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## THE COURTS ARE FOSTERING THE SPIRIT OF MOB LAW

Courts are established for the enforcement of law and the administration of justice. It is not their province to aid and abet delays in the operation of laws by entertaining applications for injunctions when it is known that such application is intended only to interfere with the expressed will of the people under the laws of the State; or to needlessly postpone the hearing of injunction cases in order to give liquor dealers a further opportunity to override the law and insult public sentiment; or by reversing the will of the people on the merest technical point and turning bar-rooms back upon the community after their votes have determined to dispense with them. For a score of years the people have uncomplainingly submitted to all these actions of the courts in these unreasonable injunctions, delays, postponements and reversals; but they have finally opened their eyes to the injustice being practiced upon them in these matters and the rupture stage is approaching. If the courts are to be respected and their authority recognized, then the time has come when the courts had better begin to change their tactics in dealing with these questions. Take Waller County, and awhile back the people were so outraged by the action of the court that they flew into a passion, broke down the doors of the bar-rooms, destroyed the furniture and ran off their keepers, and the Governor had to send troops down there to quell the disturbance. And the Judge, who granted the injunction and postponed its hearing till fall, was wholly responsible for the rioting and disorder that followed. Had he entertained the injunction, appointed a reasonable time to hear it and then passed upon it as he ought to have done, the people would not have taken the matter in their own hands and made the trouble. But he encouraged and fostered the lawless spirit by his unreasonable delay in the case and the disorder naturally followed. Had he done his duty fairly and justly toward all the parties concerned, there would have been no such outbreak in Waller County. We deplore riotous conduct and we are set to the task of maintaining law and order, but some of our courts seem to

shut their eyes to the claims of the people and force them into desperation. And it is high time that the courts seriously consider what they are doing in the direction of forcing this high pressure method upon the people. If we have any rights under the law we want to know it; but if by dilatory tactics these rights are to be set aside, then the courts become responsible for the result. We want the people to be patient and forbearing, even under injustice and imposition; but if they reach a period where their patience is exhausted and they take matters into their own hands, pull down the bar-room and drive out the liquor dealers by mob violence, it will be because of the failure of the courts to rightly administer the laws of the State and give relief and justice to the people. Where the courts do their duty mob law is rarely known. We are willing for the liquor interests to enjoy every privilege conceded them under the law, but when they reach the limits of said privilege, then it is time to call them to account. Every man who pays for a license to sell liquor in Texas does it with the understanding that his privilege thus paid for is subject to a possible vote of the people revoking it. After the vote is taken he is given ample time to close out his business, so no advantage is taken of him by the people. But when he has been lawfully voted out of the community and he tries to force himself upon the people by the help of the courts and they stand by him as against the people, then the courts aid and abet violence and disorder. Therefore the action of some of our courts in these injunction cases is gradually though surely bringing about the conditions out of which spring violence, disorder and a reign of terror. When the people lose confidence in the administration of justice and hold in contempt the high handed action of some of the Judges, then society is verging on to a state of anarchy. But public sentiment is stronger than law, and if the courts will not help the people to lawfully get rid of the evils of the saloon, they will adopt their own method of disposing of them. And the courts alone will be responsible for the developments!

### INJUNCTIONS GRANTED BY OUTSIDE JUDGES.

The abuse of the injunction feature of our Texas courts is reaching a serious stage in public sentiment, and the people are growing very restive under its unwarranted operation. The whole purpose of it is to thwart the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box and to set aside local self-government. It has now come to pass that whenever a majority is voted in any county in favor of local option, some hired attorney puts himself at the disposal of the liquor interests and promises for so much cash to find a simpering Judge in a distant portion of the State who will grant them an injunction, after the lawful Judge in said county has refused to lend himself to the schemes of the brazen-faced liquor deal-

ers. This occurred last week in Erath County. Local option carried by an overwhelming majority some weeks back and the Judge of that district very properly declined to become the tool of the Dublin bar-rooms. Then they paid a local attorney so much to go to Laredo, away down on the Mexican border, to find a Judge who would do for Erath County liquor dealers what their own Judge and Judges of adjoining districts refused to do. The injunction by this border Judge was issued, though he lived hundreds of miles away from the people to be affected by his usurpation of authority. Now what course ought the people to pursue under the circumstances? Why, let them treat the order of the border Judge with supreme contempt and go right ahead and put local option into operation. Then let the home

