third of the articles
...on "The Modern Sailor," takes up the
...little known tramp ships, and there is
...a sketch of that famous frontier Judge,
...Isaac C. Parker. Marginalia has two
...stories and there is a capital literary
...puzzle in "Men, Women and Books."

Scribner's Magazine.—Among the
...many popular features in the July
...Scribner is General Gordon's article
...on the Battle of Gettysburg. In his
...brilliant and descriptive paper he gives
...the most vivid account of it that the
...Confederate side of that struggle has
...yet produced. General Gordon con-
...tributes his personal explanation of
...how the Confederates failed to seize
...Cemetery Ridge, the key of the whole
...situation, on the evening of the first
...day's battle when the Federal troops
...were routed. General Gordon begged
...for the opportunity to occupy the pos-
...ition, but was prevented by superior
...orders. His account of the critical
...struggle on the third day, culminating
...in Pickett's charge, is most stirring
...and eloquent. Summing up the whole
...battle he asserts that had Lee's orders
...been promptly and cordially executed,
...Meade's center on the third day would
...have been penetrated and the Union
...Army overwhelmingly defeated.

The Atlantic Monthly.—The July
...number of the Atlantic Monthly is up
...to its usual high literary standard.
..."The Literary development of the Pa-
...cific Coast," by Herbert Bashford, is
...possessed of special interest. He uti-
...lizes the materials furnished by writ-
...ers native to that field, and this gives
...to the article a charm of realism not
...found in the styles of those who live
...at a distance. "The Voice of the
...Scholar," by David Starr Jordan, tells
...us of the part that college and univer-
...sity men take in the social, civic and
...ethical sphere. "A National Type of
...Culture," by Benjamin Ide Wheeler,
...deplors the fact that culture is now
...made subordinate to the money-get-
...ting spirit of the age. "The First
...Year of Cuban Self-Government," by
...Matthew E. Hanna is a careful ac-
...count of the progress made by Cuba
...during the first year of her independ-
...ent existence. It is well worth a care-
...ful reading, as it contains many facts
...of interest to those who take interest
...in popular Democracy. The July num-
...ber has many other contributions of
...intrinsic value, and the above men-
...tioned ones are sufficient to indicate
...their merit.

The Methodist Review.—The present
...number of the Methodist Quarterly Re-
...view gives us the following palatable
...bill of fare: "The Panama Canal
...Treaty in its Religious and Ecclesiasti-
...cal Bearings," by the Hon. John T.
...Morgan, Senator of the United States
...from the State of Alabama. "Why is
...Ireland Disloyal?" by James H. Kirk-
...land, Ph. D. D. C. L., LL. D., Chancel-
...lor of Vanderbilt University. "The
...Sisters of Jesus," by Bishop E. R. Hen-
...drix, D. D., LL. D., "Robert Burns," by

William A. Webb, M. A., Professor of
...English Language and Literature in
...Central College. "The Book of Job and
...the Revelation of the Messiah," by
...Jas. C. Morris, D. D., President-elect
...of Central College, Missouri. "The Use
...and value of the Small College," by
...F. C. Woodward, D. Litt., Sometime
...President of South Carolina College.
..."Thomas Griffin: A Bonnerage of the
...Early Southwest," by Bishop Charles
...B. Galloway, D. D., LL. D. "The Idyls
...of the King," by J. T. Littleton, M. A.,
...Professor of English Literature in
...Southern University. "Emperor Wil-
...liam as a Theologian," by the editor,
..."The Kaiser's Letter on Christ and
...Revelation," by Professor Adolf Har-
...nack, of the University of Berlin.
..."Agnosticism and Immortality," by
...Jno. J. Tigert, Editorial Departments.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM

June 15 to July 1, 1903.
Houston District—S. R. Hay,
Shearn; Domestic missions, \$300; A.
J. Weeks, Galveston, Central; For-
eign missions, \$66.21; domestic mis-
sions, \$90; Galveston, West End;
Foreign missions, \$42; domestic mis-
sions, \$42.
Beaumont District—S. D. Horger,
Wallsville Mission; Foreign mis-
sions, \$10.
Brenham District—Allen Tooke,
Bellville Mission; Domestic mis-
sions, \$5; Children's Day, \$1.55. H.
G. Williams, Lyons Circuit; Foreign
missions, \$7.50; domestic missions,
\$7.50.
San Augustine District—C. T. Cum-
mings, Tercha Circuit; Orphanage,
\$10. M. I. Brown, Appleby Mission;
Foreign missions, \$24.20; domestic
missions, \$24.20.
Calvert District—T. S. Williford,
Hearne and Wheelock; Children's
Day, \$2. J. F. Garrett, Marquez Mis-
sion; Domestic missions, \$7.50.
Huntsville District—J. C. Cameron,
Montgomery and Planterville; For-
eign missions, \$2.85; domestic mis-
sions, \$7.15; Orphanage, \$6.45. O. J.
Read, Waverly Mission; Conference
claimants, \$5; foreign missions, \$5;
Paine and Lane, \$1.
Palestine District—C. M. Cagle,
Graceland; Foreign missions, \$25.
Jesse Lee, Beaver Valley Circuit;
Orphanage, \$5.80.
Tyler District—L. A. Humphreys,
St. Paul; Foreign missions, \$5; do-
mestic missions, \$15.75. A. Methvin,
Grand Saline; Conference claimants,
\$10; foreign missions, \$15; domestic
missions, \$25. D. T. Pulley, New York
Circuit; Domestic missions, \$12.50.
Marshall District—O. A. Shook,
Coffeeville Mission; Foreign missions,
\$10. G. E. Camerun, Henderson Sta-
tion; Bishops' fund, \$24; foreign
missions, \$88; domestic missions, \$88;
Orphanage, \$17; Paine and Lane, \$1.
Pittsburg District—D. F. C. Tim-
mons, Pittsburg Station; Foreign
missions, \$20.50. L. H. McGee, Gil-
mer Circuit; Foreign missions, \$65;
domestic missions, \$65. S. N. Allen,
Linden Circuit; Children's Day,
\$17.90. C. B. Cross, Atlanta; Church
extension \$35; education \$25. O. T.
Hotchkiss, Texarkana; Foreign mis-
sions, \$50; domestic missions, \$50;
Orphanage, \$10; Children's Day, \$2.10.
Total, \$1,359.66.
L. L. JESTER,
Treas. Tex. Conf.

A FINE QUARTERLY REPORT.

The record made by Grace Church
Sunday-school during the second quar-
ter is the best of any Methodist Sun-
day-school in Dallas. The attendance
of officers and teachers has been re-
markably fine, with the exception of
the first Sunday in the quarter, on
which date the record shows six to
have been absent. Since that date,
however, though more teachers have
been added, until at present there are
25, and the number of officers six, a
total of 31, still out of this number
on the majority of Sundays only one
or two have been absent. This is an
average attendance of more than 90
per cent for the officers and teachers.
Three of the officers and eight of the
teachers have a perfect record for at-
tendance during the past quarter. The
average total attendance for each Sun-
day of the quarter was 328; the aver-
age number of scholars present each
Sunday was 290; the average number
of visitors each Sunday was 18; the
average collection of each Sunday was
\$8.46. There were present during the
quarter a total number of visitors, 131;
a total of the new scholars received,
219; a total collection for the quarter
\$101.54. The largest number of new
scholars received on any Sunday was
on April 5, when 28 were enrolled.
With the exception of two Sundays,
from 10 to 20 new scholars were en-
rolled on each of the other Sundays of
the quarter. The largest total attend-
ance was on May 17, when 432 persons
were recorded as present. The largest
collection for any one Sunday was
\$14.33. The work of the teachers of
primary class No. 1 is to be especially
commended. This class has had en-
rolled on its books during the past
quarter from 100 to 150, and has had an
average attendance each Sunday of
from 75 to 100. The present enrollment

is about 120, though one class has been
taken from the original class, and is
known as primary No. 2. Primary No.
1 reported new scholars every Sun-
day. It seems to thrive and multiply
by dividing, and where so many chil-
dren can come from nobody but Mrs.
Knickerbocker and Mrs. Addington
knows. The total enrollment of the
Sunday-school exceeds 500. The best
kept class book of the quarter was R.
C. Ayres. For the best all round class
record of the quarter honors were di-
vided among Mrs. Potts' class, Mrs.
Boyd's and Mr. Yeaman's, with Mrs.
Teel's and Miss McDonald's classes
close seconds. The excellent work of
Grace Church Sunday-school is largely
due to the efficiency and devotion of
Superintendent Lamar and the splen-
did co-operation with him of all his
teachers. SECRETARY.

AN EXPLANATION.

In your issue of July 2 there was
printed a paragraph concerning the
students of the State University at
Austin. This paragraph stated that
the Ministerial Association of Austin
had appointed a committee to investi-
gate the reason why so few of the
University students attend services on
the Sabbath, and they came to the
conclusion that the failure was due to
the present six-day system of teaching,
which made it necessary for the stu-
dents to study on Sunday. May I sub-
mit to you a few facts which came to
my notice in regard to this matter?
This census was taken by distribut-
ing among the students cards upon
which the following questions were
printed:

1. Are you a member of any Church?
 2. Do you attend Church regularly?
 3. Do you study on Sunday?
 4. What is your opinion as to the necessity of studying on Sunday under the present six-day system?
- From these questions the majority of students gathered the idea that if they answered it was necessary to study on Sunday the Ministerial Association might induce the University authorities to establish a weekly holiday. For this reason, and this alone, many students who do not make a practice of Sabbath studying answered that it was necessary. The work of distributing and collecting these cards was undertaken by members of the Christian Associations of the University, and some of these were heard to express their regrets that the investigation had failed in its object. The sole idea of the majority of the students was to get a weekly holiday. Even if the system were changed it is doubtful that the conditions would be improved, for many of them would use such a holiday for other purposes than study.
- The idea seems to prevail through-
out the State that there is no religious
influence in our University, whereas
this is entirely erroneous. The Uni-
versity Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.
are exerting a wide influence for good.
The majority of professors and in-
structors are members of the differ-
ent Churches in the city, and quite
a number of them take active parts in
religious affairs, as Sunday-school
superintendents, teachers and officers
of the Church. They encourage the
students to attend service, and there
are comparatively few who do not,
irregularly it may be true, in many
cases, but this is not necessarily the
fault of the University.
- I have completed the full academic
course in the University, being a mem-
ber of this year's graduating class. I
am a member of the Methodist Church
and attend service every Sunday dur-
ing the whole period of my work in
the University. I have never studied
any lesson or part of a lesson on Sun-
day, and have never felt it necessary
to do so. This, I am sure, will also be
the testimony of a number of other
students. I regret very much that this
investigation should have been taken
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BALDWIN—Died in Paris, Texas, June 16, 1903, Mrs. Nannie W. Baldwin, surviving wife of Dr. B. J. Baldwin. One by one the grains of sand in the hour-glass of Time fall on the shores of eternity, bringing us nearer to that crystal tide which divides the present from the beyond, where all is mystery. One by one the great siekles of the grim reaper cuts and binds the sheaves in the harvest field of the great Husbandman. One by one our friends and loved ones leave us in sadness and in sorrow on this side, while they go to solve the mysteries beyond. One by one does the Master summon his laborers to come and give an account of themselves, but his work goes steadily on. Our hearts are saddened, and there is a vacant place in our ranks made by the departure of our friend, sister and co-laborer in Christ, Mrs. Nannie Baldwin. She left us last Tuesday evening near the twilight hour, when the world was bathed in the glory of the setting sun. She went away though lengthening shadows told of approaching night, only to awaken in that light that never fades. She fell asleep in Jesus, and her pure spirit went to join those bright and shining ones whose robes have been made whiter than snow by the blood of her blessed Savior, in that city whose light is the Lord. Her beautiful mansion has been building since earliest childhood, formed by unseen hands, of the many good, kind deeds and the loving service to others. Mrs. Baldwin was indeed a good woman, cultured, refined, gentle, thoughtful of others and a meek, lowly follower of her Master, loved and esteemed by all who knew her; a good neighbor, charitable to others' faults, she never thought evil of any one. She gave of her bounty to the poor and was ever ready with helpful sympathy to those in affliction. Her Church and pastor will miss her sweet gentleness and saintly example. Her vacant pew in Centenary Church will be a constant reminder of her who year after year occupied it with her esteemed husband, who preceded her to that "home over there," where he awaited her coming. She endeared herself to her five step-children who today mourn her departure deeply and truly, and will ever retain a place in their hearts and memories. Nannie Parham was born in Meliweather County, Georgia, March 7, 1833, and made a profession of faith in the atoning blood of her Savior and joined the Methodist Church when 16 years old. She married Dr. Holt, of Athens, Ga., when 17, and was left a childless widow in 1876. In a few years she married Dr. B. J. Baldwin, of this city, and came to Paris a little more than twenty years ago. She won the love of her husband's family and of all with whom she was thrown. She leaves no children, but a sorrowing sister was with her in her last illness. Best be the tie that binds, and best beyond measure are they that die in the Lord. MRS. B.

POLLARD—Fanny Pollard, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. T. Pollard, was born April 25, 1839. Rev. F. T. Pollard is a local preacher in our Church, residing about three miles from Garden City. A little over thirty years of bright and happy joyousness and rapid development of mind and body had this young life and like the clinging ivy, this beloved daughter wound her way in and out and around the heart-strings of the inmates of her home, making it fragrant and beautiful, and lovely, and lighting it all with the sunshine of her smiles. A little over thirteen years—then sickness. On the 14th day of May, 1903, while on her sick bed, she was soundly converted, and had the consciousness of sin forgiven. Just a week from that day (May 21) the silver cord was loosed, the golden bowl was broken, and the spirit returned unto God who gave it. In tenderest sympathy I commend all the sorrowing ones to Him who "is very near to them that are of a broken heart." ANDREW HENRY BEZZO.