District Court and the higher courts in Texas determine whether or not the people have acted unlawfully in disregarding the interference of this outside and far-away bar-room-supporting Judge. We do not advocate resistance to lawful authorities, but this question has never been passed upon by the courts and let's make a test case and be done with it. When it can be shown that the action of a distant Judge, over the authority of the Judge having jurisdiction in the case, is secured for the avowed purpose of overriding the will of the people, then the higher courts of Texas will surely find some law for standing by the rights of the people as against the impositions and injustice of a small-sized Judge who lends himself to the interests of outlawed bar-rooms. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by such a proceeding, and the sooner we let the courts test the matter the better it will be for the people as well as for the law and order of the State. For if something is not done to put a stop to these outrages the people will take the matter in their own hands and settle it in their own way. Beside this, we are advised to take this course by C. F. Greenwood, County Attorney for Hill County, who recently read a paper at the Lawyers' State Convention on this subject in San Antonio. Furthermore, Hill, Hopkins and Montague Counties, in the case of their elections, did this very thing and the anti's did not dare take them into the courts on a question of contempt. Now what these counties have done every other county can do, whenever these border Judges interfere with our local self-government. Hereafter let the people, through their constituted authorities, go ahead and put local option into effect over these outside injunctions, and then if the anti's do not like it, let them carry the matter into the courts and have the rights of these meddling Judges tested under the law. We are willing to risk the issue with the Appellate and Supreme Courts of Texas. We have no other alternative left us and the time has come for us to assume an aggressive attitude toward this question. If we have any rights under the laws of Texas, let us assert them, and not be trampled under foot by a border Judge who presides over a section of the country far removed from the centers of our intelligence and civilization; or by a coast Judge, a majority of whose constituents are foreigners. In the more populous and intelligent portions of the State we are capable of running our own affairs. We have courts to settle all questions in dispute and we are willing to abide the mandates of these home courts; but the time has come when we have got to draw the line on Mexican border and Gulf coast Judges who are undertaking to place the iron hand of their despotism and usurpation upon our necks. We have had enough of their government by injunction. Therefore pay no attention to their rulings hereafter, but whenever local option is lawfully carried by the votes of the people, put it into force—unless your own District Judge grants an injunction—and let the higher courts test the validity of your action.

### THE RAM'S HORN CARTOONS.

A week or so ago we called attention to the grotesque representations of the ministry that frequently occur on the first page of the Ram's Horn, and indulged in a slight criticism of the paper's course in the matter. We referred as an example to the last number, which had a caricature of a minister pushing the vision, the editor pushing the editor and the other pushing the policeman, with a burly barkeeper standing in the door laughing at the performance. Under the cartoon was written, "This is the way the law is enforced." So far as we could understand the picture, it got the preacher in the light of an inefficient man dealing very superficially and hypocritically with a very grave subject. But the Ram's Horn takes serious exception to our criticism and disclaims all intention of reflecting upon the ministry or in any way holding the preachers up to ridicule. In a private letter the editor says: "You have misread Mr. Beard's meaning, and it has hurt his feelings deeply, for it is farthest from his desire to do anything which would bring reproach on the Christian Church or her faithful ministers." We are glad to receive this disclaimer and in addition to it we propose upon our part to hurt the feelings of no excellent man as Mr. Beard, the cartoonist. We know him to be a most excellent Christian gentleman, and hence our surprise when we misunderstood the purport of his picture in the Ram's Horn. In this contention we may be permitted to say that he does not always make his intentions as clear to his readers as they appear to himself—hence the misunderstanding. An grotesque and unattractive picture of a preacher does not enhance the esteem in which he is held by the people who see it. But we withdraw all criticism and extend to the Ram's Horn the hand of brotherly fellowship and cooperation and express regret that we failed to understand the real purpose of the cartoon in question.

It is always better to help the people who need help, rather than bestow our kindness upon those whose circumstances are as favorable as our own. True, the latter class may be related to us either by blood or by ties of friendship, but the others are human beings and their conditions demand our assistance. To help them fits with a real Christian spirit. Christ did not practice acts of mercy only where such mercy was actually needed.

Paul had much to discourage him in his efforts to spread the gospel over Europe and Asia Minor. Most any other man would have succumbed and given up the field. But his faith in God and his hold upon Jesus Christ never relaxed for a moment. He faced all difficulties with a calmness unsurpassed, and he firmly believed that the truth which he preached would ultimately triumph over all opposition. He finally laid down his life in this faith, and the history of Christianity more than demonstrates the wisdom of his position. He wrought and died, but the gospel has triumphed.



# District Conferences

## DUBLIN DISTRICT.

The ninth session of the Dublin District Conference convened in the M. E. Church, South, at Tolar, Texas, July 1, 1902, with Rev. E. A. Bailey in the chair.

From the beginning it was apparent that we were in for a gracious time; the good people of Tolar had made ready for our coming and spared no effort to make our stay most pleasant. The pastor, Bro. M. A. Turner, is a new man in this district, but he has won our confidence and love by his congenial and affable manners.

The pastors of the district were all present save one, and their reports were very encouraging and a real general progress. Some have had gracious revivals of religion with many additions to the Church; others have had unusual success in their collections; some are preparing to build new houses of worship or to improve and furnish the old, and others have organized prayer-meetings, Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues.

May it be said of some of our men from the missions that they had faith and hope and courage enough to voluntarily ask the conference to take their charge off the Mission Board, and best of all, most every one bore testimony as having a consciousness of the divine presence and blessings in the work. Several said: "This has been one of the busiest, but one of the sweetest years of my ministerial life."

There was abundantly manifested that deep and broad brotherly sympathy, that cheerfulness and helpfulness and that sublime devotion to the Master's cause which made it a great pleasure to have been there.

During the conference we enjoyed sermons from J. H. Wiseman on "The Revival," Rev. R. W. Thompson, of Dallas, said "a few words before" and then preached to us on "Practical Christianity via the Orphans' Home." Bro. Bishop stressed the cause of missions. Bro. W. B. Andrews, of Brownwood Station, represented the Conference Board of Church Extension and Bro. C. L. Browning, of the Indian Mission Conference, on "The True Motive for Christian Service." These sermons were all of the high order, and will accomplish good.