GARDNER—Little Raines Bowden, infant son of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Gardner, of the Texas Conference, died in the Methodist parsonage in Travis, Texas, June 18. We laid his body to rest in Phillips Cemetery, June 19, midst a host of sympathizing friends. Let all the brethren pray for the bereaved parents in this their great affliction. W. E. WASHBURN, Durango, Texas.

GUINN.—A. B. Guinn was born in Missouri, January 7, 1839. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in California when about 20 years old; came to Texas about 1870, and on Nov. 11, 1879, was married to Mrs. Annie E. Wilson at Weston, Collin County. After months of painful suffering he died in Bridgeport at 3:35 p. m. June 23, 1903. He lived in this vicinity twenty-three years. He was universally loved by all who knew him. His life was fully consecrated to the Lord and the Church. The development of the Church in the town is due largely to the untiring zeal and influence of this man of God. When he was too feeble to longer do Church work his presence in the congregation was an inspiration to all, from the pastor in the pulpit to the small children of the Sunday-school. While dying he turned his eyes and extended his hand to the young people and little children that came to his bed. Early in the forenoon the writer asked him if he knew that he must soon leave us, and he said, "Yes." I told him that we did not think he could stay with us through the day. He said he was "not afraid to go." In a few minutes, at his request, Mrs. Nash led us in prayer; and a little later Sister Mary Kirkpatrick, at his request, sang "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine." When he was almost gone he was asked if God's grace was still sustaining him. He quickly answered, "Yes." Rev. F. O. Miller, a long time friend of the deceased, preached at appropriate and comforting sermon from I Thess. 4:14 at 1 o'clock p. m. June 24. More people came to hear the funeral sermon than could be seated in the church. When the services were ended at the church the Masons buried him with the ceremonies of their order. His departure is a great loss to the Church and community, as well as to his family. May the grace and mercy of the God whom he loved and served so long sustain and keep his devoted wife, his son and daughter and brothers and sisters until that bright day when they shall see him again. A. R. NASH.

SHAW.—Frank Shaw was born in 1882 and died June, 1903. His death was not unexpected. He had been sick seven months, and had suffered much, but he was so patient in all of this suffering he never complained. Frank was a sweet-spirited Christian boy. Every one who knew him loved him. Many were weeping at the grave of this young man while loving hands were laying him to rest. The young people and children marched around the grave and rained a shower of flowers and evergreen on the grave. Sleep on, Bro. Frank, for we are sure you sleep in Jesus. Loved ones, weep not as those who have no hope, for we can say to you that every cloud, though dark, always has a silver lining. Our loss is his eternal gain. Look up. He is calling you come home. You did all you could for him while he was with you. We shall not call him back, but we will go to him. J. N. BROYLES, P. C. Pontotoc, Texas.

LOGAN.—Adeline Saunders, daughter of Thos. B. and Virginia Saunders, was born in Gatesville, Texas, June 13, 1877, and died at the same place June 5, 1903. She was married to Jas. B. Logan June 9, 1897. One child, Lily Beth, was born of this union December 18, 1898, and, with the husband, survives to mourn the irreparable loss of the wife and mother. Sister Logan was reared in the faith of the gospel, and very early in life made Christ her choice. In the last years of her life she was one of the choice spirits of the Gatesville Church, and she and her faithful husband were ready for every good work. Educated in the North Texas Female College, she was in all respects a noble type of womanhood. Her last illness was long and painful, but she passed through it bravely and patiently to the end. When she knew that she must die, she did not flinch. She bade her husband and little one an affectionate farewell, charged them and her friends to meet her in heaven, pillowed her head on the bosom of her Savior, and went to sleep. EMMETT HIGHTOWER.

RUSSELL.—Little Lois, daughter of Robt. F. and Belle Russell, died June 24, 1903. Just as the evening sun went down our darling's sweet spirit returned to the God who gave it. Little Lois was born two miles north of Aubrey, Denton County, Texas, March 12, 1897, and died at our home, one mile south of Brashear, Hopkins County, Texas, June 24, 1903. She was sick three weeks. Never was sick a day before in her life. She was taken with acute malaria, but having gotten a fall on Monday before she suffered with her lower limb so that blood poison set in, and what she suffered pen falls to portray. All that the physicians could do and loving hands failed to give her relief. Death had set its seal on her precious face from the first day. We know our child cannot return to us, but the glorious thought that if we

live right we will see her again, where no more heart-ache nor sorrow ever come. She was baptized by Bro. T. M. Kirk two years ago. She loved the Sunday-school; could not recollect the time but once that she did not want to go. She loved her teacher, Sister Snyder, and treasured her little cards. Hoax and here without her, but Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." May the memory of little Lois serve as a means of grace to help us brothers and sisters to meet her where sickness, sorrow and death are felt and feared no more. She is now a bright and shining angel, waiting at the beautiful gate for papa, mamma, brothers and sisters. Farewell, little Lois, but not forever. We will meet you in the sweet bye-and-bye. PAPA AND MAMMA.

CULWELL.—Maude Culwell was born April 12, 1881, and received her "crown of righteousness" after an illness of five months, June 18, 1903. At Gravelhill, Wise County, at the age of 12, she was happily converted under the ministry of the writer. She has always been a good girl; but since her bright conversion she has been a very active member of our Church. No one could have excelled the patience and the meekness with which she bore her severe sickness. When her uncle told her that she must soon go home, she smiled at the welcome news. She cheered each one who told her goodbye with the smiling expression of her inward peace. The tears and sobs of her relatives did not abate her peace. Embracing each of her brothers, she kissed them good-bye, bidding them weep not for her. Then, as calmly and as cheerfully as she at first received the news, her spirit swept into the celestial city, and the rigors of death soon stiffened the clay that bore the expression of a soul gladdened by the rustle of angelic messengers. The acknowledged flower of her family and connection, she has been a mother to her orphaned brothers and the pride of her father's life. While no one can supply the place of your sister and daughter, "weep not as those who have no hope," for she is now with her mother in heaven. "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." J. P. PATTERSON.

OLIVER.—Sister M. B. Oliver, the wife of R. W. Oliver, died at her home, near Speegleville, McLennan County, Texas, June 21, 1903. She had been sick about five weeks, but her sickness was not thought to be so serious until a few days before her death. Sister Oliver professed religion when she was about fifteen years old and was received into the Church by Rev. B. F. Gassaway. She was a devout Christian and her life has left its noble impress on her children, who will doubtless remember her with deep affection and reverent respect. In her death the Church sustains a loss and her family a sore bereavement, but our loss, we believe, is her infinite gain. R. F. DUNN.

WOODS.—Mrs. Annie Woods (nee Shaw), wife of C. E. Woods, passed from the suffering of earth into life eternal June 12, 1903. She left to mourn her early death a husband, four boys, father, mother, four sisters, five brothers, who are called to walk through this "Garden of Gethsemane" and to drink of this cup of sorrow even down to its bitterest dregs, while longing "for a touch of a vanished hand, the sound of a voice that is stilled." She professed religion when young and joined the Baptist Church. After she married she joined the M. E. Church with her husband, and lived a consistent member until the day of her death. She knew several days the end was near. The morning before she died she called the loved ones around her and talked with them of her going away. She bade them live right and meet her in heaven. To know her was to love her. After the funeral services in the church (June 15) she was buried in the Busby Cemetery. May the God she loved and served guard and keep her loved ones until they shall "meet again." LULA VERMILLION, Fruitland, Texas.