Among the visitors, who are always welcome in this district, were Bro. Frank Reedy, of the Publishing House; Rev. H. A. Boaz, of Polytechnic College, and E. Hightower, of Gatesville. We are under obligations to each of them for their good speeches.

The following brethren were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial: S. L. Culwell, C. E. Clark, G. H. McAnally and J. W. Childress, and the following were elected delegates to the same:

- M. J. THOMPSON.
- D. L. MONROE.
- C. J. MORTON.
- W. R. BROWN.

When the time came to adjourn our beloved presiding elder—a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost—was no slow to grasp the opportunity which it presented for a spiritual uplift. One of the old hymns was sung, and there was much of the Spirit's manifestation as we took each other by the hand and pledged our love and co-operation in the work of our Lord.

The conference adjourned to meet next year at Stephenville.  
H. M. LONG, Secretary.

## CALVERT DISTRICT.

A most highly pleasant and profitable occasion was the meeting of the Calvert District Conference with the Church at Franklin. All the pastors were present from beginning to end, and these, together with the lay delegates and local preachers, made the attendance just about ninety. In spite of storms and rain, which interfered very much, services were largely attended. The preaching was good and theologically correct, according to our standards and our interpretation of the Scriptures.

We had neither sermon, essay, dissertation nor speech on the "higher criticism" or vital philosophies. The brethren, leaving their sugar sticks at home, if they had any, came to us in the fullness of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ. They preached with power; the Church was quickened and souls were comforted.

On Sunday afternoon we had an old time love-feast, which was a service of great power. The spirit of the Lord was upon the people and the ring of their testimonies gave forth no uncertain sound. The spirit of conviction went abroad through the congregation and six persons came forward for prayers.

The business of the conference was transacted with dispatch, without undue haste. Our presiding elder, Rev. R. A. Burroughs, was present in fine trim. He presided with uncriticisable

satisfaction to all the brethren. Indeed, they were delighted with him and recognize in him in the chair, in the pulpit and in the home almost a model sub-Bishop. He is doing a fine work on his district; in truth, he is as near omnipresent as it is possible for any one man to be. The district has made very substantial progress during the year, and the outlook is growing more hopeful every day. The indications point unmistakably, unless some unforeseen disaster shall befall us, to full collections for pastors and conference benevolences in every charge in the district. These collections, even now reported well in hand. The conference was delighted with Franklin and Franklin was delighted with the conference.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies also met with the conference and made a splendid showing of the work being done by them throughout the district.

JOHN A. BRAGLE.

## HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

The thirty-second session of the Huntsville District Conference, which was held in Conroe, from June 25 to 28, 1902, Rev. Chas. A. Hooper, the presiding elder, in the chair, and Cass. V. McLarty, Secretary. The day preceding the opening of the conference the Missionary Institute was held. Live questions of vital interest to the Church were discussed. It was announced that over one-half of the missionary assessment against the district had already been paid. Rev. J. T. Smith, President of the Board of Missions of Texas Conference, was present, and on the night of the 24th preached a great missionary sermon from the "Great Commission."

The conference was attended by all the pastors (except Bro. R. T. Hart, who was detained at home on account of sickness), three superannuates, four local preachers and eleven laymen.

Rev. W. K. Srother, President of Chappell Hill Female College, and Mrs. C. B. Hooper, Secretary of the W. E. M. Society, were present and addressed the conference in behalf of the interests committed to them.

The reports of the pastors showed gratifying progress along all lines. "There is throughout the whole district," to quote from the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church, "a growing interest in the improvement and care of Churches and parsonages. The congregations at regular preaching services are larger and interest in pray-meetings more general. Our people are, as a rule, gradually awakening to the importance of the Sunday-school work, and the character of this work is improving, becoming more and more evangelized. There is some increase of interest in Epworth Leagues and Juvenile Missionary Societies, as well as the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. The sentiment among our own people with reference to the proper observance of the Sabbath is growing better, assuming the nature of definite conviction. The financial obligations of the Church are more generally recognized and more diligently met than formerly. The temperance spirit is not only growing, but is materializing in the form of local option elections within our territory, which is driving out the licensed saloon, and in which work our people are practically a unit." The only thing non-progressive noted by the committee was "the tendency on the part of the male membership to neglect attendance on the public worship of God and the sacredness of family altars."

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- ED HALL, Bryan.
- W. L. DEAN, Huntsville.
- GEO. L. CONOLY, Navasota.
- REV. J. B. NUTTER, Conroe.

Alternates:

- Prof. H. C. Pritchett, Huntsville.
  - W. F. Malone, Willis.
- The license of H. D. Huddleston, J. M. Neal, O. J. Read and T. E. Bledsoe were renewed.

H. D. Huddleston and J. M. Neal were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. On nomination of the presiding elder the following Licensing Committee were elected: H. M. Whaling, S. H. Moogan, J. C. Cameron and W. F. Davis.

Prominence was given to devotional services throughout, and the sermons delivered by the brethren were inspiring and helpful. The presidency of Bro. Hooper was firm, impartial and kind. He contributed no little to the success and spirituality of what all are agreed in calling a good and helpful conference.

The next conference goes to Montgomery.

SECRETARY.

## LLANO DISTRICT.

The twenty-first session of the Llano District Conference convened at San

Saba, July 9, with all but three pastors and a fair representation of laymen present. Our presiding elder, Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, presided throughout the conference, and looked with painstaking care into all the interests of the Church. The reports of the preachers show that during his two years on the district the affairs of the Church have prospered in his hands.

Special prominence was given to the

Two preachers of the district had died since the Annual Conference—Rev. F. A. Knox, of the Rock Springs Mission, and Rev. J. C. Mickie, long an honored member of the Texas Conference. A number of brethren spoke in memory of their ascended comrades.

The following resolution of sympathy was adopted:

"Whereas, We have heard with deep regret of the death of Bro. Sessler



Rev. B. H. Passmore.



Mrs. B. H. Passmore.

League, the Sunday-schools and the missionary and educational institutions.

On Wednesday before the opening of the conference a very profitable session of the Llano District League Conference was held. The year has been one of growth in League work. The Leaguers so rejoiced in their strength that hereafter they will have a conference of their own. Wednesday night the League sermon was preached by Rev.

Biggs, the son of our beloved presiding elder, therefore be it:

"Resolved, That we express our great sympathy for Bro. Biggs in this sad hour and pray God's sustaining grace upon him and upon the young wife and child left behind."

The presence of Rev. Wm. Monk, one of the pioneers of Texas Methodism, gave great pleasure to the conference and the people of San Saba. Under an arbor, not far from where



Our New Church at Goliad, Texas.

Rev. B. H. Passmore, Pastor.

Theophilus Lee. It was a strong, practical message, calling for faithful and courageous service to God.

Thursday was given to the women of the Home and Foreign Mission Societies. Mrs. Samuel Spears, Conference Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Mrs. C. R. Porter, District Secretary, were present and addressed the conference. Both have the interests of their work at heart and are aggressive in planning and executing larger things for the society they represent. A strong report was also read from Mrs. F. A. White, District Secretary of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

The business sessions of the conference were harmonious and pervaded by a spirit of brotherly love. In receiving reports from the charges inquiry was made into many practical questions. The topics brought forward by the chair were discussed with freedom and fullness. This may have been owing in part to the fact that the lung tester at the parsonage, on which the brethren practiced with such earnestness, revealed a reserve of lung power that they had not hitherto suspected.

our church edifice now stands, Bro. Monk held a meeting and received into the Church Dr. J. C. Rogan and wife, the charter members of organized Methodism in San Saba. Bro. Monk preached Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and the service was a great spiritual uplift to the conference.

Rev. W. M. Crutchfield, recently elected to a place in the faculty of Coronado Institute, was with us during the entire session, and made many friends for himself and his school. His address on "Christian Education," with particular reference to the scope and aim of the work of Coronado Institute, was very fine. Of his sermon Sunday night the very highest commendations were heard. To know the man is to feel that he is every way qualified to make educated Christian men and women of our Texas boys and girls.

The sermons preached by our presiding elder, Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, W. A. Govett, J. P. Garrett, F. J. Perrin, C. W. Godwin and F. A. White, all are worthy of special mention.

Rev. M. P. Morton, of Rock Springs, was recommended for admission into the traveling connection.

The following were elected as delegates to the Annual Conference:

- C. W. GODWIN.
- W. M. ALLISON.
- W. A. PARKS.
- SAMUEL SPEARS.

Alternates:

- Eli Shelley.
- R. L. Atkinson.

The Texas Advocate was strongly endorsed and heartily recommended to the people of the district.

Methodism is strongly entrenched in San Saba, and Rev. M. A. Black and his people dispensed a generous hospitality. Many of the brethren were heard expressing their thanks for having been given "the best home in town."

Center Point was chosen as the place of holding the next session.

J. W. BLACK, Secretary.

## Delegates to Annual Conference.

Please allow me to add the names of our delegates to the write-up of Vernon District Conference:

- REV. J. C. ROBERTS.
- HON. R. W. HALL.
- J. W. WALKUP.
- H. J. KINK.

We meet next year at Childress.