RUTLEDGE.—Death visited the fold and took from our midst Bro. Charles Rutledge on June 29, 1903. Bro. Rutledge was born near Hazel Hurst, Miss., forty-two years ago. At an early age he professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church. Before coming to Texas he worked for several years in the capacity of Sunday-school superintendent, and proved very efficient in the work. He married Miss Susan Henderson, May, 1891. Three children came to bless the home—two girls and one boy—ages 8, 6 and 2. For some time the age of affliction rested heavily upon him. Rev. W. H. Terry, pastor at Stephenville, buried him with the beautiful ceremonies of the Methodist Church. Our prayers are with his family and aged father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson. MATTHEW C. DICKSON, P. C.

A Just Tribute to the Memory of Ellen Anderson.

She was born to Samuel P. and Mary Anderson at Paluski, Tenn., March 27, 1831, and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. Z. Reagin, Forney, Texas, June 18, 1903. She professed Christ and joined the Methodist Church at an early age in her native State, and to which Church she continued her membership until the time of her death. Aunt Ellen (as she was known to her friends) was one of those reclusive characters with whom it requires a close relationship to understand and appreciate, and yet one of such strong personality that the most casual observer could not fail to know her likes and dislikes. But I have never known her to speak an unkind word of any one. Truly she possessed an eminently choice disposition—so perfectly tranquil and well balanced. It mattered not what pain she suffered or what misfortune came, hers was ever the same sweet, serene life that seemed to live beyond the reach of tempests—in an eternal calm. She had not been well for several months, but was always so averse to discussing herself that we could not realize her condition until she was stricken down two weeks before her death. HER NIECE.

BACHMAN.—M. V. Bachman was born December 1, 1875, and died April 11, 1903. He was the son of A. T. and M. E. Bachman. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the summer of 1901. His life was that of an exemplary Christian from the day of his conversion to the hour of his death. Careful in choosing his companion, ever mindful of his obligation and vows to the Church, his life was such as to command the respect and confidence of all who knew him. The community in which he lived has lost a noble character, the Church to which he belonged one of her most faithful young men. He has gone to join the throng of the blood-washed on the other shore. His pastor, E. L. EGGER.

BEASLEY.—Sister Lucy E. Beasley was born December 4, 1877, in Alabama. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in 1892; was married to W. E. Beasley June 22, 1899, and died at her home near Caps, Texas, June 11, 1903, aged twenty-six years. She was a pure, good Christian woman and loved by all who knew her. She was a devoted wife and a true mother. The sweet Christian influence that has gone out from the life that she lived will remain with those who knew her. Sister Beasley leaves a husband, two children, father, mother, brothers, sisters and all who knew her to mourn her departure. The Church has lost a member, a husband a wife and children a mother, but she has gained heaven, the home of the righteous—the place where sorrow can not come. E. L. SISK.

MARTIN.—Alla Lourena Martin, daughter of Rev. G. W. Martin and wife, was born Nov. 11, 1901; baptized Dec. 2, 1901; died May 8, 1903. This precious child was given to Bro. and Sister Martin for a short time to gladden, test and perfect them. They loved and served her while she lingered and now they love her and will follow her. Little Alla was born of best blood, into one of the tenderest of homes and her every hour was blest with the sanctity of religion. Yet she suffered and passed from the bud into the bloom of immortality. It is His way. We know the end is good. We will trust where we can not see. We know where she is. O may we follow on. Out of an affection sacred and tender we sympathize with our dear brother and sister and commend them to Him and His mercy and to the steadfast hope. I. S. ASHBURN.

BYRD.—David Byrd was born in Platt County, Missouri, April 19, 1837. He came to Texas in company with his parents early in the 40's and settled in Dallas County. He professed the religion of Christ while residing in California temporarily some time in the early 70's and joined the M. E. Church, South. He was married to Miss S. J. Kemper November 24, 1874. To this union one child was born, a girl, who passed into the celestial world in 1879. David Byrd was a good man, true to his Lord and Church. He was strictly honest in all of his dealings, a devoted Church man, an efficient steward, which high office he held at the time of his death. He was a devoted husband and father, a kind neighbor and a splendid citizen. When he could he was a constant attendant upon all of the regular services of the Church. He died at his home near White Rock campground, in Dallas County, Texas, June 29, 1903, full of hope and ready for the world above. He leaves a wife and a little girl whom he and his wife had adopted as their own, also one brother and one sister, and their children to mourn their loss. He was buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery

July 1 in the presence of his neighbors and friends, his pastor, the writer, conducting the funeral services. He will be sadly missed by his good wife and neighbors and by the Church he loved so well. He was sick some eight or ten days, but bore it all patiently and said he was ready to go if it was the Lord's will. As tranquil as the setting sun, without a cloud, so did he peacefully pass away into the brightness of heaven to die no more. May his family and relations so live as that they may all meet again to part no more beyond the stars and beyond the tomb. D. J. MARTIN.

REESE.—On Saturday night, June 19, I called, and entering the room, I found sobbing the two devoted parents of this little child. Then Sunday afternoon, June 29, the funeral was preached by their pastor and the little one was laid away amidst the tears of relatives and a host of friends. The parting was not under the pall of darkness, but was overshadowed by the brightness of the coming "resurrection morn." Derrell Dewey Reese was born November 29, 1901, and died June 29, 1903. Although he brightened the home for only a short time, he left impressions that can never be erased. He was always delicate, but seemed passive and submissive. He was a sweet babe and near to the hearts of his parents. Quitting the walks of men, his feet have climbed those ascending stairs through the darkness up to God. Now the angels sing his lullabies and his eyes feast upon the beauties of heaven. His soul basks under the sunshine of God's eternal love. 'Tis so sweet to remember that Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." ANTHONY D. LIVINGSTON.

ROSELL.—Francis M. Rosell was born in Tennessee July 27, 1827; moving with his parents to Alabama, there living until January, 1843, when he came to Texas. On May 23, 1848, he was married to Miss Frances Amanda Henderson. To this happy union were born twelve children, five of them preceding him to the glory world. The same year of his marriage he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was a man of eminent piety, willing to do anything that he thought reasonable and right to advance the cause. He passed away May 8, 1903, not only leaving a life worthy of emulation, but giving testimony in his last hours of his faith in God. He committed his aged wife and all his earthly interests in His hands and then sang the old hymn, "Oh heaven, sweet heaven, when shall I see?" We are going to miss his presence and oft rejoicing at the Church of which he was a member so long. After the burial service of the Church, the Masons took charge. While we will not have his bodily presence, who knows but his spirit will come to those who may assemble at the Church that he loved so well and encourage them in their Christian life? May his mantle of usefulness fall on his sons and may the guiding spirit of the Lord be upon his aged wife the few days she may remain here and then all make an unbroken family around the throne of God. I. F. PACE.