W. R. THORNTON.

## LIFE ON A TOMATO FARM.

I wonder how many little girls and boys who read the dear old Advocate ever saw a tomato farm, not to say worked on one? Well, I live on one, and will tell you about it. You little folks have no idea what hard and disagreeable work it is. If you did you would wonder when eating them if your papa paid enough for them. My' you don't know what hard work it is. You first make a "hot bed" by preparing the very richest kind of soil. The seed is planted in this and a cloth stretched over it, and the seed air-watered and kept warm. We sometimes have to build a fire near the young and tender plants to keep them from freezing, just like we do any baby. When the plants are large enough to take from the "hot bed," they are planted in a "cold frame." Now these names, "hot beds" and "cold frames," seem queer, don't they? Well a cold frame is not really cold; it is to keep out the cold while the plants are getting big and tough enough to plant in the field. It is made by nailing pieces of lumber together on four sides like a big wagon bed with the ground for a bottom, and make great lids to it covered with cloth. This is about a foot deep, and the lid shut down, enough light and air getting in through the cloth. On bright, warm days the lid is left open, but if it is cloudy and threatening cold, the lid is shut and lamps are lighted and placed inside to keep the plants from freezing. So, you see, a cold frame is a sure enough frame, and not quite as hot as the hot bed. When spring has fairly opened the plants are taken from the frame and put out in the field and then the work has just begun. Oh! how this planting makes your back ache, as you have to go stooped over from one end of the row to the other from morning until night. And then comes the pruning. Now how many of you know what pruning tomatoes is? Don't you imagine it is like your mother or sister does the rose bushes with gloved hands and shears, for it is nothing like that. It is picking off the "suckers" from the plants and pinching the tops to make them stop spreading, so they will be harder and hold up with the fruit. And oh! what a fix your hands get in and your back too! Then you have to "pick and tie them." "What in the world is that?" you ask. You have sticks about an inch square and three feet long which you stick in the ground by the side of the plant, and tie the plant to it with twine, so the heavy tomatoes will not drag the plant to the ground. And I can tell you this is no fun either. And then you have to go over the patch regularly and pick off any tomatoes with black specks on them, and pick off the worms and kill them. Ugh! These nasty old green worms! I just hate them and never get used to them. After this we pick the tomatoes as they begin to turn ripe, and they are packed into boxes and shipped to towns and cities for you to eat. We enjoy the picking and packing time, but I have never seen the fun before that time. I am telling the girls and boys who read the Advocate about our tomato farm, and how it is worked, because Bro. Bowen, who visited our community in behalf of the Advocate, and whom we all felt much in love with, said so many Methodist boys and girls never saw a tomato farm like ours, where we grow tens of thousands of plants. I am a little girl ten and a half years old, and help on the farm when I am not at school.

Flint, Texas.

BIRDIE DABBS.

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J. W. BLACK, Secretary.

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C. ROBERTS,  
W. HALL,  
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W. R. THORNTON

ON A TOMATO FARM.

How many little girls and  
read the dear old Advocate  
a tomato farm, not to say  
one? Well, I live on one,  
tell you about it. You little  
no idea what hard and dis-  
work it is. If you did you  
nder when eating them. If  
paid enough for them. My  
know what hard work it is,  
make a "hot bed" by prepar-  
ing richest kind of soil. The  
land in this and a cloth  
over it, and the seed ar-  
ound kept warm. We some-  
to build a fire near the  
tender plants to keep them  
ring, just like we do any  
hen the plants are large  
take from the "hot bed"  
planted in a "cold frame,"  
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es," seem queer, don't they?  
old frame is not really cold;  
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getting big and tough  
plant in the field. It is made  
pieces of lumber together  
ides like a big wagon bed  
ground for a bottom, and  
it lids to it covered with  
is about a foot deep, and  
plants are put into it and  
down, enough light and  
in through the cloth. On  
rain days the lid is left open,  
s cloudy and threatening cold,  
shut and lamps are lighted  
inside to keep the plants  
ring. So, you see, a cold  
ence enough frame, and not  
not as the hot bed. When  
s fairly opened the plants are  
in the frame and put out in  
and then the work has just  
th' how this planting makes  
a note, as you have to go  
ver from one end of the row  
er from morning until night.  
comes the pruning. Now  
y of you know what pruning  
is? Don't you imagine it is  
mother or sister does this  
es with gloved hands and  
it is nothing like that. It  
off the "suckers" from the  
d pinching the tops to make  
s spreading, so they will be  
nd hold up with the fruit,  
what a fix your hands get in  
back too! Then you have  
and tie them. "What in the  
that?" you ask. "What you  
out an inch square and three  
white, you stick in the  
y the side of the plant, and  
ant to it with twine, so the  
atoes will not drag the plant  
und. And I can tell you this  
ether. And then you have  
er the patch regularly and  
any tomatoes with black  
t them and pick off the  
id kill them. Ugh! These  
green worms! I just hate  
n ever get used to them.  
s we pick the tomatoes as  
n to turn ripe, and they are  
to boxes and shipped to  
d cities for you to eat. We  
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e never seen the fun before.  
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s Bowen, who visited our  
y in behalf of the Advocate,  
n we all fell much in love  
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er saw a tomato farm like  
re we grow tens of thousands  
I am a little girl ten and a  
s old, and help on the farm  
n not at school.

BIRDIE DABBS.

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sted for partly by the differ-  
the Churches.

Devotional and Spiritual

A man who is destitute knows how to pray. He needs not any instructor. His miseries indoctrinate him wonderfully in the art of offering prayer. Let us know ourselves destitute, that we may know how to pray; destitute of strength, of wisdom, of due influence, of true happiness, of proper faith, of thorough consecration, of the knowledge of the Scriptures, of righteousness, that we may become acquainted indeed.—Selected.

THE GLADNESS OF UPRIGHTNESS

Standing upright at noontide the shadows we cast are all beneath our feet. It is inevitable that uprightness should be glad. It does not escape burdens, but standing perpendicularly it can bear more than one who bends and leans. Toward it as it thus stands all the helping forces of nature run and thither go all the sympathies of the upright God, to whom the upright are especially dear.

Moreover uprightness exempts from those gloomy forebodings which are the arch enemies of happiness. A righteous man has no anxieties about humiliating exposures and overwhelming accusations. Wherefore "he is not afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."

On the other hand the wicked flee when no man pursueth. Fear fastens on the faithless. All nature is, he feels, against him. Between the gladness of the sunshine and singing birds and blooming fields, and the sadness of his own dark, anxious spirit there is a disagreement sharp as the contrast between the rising dawn and the deepening shadows of the night. If left in paradise he would instinctively flee the divine communion of the evening's calm and hide himself among the trees.

Turn in upon thyself, O restless soul, and discover the source of thy trepidation and distress. Is it not because thou lackest uprightness? Hadst thou that, would not all else be well? The gladness of thy childhood hath perished because the innocence of the early years hath passed away. For thy peace thou needest a second childhood—not a second childhood of dotage, of dimmed vision and of abated strength; but the second childhood of him who hath been born again. "Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness; he is gracious and full of compassion, and righteous."—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

CHRISTIAN HEROISM.

There are many paths and places in life where the honest, sincere, and earnest child of God must needs walk and stand alone, so far as mere human help and sympathy are concerned. The men and women who have been the greatest blessings to humanity and to the ages have, like the Nazarene, trod the wine press sublimely alone. The pioneers of civilization have generally gone far ahead and away from the masses and pitched their tents in the wilderness, or on lonely frontiers. And so it is with the pioneers in Christian experience and service. So it was with the Master, and will ever be with all of his most heroic and consecrated followers.

It is not difficult to get away into retirement, and there live upon your own convictions; nor is it difficult to mix with men, and follow their convictions; but to enter into the world, and there live out firmly and fearlessly according to your own conscience, that is Christian heroism and greatness. Great swaying multitudes touched the body and garments of Jesus, but very few touched his spirit. Even those who knew him best only half understood him. His mother, the wise men in the temple, and even his own apos-

ties were utterly mystified and bewildered until the day of Pentecost, when they began to perceive and realize his cosmic life, or his life, more abundant which had been released on the cross.—St. Louis Advocate.

ONLY A BROKEN KNIFE-POINT.

Once a ship was wrecked on the Irish coast. The Captain was a careful one. Nor had the weather been of so severe a kind as to explain the wide distance to which the vessel had swerved from her proper course. The ship went down, but so much of interest attached to the disaster that a diving-bell was sunk. Among other portions of the vessel which were examined was the compass, which was swung on deck; and inside the compass-box was detected a bit of steel, which appeared to be the small point of a pocket-knife blade.

It appeared that the day before the wreck a sailor had been sent to clean the compass, and had unconsciously broken off the point, and left it remaining in the box. That bit of knife-blade exerted its influence on the compass, and to a degree which deflected the needle from its proper bent, and vitiated it as an index of the ship's direction. That bit of knife-blade wrecked the vessel.

Even one trifling sin, as small as a broken knife-point, as it were, is able to rob a soul of peace and happiness.—Rev. John McNeill.

THE GROWING FAITH.

Most of us learn to trust Christ for our heaven before we trust him for our earth, and to trust our souls with him before we trust him with our bodies. Somewhere we hope a blessed home will be ready for us at last. Some time, at life's end, we trust he will save us; for the here and now we must struggle on ourselves.

But as years go on, and the life within us grows, we come more and more into the love that casteth out fear. We drop out of our helpless hands into his all the things that we have withheld, and realize that there is nothing worth our caring for that Christ does not care for, too; that our happiness is dear to him as well as our holiness, and that his will is really our will—what ours would be if we understood.

Perhaps the last thing we withhold is our friends. It takes so long to realize that any love in heaven or earth can shield them as we would, can be quite as tender of them as we long to be. We pray for them, but we do not wholly trust them to him until there breaks upon us the wonderful knowledge that our love in all its intensity is but the faintest breath of the divine.—Forward.

PRAYER BEFORE PREACHING.

Many things are needful in order that a sermon may do good. Some degree of intelligence on the part of the preacher is needful. The Hebrews in Jerusalem would not have called on Ezra the scribe to instruct them out of the law of the Lord if he had not been an intelligent man; and if they had they would have called in vain. We must have intelligent men to teach the Word of the Lord, or the flock of God will perish for lack of knowledge, and those who are without will make merry over the folly of those who profess to be leaders in Zion. Study is also necessary. No matter how intelligent a preacher may be, he cannot teach the deep things of the law of God to men without diligent study.

But passing by all other important elements of preparation, it is worthy of consideration that every sermon must be accompanied with much prayer. Prayer will open the

Scriptures to the mind of the preacher more effectually than the best commentary ever written. Prayer will enlighten his understanding and give him a comprehensive and firm grasp of the truth. Prayer will lead his mind to the right subject to be considered at each particular service. Prayer will warm his heart and enable him to speak from the heart to the heart. The best sermons come from the heart. A sermon which comes from the head only may be a great sermon in many respects, but it will surely be a cold sermon. The sermon which has been preceded by much prayer on the part of the preacher and the congregation will come from a warm heart and will be baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire.—Selected.