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KING.—On the a sad accident at of Grand Saline, little boy, Joel I. E. and Nettie Kin water and was 8 words can descri the dear child or the heart-broken born November 2 earth was short, become a part; of and grandparen gone their eyes to their hearts more before to pray where emith's are gathering stricken parents

LAWSON.—Lilo seven years and fi her last on Wedn at the home of her of Trinity, Texas, an orphan; her 2 years ago and he the river only a little Grace. At request little Grace ter came to live Here she had evens of devotion e in her last illness became stationary surgeon obtainab everything possibl done. To the m could not be more of their own child, to say, "All is well said, "Oh such is surely care for the Grace and we if we are faithful.

TERRY.—On J death and ent and Sister R. E. T the spirit of the Sueta. Sueta was Her stay on earth of suffering. God dom saw fit to t had before it unfo the sweet fields of side of the Jordan expand into perfe sence of our past- vices were impress Bro. R. W. Lemom crated laymen. H words of Christ: "S dren to come unto not, for of such heaven." Parent feel it is hard to little Sueta, but th link has been add loved ones gone on their heads in hun the will of God a Father, thy will be ME

WYNNE.—After of dropsy, Father passed away in the faith May 6, 1903, of Mineo, I. T. E an elderly man, in an life of a young i in Lee County, Virg the Civil War; was Virginia Regiment, whose heart bent in brethren. He lov brethren. He was a his country. He wa Allen in 1865, a was converted in C the Methodist Ch South. He leaves 1 children to mourn. God's grace susta hours. He was not his country, but a s of Jesus Christ. H nine years, in Hunt made many friends a hear of his death. A few nights before parture he was r grace prepare our h meet him in the s Farewell till we s hand. His pastor.

- Mineo, I. T. WEST TEXAS C Llano District-1 Rock Springs District Conference Saba July 8 at 9 a League Conference will Texas, Monday, July Sunday, July 12, at 8 W. H. San Angelo District Mason, at Loyal Vall Millburn, at Varga... Center City, at Pleasant Lometa, at Mullin... Lampasas mis, at Ken J. Beeville District-1 Oakville Mathis Rockport Blainco Joe Austin District-1 West Point, at F. P. Cedar Creek, at Upton Elgin Manor

presence of his neighbors is pastor, the writer, con-
moral services. He will
ed by his good wife and
by the Church he loved
is stek some eight or ten
re it all patiently and
vay to go if it was the
As tranquil as the set-
out a cloud, so did he
is away into the bright-
n to die no more. May
id relations so live as
all meet again to part
nd the stars and beyond
D. J. MARTIN.

h Saturday night, June
and entering the room,
ig the two devoted par-
tie child. Then Sunday
ne 29, the funeral was
held pastor and the little
way amidst the tears of
a host of friends. The
not under the pall of
was overshadowed by
of the coming "resur-"
Derrell Dewey Reese
ember 29, 1901, and died
Although he brightened
only a short time, he
ns that can never be
as always delicate, but
e and submissive. He
babe and near to the
parents. Quitting the
his feet have climbed
ig stairs through the
to God. Now the angels
see and his eyes feast
ies of heaven. His soul
the sunshine of God's
Tis so sweet to remem-
said. "Suffer little chil-
into me."
J. W. LIVINGSTON.

Francis M. Rosell was
sented July 27, 1827; mov-
ments to Alabama, there
nary, 1843, when he
s. On May 23, 1848, he
Miss Frances Amanda
his happy union were
children, five of them pre-
the glory world. The
his marriage he was
joined the Methodist
ch. South. He was a
nt piety, willing to do
he thought reason-
to advance the cause,
y May 8, 1902, not only
worthy of emulation,
mony in his last hours
n God. He committed
all his earthly in-
hands and then sang
n, "Oh heaven, sweet
shall I see?" We are
his presence and offe
e Church of which he
so long. After the burial
Church, the Masons
While we will not have
sence, who knows but
ome to those who may
e Church that he loved
neage them in their
May his mantle of res-
his sons and may the
of the Lord be upon his
few days he may re-
then all make an un-
around the throne of
I. F. PACE.

ABSTERS.

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ic coffee they feel bet-
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and improper food is
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nd, gas in the stomach
ables. I would leave
for a few weeks until
n would go to drinking

this for years and paid
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ice of coffee from the
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delightful "cooler" for

leulars by mail of ex-
on the \$7,500.00 cooks
money prizes.

KING.—On the 14th of last February
a sad accident occurred four miles east
of Grand Saline. The bright and sweet
little boy, Joel Ross King, son of D.
E. and Nettie King, fell in a tub of hot
water and was scalded to death. No
words can describe the sufferings of
the dear child or the awful agony of
the heart-broken parents. He was
born November 28, 1900. His stay on
earth was short, but long enough to
become a part of the life of parents
and grandparents, and now that he's
gone their eyes turn more eagerly and
their hearts more longingly than ever
before to heaven, where Jesus is and
where earth's armies of little children
are gathering. May God bless the
stricken parents and grandparents.
J. T. SMITH

LAWSON.—Little Grace Lawson,
seven years and five days old, breathed
her last on Wednesday, June 10, 1902,
at the home of her uncle, J. M. McKee,
of Trinity, Texas. The little girl was
an orphan; her father died some two
years ago and her mother went over
the river only a few months before
little Grace. At the mother's dying
request little Grace and a younger sister
came to live with their uncles.
Here she had every care and tenderness
and devotion of a Christian home.
In her last illness, when an operation
became necessary, the most skillful
surgeon obtainable was procured and
everything possible for the child was
done. To the uncle and aunt, who
could not be more grieved at the loss
of their own child, we do not hesitate
to say, "All is well." The Christ who
said, "Of such is the Kingdom," will
surely care for the spirit of sweet lit-
tle Grace and we shall see her again
if we are faithful.
J. W. MILLS.

TERRY.—On June 10, 1902, the
death angel entered the home of Bro.
and Sister R. E. Terry and bore away
the spirit of their infant daughter,
Sueta. Sueta was born May 1, 1902.
Her stay on earth was brief and full
of suffering. God in his infinite wis-
dom saw fit to transplant this in-
fant before it unfolded its petals. In
the sweet fields of Eden, on the other
side of the Jordan of death she will
expand into perfect bloom. In the
absence of our pastor, the funeral ser-
vices were impressively conducted by
Bro. R. W. Leonard, one of our con-
secrated laymen. He used as a text the
words of Christ: "Suffer the little chil-
dren to come unto me, and forbid them
not, for of such is the Kingdom of
heaven." Parents and little sisters
feel it is hard to be separated from
little Sueta, but they know a golden
link has been added to the chain of
loved ones gone on before. They bow
their heads in humble resignation to
the will of God and cry, "Heavenly
Father, thy will be done."
MRS. F. BRIDGES