CONSECRATED FAMILIES.

In the early times there were what were called consecrated families, households that were in a certain informal way vowed to the religious life. The father was still something of a patriarch, and from the head the influence was diffused. If the influence in these families was sometimes bigoted, harsh, and uncharitable, in other cases it was sweet and wholesome. The home became a little temple where the sunshine and the breath of flowers were sweeter than in other places, and love and charity were of a more clarified and honeyed purity and goodness. All things were done in the spirit of the Master when he took bread and brake it and blessed it. This beautiful consecrating act was not miraculous. It had nothing spectacular about it. It united him who called himself the Son of God to the whole of humanity. It gave the touch of gratitude for the commonest daily need. The breaking of bread thus became symbolic of the spirit of family life, the keynote of its religious and household existence. The simple acts into which religion enters as a consecrating spirit comes out in the wider activities of the world as an informing manifestation of love and charity.

Those early days of privation and plain living have a tender light upon them. God knows they were hard and toilsome. There was little positive joy, but there was submission to God's will. The poverty and narrowness of that life threw the souls of thinking people upon religious problems for relief, the hard nuts of theology; and, however grimly they were worked out, there was a residuum of nobleness, an elevation that raised the soul above the mean and sordid, solemnized it, and dignified labor. Then the household prayer oftentimes was a real wrestle with the spirit that brought comfort and relief in the end. The awful problems of sin, reprobation, death, and judgment, were very near; but the home was a religious sanctuary, a place to pray in, a place wherein to be grateful and mindful of God.

We think but little in our day of family consecration, family religion-teaching. The family has ceased to be a unit in belief as in other things. There may be several shades of religious opinion or no opinion under the same roof. The father has ceased to be a patriarch leading his flock to the waters of life. He may not even know what his children believe, or have the curiosity to inquire. The breaking of bread is no longer a religious act. Our hospitality has lost the old flavor of spiritual intercourse. It becomes as irksome oftentimes as the tons of reading matter that fall yearly from the press, and in most part have no message or meaning for us. If the home is not consecrated by some beautiful sentiment in its nature religious, whatever its form, the Church will necessarily fail of the power of growth, though it be sprinkled all over with holy water. The home must collect those

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reservoirs of the spiritual life that fructify society. For this reason the decay of the home is a sad indication of the complete secularizing of domestic life. Father and mother were consecrated priest and priestess by nature and by God long before the sacerdotal order was established. It is a sad time when they completely abrogate these sacred duties and hand over the instruction of their children in sacred things to strangers, however well informed. Still in some beautiful sense the sacred lamp must be kept alight, the libation must be poured by the father priest, if the children are to grow up reverent toward all that is best above and around them.—Christian Register.

PEOPLE WE LOVE.

The capacity of winning and holding the kindly regard of others is one of the best gifts of God and the means of the largest influence for good. In the old Testament Joseph had this choice endowment. No matter with whom he came in contact, he elicited confidence and affection. He produced the same effect upon a fellow-prisoner and upon the King of Egypt. One had only to come into relationship with him to feel his mysterious charm. But this influence upon others is not entirely a matter of natural endowment. It may be cultivated by kindly thoughts and words and acts. There is nothing that goes so directly to the heart of any one as a genial recollection of his personal worth. Kindly sentiment toward the one who does that immediately springs up in the heart. A sympathetic link between the two natures is established if the recognition was genuine. Most of us hardly begin to realize how much a friendly and appreciative word does to lighten the burdens and to cheer up those whom we meet. What self-respecting people want, no matter how poor they may be, is not alms, but a friend. But friendship costs so much more than a gift. It costs something of ourselves. But the gift without the giver is bare.—The Watchman.

PRAYER FOR THE BEST BLESSING

Lord, give me the blessing of Jacob—his best blessing—his power to bless! . . . Make it impossible for me to stay at the top of the ladder, even though that be heaven! Send me down the golden stair, down to the pillows of stone, down to the limbs which are languid, down to the souls which are sad! Send me with a breath of Eden; send me with a flower of Paradise; send me with a cluster of the grapes of Canaan! Send me to the hours which precede the daybreak, those darkest hours which come before dawn! Send me to the hearts without a home, to the lives without a love, to the crowds without a compass, to the ranks without a refuge! Send me to the children whom none have blessed, to the famished whom none have fed, to the sick whom none have visited, to the demonic whom none

have calmed, to the fallen whom none have lifted, to the leper whom none have touched, to the bereaved whom none have comforted! Then shall I have the birthright of the first-born; then shall I have the blessing of the mighty God of Jacob.—Geo. Matheson, D.D.

HOW TO END DISPUTES.

Disputes of long standing, and the inevitable bitterness which grows out of such unhealed differences, are often due, not so much to the original offenses as to the difficulty of bringing the disputants together. The person who is more to blame is too proud to acknowledge his error, while the aggrieved person will make no move until the other shows some sign of penitence. And all the while time, instead of healing the sore, is making it deeper. The parties should have the noble conception of the value of reconciliation which is recorded of Aristippus and Aeschines. The two had quarrelled. Aristippus came to his opponent, and said: "Aeschines, shall we be friends?" "Yes," said the other, "with all my heart." "But, remember," said Aristippus, "that I, being older than you, do make the first motion." "Yes," said Aeschines, "and therefore I conclude that you are the worthier man; for I began the strife, and you began the peace."—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

There can be no safe guidance which is not perpetual. The advantage of a year may be lost in an hour. If we act independently of the Spirit in little things we shall look for Him in vain in great things.—George Bowen.