WYNNE.—After a very long siege
of dypsy, Father John N. Wynne
passed away in the triumph of a living
faith May 6, 1902, at his home west
of Dresden, at Jones Ranch. Aug. 18,
1860, at Housatonic, Aug. 18, 1860,
at Love's Ch., Aug. 22, 1860,
at Arroyo, Aug. 22, 1860,
at Mexico, Aug. 22, 1860,
at Keweenaw, Sept. 5, 1860,
at Roane, Sept. 5, 1860,
at Lane Cedar, Sept. 12, 1860.
Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Weatherford District—Third Round.
Mussap, at Olive Branch, July 11, 12
Santo, at Santo, July 14, 15
Gordon, etc., at Strawn, July 16, 17
Hanger, at Necessity, July 18, 19
Breschard, at Pleasant Grove, Aug. 1, 2
Crystal Falls, at Baker, July 23, 24
Springtown, at Goshen, Aug. 4, 5
Whit, etc., at Bethel, Aug. 8, 9
Fessler, at Carter, Aug. 15, 16
Farmer, at Farmer, Aug. 22, 23
Graham, at Good Neck, Aug. 29, 30
Throckmorton, at Bush Knob, Aug. 29, 30
Elizaville, at Caddo, Sept. 2, 3
Miss. Inst. at Graham, Sept. 4, 5
Graham sta., Sept. 5, 6
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Clarendon District—Third Round.
Emma, at Emma, July 11, 12
Lubbek, at Price's S. H., July 14, 15
Johnnie, July 18, 19
Tulla, at Hart, July 21, 22
Clayton, at Hart, July 23, 24
Alamod, at Rowe, July 25, 26
Canadian, at Miami, Aug. 1, 2
Higgins, at Ochiltree, Aug. 8, 9
Cataline, at Hall, Aug. 15, 16
Hereford, Aug. 22, 23
Jas. M. Sherman, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Third Round.
Grandview, July 11, 12
Alvarado, July 12, 13
Briar, at Carroll, July 15, 16
Ovilla, at Carroll, July 15, 16
Ferry, at Bluff Springs, Aug. 5, 6
Bardwell, at Avalon, Aug. 9, 10
Hasca, at U. Valley, Aug. 16, 17
Lovelace, at Occola, Aug. 16, 17
Hillbourn, Aug. 16, 17
Palmer, at Ch. H., Aug. 16, 17
Waxahachie, Aug. 22, 23
Venus, Aug. 22, 23
Mid-Midian, Aug. 29, 30
Empis, Sept. 1, 2
O. F. Scubaugh, P. E.

Waco District—Third Round.
Fifth Street, July 11, 12
Morrow Street, July 12, 13
Hewitt, at Oak Grove, July 18, 19
Eim Street, July 19, 20
Bosqueville, at Evergreen, July 25, 26
Aquila, at Elm Mott, Aug. 1, 2
West, Aug. 1, 2
Hubbard, Aug. 8, 9
Atoll, at Kirk, Aug. 15, 16
Gowik, at Cedar, Aug. 15, 16
Whitney, Aug. 18, 17
Morgan, at Eulogy, Aug. 18, 19
Penelope, at Bynum, Aug. 25, 26
Abbott, at Abbott, Aug. 25, 26
District Con. at Mt. Carmel, June 25, 26
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Walnut, at Merrittown, Aug. 1, 2
Manchaca, at Creedmore, Aug. 1, 2
Webbville, at Osborn, Aug. 15, 16
South Austin, Aug. 22, 23
First Street, Austin, Aug. 22, 23
Tenth Street, Austin, Aug. 22, 23
Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin, Aug. 22, 23
E. S. Smith, P. E.

San Marcos District—Third Round.
Belmont, at Oak Forest, July 24, 25
Gonzales sta., July 24, 25
Kyle Post P. Office, at P. G. 4th Sun July
Staples, at Harris Ch., 1st Sun Aug
San Marcos sta., 2d Sun Aug
Sterling Fisher, P. E.

Cuero District—Third Round.
Sweet Home, at Terryville, 2d Sun July
Hallettsville, at C. L., 2d Sun July
El Campo, at Ashby, 2d Sun July
Yokum, 2d Sun Aug
Clear Creek, at Cheapside, 2d Sun Aug
Ganado, at Ganado, 2d Sun Aug
Cuero, 4th Sun Aug
J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Antonio District—Third Round.
Amphion, at Roby, 2d Sun July
Moore, at Big Foot, 2d Sun July
Utopia, at Leaky, 4th Sun Aug
Carrizo S. and Batesville, 1st Sun Aug
Sherman St. H. a. m., 2d Sun Aug
Prospect Hill, 2 p. m., 2d Sun Aug
West End, Aug. 12
South Heights, Aug. 12
Travis Park, 11 a. m., 2d Sun Aug
Conal St., 8 p. m., 2d Sun Aug
W. J. Johnson, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.
Dublin District—Third Round.
Claco, at Central, July 11, 12
Claco sta., at Claco, July 12, 13
Eastland, at Pleasant Grove, July 14, 15
Bluff Dale, at Marvin Ch., July 18, 19
Trinity, at Granbury, July 23, 24
Ben Ross, at Edin, July 25, 26
Green's Creek, at G. Nat., July 25, 26
Arton, at Fairview, Aug. 1, 2
D. Mau, Aug. 8, 9
Ipsell and Fairy, 1 P. M., Aug. 15, 16
DeSenna, Aug. 22, 23
Macabany, Aug. 22, 23
District League and Sunday school
met at Del on June 17-18. District Con-
ference at Cedar July 1-2.
E. A. Bailey, P. E.

For Worth District—Third Round.
Joshua, at Marystown, July 25, 26
Vanada, at Britton, July 26, 27
Cuba, Price chapel, July 31
Lynn, P. P. 1st, Aug. 1, 2
Cuba, 1st, Aug. 1, 2
Lynn, P. P. 2nd, Aug. 8, 9
Lynn, P. P. 3rd, Aug. 8, 9
Lynn, P. P. 4th, Aug. 15, 16
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Georgetown District—Third Round.
Taylor sta., July 11, 12
Salado, at Salado, July 18, 19
Holland, at Holland, Aug. 1, 2
First Ch. Temple sta., Aug. 8, 9
Georgetown sta., Aug. 11, 12
Troy, at Troy, Aug. 15, 16
Rogers, at Rogers, Aug. 22, 23
Hutto, at Hutto, Aug. 29, 30
J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Vernon District—Third Round.
Monday, at Monday, July 11, 12
Spring Creek, at Monday, July 15, 16
Benjamin, at Monday, July 15, 16
Lubbock, at Monday, Aug. 1, 2
Matacor, at Monday, Aug. 8, 9
Wellington, at Monday, Aug. 15, 16
J. G. Miller, P. E.

Cercoana District—Third Round.
Rice, at Rice, July 11, 12
Alma, at Alma, July 12, 13
Cotton Gin, at Campbell's Heb. July 18, 19
Wortham, at Woodland, July 19, 20
Horn Hill, at Central, July 25, 26
Thornton, at Big Hill, July 25, 26
Eureka, at Birdston, Aug. 1, 2
Elchland, at Gumbo, Aug. 4, 5
Pros. at Salem, Aug. 11, 12
Lawson, at Harmony, Aug. 11, 12
Dresden, at Jones Ranch, Aug. 15, 16
Bradford, at Housatonic, Aug. 16, 17
Harris, at Love's Ch., Aug. 22, 23
Arroyo, Aug. 22, 23
Mexico, Aug. 22, 23
Keweenaw, at Bizette, Sept. 5, 6
Roane, Sept. 5, 6
Lane Cedar, Sept. 12, 13
Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

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Mussap, at Olive Branch, July 11, 12
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Waxahachie, Aug. 22, 23
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Empis, Sept. 1, 2
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Waco District—Third Round.
Fifth Street, July 11, 12
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Hewitt, at Oak Grove, July 18, 19
Eim Street, July 19, 20
Bosqueville, at Evergreen, July 25, 26
Aquila, at Elm Mott, Aug. 1, 2
West, Aug. 1, 2
Hubbard, Aug. 8, 9
Atoll, at Kirk, Aug. 15, 16
Gowik, at Cedar, Aug. 15, 16
Whitney, Aug. 18, 17
Morgan, at Eulogy, Aug. 18, 19
Penelope, at Bynum, Aug. 25, 26
Abbott, at Abbott, Aug. 25, 26
District Con. at Mt. Carmel, June 25, 26
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round.
Whitely, at Center Valley, July 11, 12
Indigo, at Dora, July 14, 15
First Street, Austin, July 17, 18
Comanche, at White Point, July 18, 19
Bangs, at Fairview, July 23, 24
Blankett, at Zephyr, July 23, 24
Walling, at Warren's Creek, July 25, 26
Rice Springs, at Sand Hill, Aug. 1, 2
Santa Anna, at Milligan, Aug. 8, 9
Proctor, at Oak Grove, Aug. 15, 16
Comanche, Aug. 17, 18
Brownwood, Aug. 22, 23
W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Abilene District—Third Round.
Lynn and Terry, July 11, 12
Roby, at Dowell, July 18, 19
Chattam, at Light, July 23, 24
Snyder, at Dunn, July 23, 24
Colorado sta., at Champion, July 25, 26
Escola, at Center Point, July 27, 28
Albany and Moran, at, July 27, 28
Baird, Aug. 1, 2
Milla, at R. Creek, Aug. 1, 2
Midland, at Stanton, Aug. 8, 9
Sweetwater, at Roscoe, Aug. 8, 9
Putnam, at Flagab, Aug. 15, 16
Buffalo Gap, at Jim Non, Aug. 15, 16
Merkel, Aug. 15, 16
Jefferson, at Jefferson, Aug. 22, 23
Abilene, Aug. 22, 23
E. A. Smith, P. E.

Gatesville District—Third Round.
Evant, at Shive, July 11, 12
Hamilton, P. View, July 14, 15
China Springs, Dora Creek, July 18, 19
Corry-Ch. Moshelm, July 18, 19
Harmony Mt. Zion, Aug. 1, 2
Jonesboro, Sardis, Aug. 1, 2
Dee House, Pearl, Aug. 8, 9
Crawford, Hampton, Aug. 15, 16
Kilcock, at Coyle, Aug. 15, 16
Gatesville, at R. Creek, Aug. 15, 16
Brookhaven, at R. Chapel, Aug. 15, 16
S. W. Turner, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Marshall District—Third Round.
Hallville, at Summerfield, July 18, 19
Longview, Kelly Memorial, July 19, 20
Kilgore, at Hopewell, July 25, 26
Kellyville, at Avinger, Aug. 1, 2
Henderson sta., Aug. 8, 9
Marshall, Northside, Aug. 15, 16
Marshall, First Church, Aug. 15, 16
Henderson, at Henderson, Aug. 22, 23
Coffeyville, Sept. 5, 6
Arlette, at Bethel, Sept. 12, 13
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Tyler District—Third Round.
Emory, at Ford's Chapel, July 11, 12
Meredith, at Campground, July 18, 19
Tyler, at Pleasant Retreat, July 25, 26
Marvin, July 27, 28
Cedar Street, July 29, 30
S. Paul, at Chandler, Aug. 1, 2
Makoff, at Oakland, Aug. 1, 2
Athens, Aug. 1, 2
J. T. Smith, P. E.

Palestine District—Third Round.
West Palestine, at Pleasant G. July 18, 19
Preston, Centenary, July 19, 20
Jacksonville sta., July 25, 26
Grandland, at Percella, July 25, 26
Elkhart, at Corinth, July 25, 26
Trinity and Lovelady, at L., Aug. 1, 2
Jacksonville, at Pleasant Hill, Aug. 1, 2
Crockett, at Pleasant Grove, Aug. 8, 9
Kennard, at Bethel, Aug. 8, 9
Groveton, at Groveton, Aug. 8, 9
Willard, at Carmona, Aug. 15, 16
Alto, at Alto, Aug. 15, 16
Augusta, at Alto, Aug. 15, 16
Crockett sta., Aug. 15, 16
Brushy Creek, at B. C., Aug. 17, 18
Beaver Valley, at, Aug. 19, 20
Rusk sta., Aug. 22, 23
Mt. Selman, at, Aug. 29, 30
Jas. B. Sears, P. E.

Huntsville District—Third Round.
Walker, at Macoolas, July 11, 12
Hempstead, July 18, 19
Nacogdoches, July 18, 19
Millston, at Land Grove, July 25, 26
Anderson, at Ross's Prairie, July 25, 26
Prairie Plains, at Union Grove, Aug. 1, 2
Montgomery, at Plantersville, Aug. 8, 9
Zion, at Alexander, Aug. 15, 16
Madisonville, at Union, Aug. 15, 16
Cold Springs, at Cleveland, Aug. 22, 23
Willis and Course, at Willis, Aug. 22, 23
Waverly, at Point Blanc, Aug. 29, 30
Huntsville, at Riverside, Sept. 5, 6
Midway, Sept. 12, 13
Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Calvert District—Third Round.
Franklin, at Concord, July 11, 12
Bremont and Rengan, at R., July 18, 19
Kosse, at Stranger, July 25, 26
Fellway, at Owensville, Aug. 1, 2
Calvert sta., Aug. 8, 9
Rosebud sta., Aug. 15, 16
Travis, at Powers Ch., Aug. 15, 16
Linden, at Galinda, Aug. 22, 23
Durango, Aug. 22, 23
Marlin sta., Aug. 29, 30
R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round.
Texarkana, Rose Hill, July 11, 12
New Boston, at L. H., July 11, 12
New Boston and Dekalb, at N. B., July 11, 12
Mt. Pleasant sta., July 18, 19
Quitman, at Liberty, July 25, 26
Naples, at Hamels Ch., July 25, 26
Pittsburg sta., Aug. 1, 2
Glimmer, at Hopewell, Aug. 8, 9
Musgrove Springs, at Bettie, Aug. 8, 9
Leesburg, at Leesburg, Aug. 15, 16
Redwater, at Red Springs, Aug. 15, 16
Dalby Springs, Aug. 15, 16
Cason, at, Aug. 22, 23
Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round.
Angleton, at Phair, July 11, 12
Bosenberg, at Orchard, July 18, 19
Richmond, at, July 18, 19
League City, at League City, July 25, 26
Bay City, at Lane City, Aug. 1, 2
Wharton and Hungerford, at H., Aug. 8, 9
Alvin, Aug. 15, 16
McKee Street, at L. H., Aug. 15, 16
Washington Street, at, Aug. 15, 16
McAshan and Brunner, at M-A., Aug. 15, 16
Tabernacle, Aug. 22, 23
Central Church, Aug. 22, 23
West End, Aug. 22, 23
Shearn, Aug. 22, 23
Whiteoak, Aug. 29, 30
Sandy Point, Sept. 5, 6
Geo. A. LeClerc, P. E.

San Augustine District—Third Round.
(In Part)
Center, at Short, Fri., July 19, 20
Shelbyville, at McClelland, July 11, 12
Center, at, July 11, 12
Melrose, at Simpson's C. G., July 18, 19
San Augustine, at Union, July 18, 19
Garrison, at Concord, July 25, 26
Nacogdoches, Aug. 1, 2
Timson, Aug. 1, 2

Burk, at Ryan's chapel, Aug. 8, 9
Clayton, at Jumbo, Fri., Aug. 14, 15
Minden, at Mt. Enterprise, Aug. 15, 16
Carthage, Aug. 22, 23
C. A. Tower, P. E.

Brenham District—Third Round.
Caldwell, at Dime-Box, July 11, 12
Lyons, at Independence, Fri., July 11, 12
Brenham, at, July 19, 20
Maysfield, at Fort Sullivan, July 25, 26
Chappel Hill and Bellville, at Camp-
ground, Aug. 2, 3
Other dates later.
Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Beaumont District—Third Round.
Burkville, at Sursey, July 11, 12
Jasper, at Pine Tucky, July 12, 13
Beaumont, First Ch., July 18, 19
Kountz, at Olive, July 18, 19
Sabine Pass, at Deweyville, July 25, 26
Port Arthur, Aug. 1, 2
Beaumont, N. End, Aug. 1, 2
Sibbes, at Cook's Ch., Aug. 8, 9
China and Sour Lake, at C., Aug. 15, 16
Laggett, at Camden, Aug. 22, 23
Livingston, at Moscow, Aug. 22, 23
Woodville, at West Creek, Sept. 5, 6
Call, at Carey, Sept. 12, 13
Wallisville, at Double Bayou, Sept. 12, 13
District Conference opens at 9:30 a. m.,
July 2, in Cartwright Church, Beaumont.
J. R. Cochran, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Sherman District—Third Round.
Whitesboro, 2d Sun July
Waples Memorial, 2d Sun July
South Travis, 2d Sun July
Bells Circuit, 4th Sun July
Lewiston, at Lewiston, 4th Sun Aug
Southmay, 1st Sun Aug
Van Alstyne, 2d Sun Aug
Pilot Grove, 2d Sun Aug
Whitewright sta., 2d Sun Aug
First Church, 4th Sun Aug
Patterson, 1st Sun Sept
Gordonville, 1st Sun Sept
Sherman, 2d Sun Sept
J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Dallas District—Third Round.
Cedar Hill and Duncville, at D., July 11, 12
Argyle, at Roanoke, July 18, 19
Lancaster, at Hutchins, July 25, 26
Grace Church, 11 a. m., Aug. 1, 2
Ervas, 8 p. m., Aug. 1, 2
Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth, Aug. 8, 9
First Church, 11 a. m., Aug. 15, 16
Trinity, 8 p. m., Aug. 15, 16
Oak Cliff, 11 a. m., Aug. 22, 23
Oak Lawn, 8 p. m., Aug. 22, 23
I. W. Clark, P. E.

Bonham District—Third Round.
Ladonia sta., July 11, 12
South Bonham, at Savoy, July 18, 19
Lanham, at Brotherton, July 25, 26
Ector, at Mt. Pleasant, Aug. 1, 2
Bonham sta., Aug. 8, 9
Fountain, at Telephone, Aug. 15, 16
Gober, at Providence, Aug. 22, 23
Trenton, at Blanton Ch., Aug. 22, 23
Randolph, at Randolph, Sept. 5, 6
Bailey, at Crandall's Chapel, Sept. 12, 13
District Conference convenes at Bal-
ley June 25. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

McKinney District—Third Round.
Nevada, at Bear Creek, July 11, 12
Renner, at Alpha, July 18, 19
Wesson, at Cottage Hill, July 25, 26
Wyle, at St. Paul, Aug. 1, 2
Piano sta., Aug. 8, 9
Frisco, at Little Elm, Aug. 15, 16
Celina and Roseland, Maple, Aug. 22, 23
Proper, at Wesley Chapel, Aug. 29, 30
Farmersville sta., Sept. 5, 6
Blue Ridge, Sept. 12, 13
Copeville, at, Sept. 19, 20
F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round.
Clarksville, at Alton, July 11, 12
Blissom sta., July 12, 13
Report, at Halesboro, July 18, 19
Douglas, at Lydia, July 25, 26
White Rock sta., Aug. 1, 2
Maxey, at El Bethel, Aug. 8, 9
Emerson, at Hopewell, Aug. 15, 16
Amosia, at Coleman Spgs., Aug. 15, 16
Marvin, at Pattonville, Aug. 22, 23
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In an article in the Advocate of July 2, 1903, entitled "The Status of Prohibition in Texas," taken from the Fort Worth Register, I notice that San Augustine is placed in the list of wholly "dry" counties. This I am sure is a mistake. It is a wholly "wet" county. Also I notice that old Grimes is not mentioned at all. Now we down here in Grimes have been razed by the boll weevil, washed by the floods and almost swamped by the negro, but we are not out of Texas nor the prohibition ranks by a great deal. In fact, we are very much in both. On the 11th day of June last we voted, by official count 169 majority for prohibition in the county and, though the law has not yet gone into effect, the results are being published in the Navasota Tablet, a straight out-and-out prohibition paper, just as fast as publishing days come round, and so far all have not been "restrained." It may come any day, but since Judge Watts has given out that he has gone out of the "restraining" business we are hopeful of crossing the Rubicon. Put old Grimes County in the "dry" columns, for she is there to stay. W. F. DAVIS
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In a recent nu stated: "It is a (ing and the tho mit that only a f rist Church pract infants." This st was more than th permit to pass u to our statement i the days of John ever admitted that believed in or p It is an easy ma make bold assert us examine the factory the privilege question. And for accuse us of citi we will only quote historians. Take record the Standa what does he say? 336, and he says began to assail in one of their pas thing." Then aga "George Jacob B Baptist worthy. J baptism was not of baptized on a conf Christ," and "fall poured water on l bell? According t was a "worthy S those Swiss Bapti baptism?" Beaus had been a commo the attack began t Baptists were chan practice. Blaurock ister some time, " and he had been p ing had no other he had received assaults began to "at once he saw his of Christ." Then and another Bapti on his head." Thu baptism adminis to baptism by "pon dict's History of page 931, and you t fant baptism they some of them contin ever, after the nam to them." How l up the "practice," Now to return to and 337, he says: was the noblest of felt his way to Bap ually and on thro when children were formed pastor for the little ones being being blest by him t but if their parent tening, he gratified his own views." T