"SUMMER FOOD"

Has Other Advantages.

Many people have tried the food Grape-Nuts simply with the idea of avoiding the trouble of cooking food in the hot months. All of these have found something beside the ready cooked food idea, for Grape-Nuts is a scientific food that tones up and restores a sick stomach as well as repairs the waste tissue in brain and nerve centers. "For two years I had been a sufferer from catarrh of the stomach due to improper food and to relieve this condition I had tried nearly every prepared food on the market without any success until 6 months ago my wife purchased a box of Grape-Nuts thinking it would be a desirable cereal for the summer months. "We soon made a discovery, we were enchanted with the delightful flavor of the food and to my surprise I began to get well. My breakfast now consists of a little fruit, a teaspoonful of Grape-Nuts, a cup of Postum, which I prefer to coffee, Graham bread or toast, and two boiled eggs. I never suffer the least distress after eating this and my stomach is perfect and general health fine. Grape-Nuts is a wonderful preparation. It was only a little time after starting on it that wife and I both felt younger, more vigorous, and in all ways stronger. This has been our experience. "P. S. The addition of a little salt in place of sugar seems to me to improve the food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Send for particulars by mail or extension of time on the \$7,500,000 contest for 735 money prizes.



Secular News Items.

STATE NEWS.

An entire herd of cattle at Raywell is reported to have died of a disease resembling splenic fever.

A colored physician is on trial at Franklin on a malpractice charge, the complaining witness being white.

Colored teachers at the Athens Normal objected to being examined by a man in negligé attire, and have not taken their examination as a result.

The pumping station of the Brazoria Rice and Irrigating Company was destroyed by fire. Loss \$12,000.

Texas is to have a building and exhibit at the World's Fair is the decision of the commissioners.

Fort Worth city waterworks has now an abundant supply of artesian water.

More assays of the Gonzalez gold ore show it to run from \$160 to \$210 to the ton.

A contract for oil at 11 cents a barrel is said to have just been made at Star Lake.

Dr. Fridin was fined \$29 in the County Court at Waco, Texas, July 15, on a charge of selling cocaine. The case occupied the entire morning and the jury gave the minimum fine. The cases against Dr. J. W. Thomason were beaten. The case on which the conviction was secured was on the charge of selling straight cocaine and there will be no contest of this case. What the druggists and physicians desire to be tested is the sale of cocaine, morphine or the derivatives of either of the drugs. It is reasonably certain that these will be tested.

The case of W. E. Stone charged with the homicide of Ben L. Thompson at Sherman is on trial. There are about 800 parties at interest in the case.

Disappointment over the rather low prices received for tomatoes this year will not deter Nacogdoches growers from planting a larger acreage next year.

An electric line between Houston and Star Lake is projected.

Quick justice was meted to the negro, Gibbs, at Belton, who was given 90 years for attempted assault.

G. Bodell Moore has bought 29,000 acres of land along the Rio Grande, which is to be put under irrigation.

An oil strike was made nine miles south of San Antonio. Preparations are making to drill in the vicinity of Sealy.

The contract for the big seaside hotel at Corpus Christi has been signed.

President Hudson of the "Sap" says it will be made an independent line.

Two houses at LaPorte were destroyed by a fire that resulted from an oil stove explosion.

Chairman Boone, of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Eighth Congressional District, has issued the following: To the Democrats of the Eighth Congressional District of Texas: By virtue of my position as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Eighth Congressional District of Texas, and by authority of said Executive Committee, I hereby call a convention of delegates from the counties of Harris, Fort Bend, Austin, Waller, Grimes, Montgomery, Walker, Madison and Leon, to meet in convention in the city of Houston on Tuesday, August 18, A. D. 1903, to nominate a Democratic candidate for Congress in this district to succeed Hon. Thomas H. Ball."

GENERAL NEWS.

The exports from Berlin to the United States for the fiscal year amounted to \$9,431,417—an increase of \$1,196,895 over the previous year.

The Czar of Russia has sanctioned the formation of a new police force to maintain order and assure security in the rural districts of forty-six provinces of European Russia. The sum of \$5,250,000 has been appropriated to cover the cost of maintaining the force.

The town of Huntington, Long Island, celebrated July 4 the 250th anniversary of its settlement. President Roosevelt was present on the occasion, and made a speech in the course of which he declared that the worst crime against the country is dishonesty in either public or private life.

The largest tree in Oregon was felled recently to be sent as a curiosity to the World's Fair. It is the Aberdeen spruce, and stood nearly 300 feet

high, 40 feet around and 118 feet from the ground to the first limb. Its age is calculated at 440 years, being a good-sized tree when Columbus discovered the land that was afterward called America.

The Korean Government, with the purpose of placating Japan, has ordered the Treasury to pay half price for the war steamer lately purchased from the Japanese Embassy, and has also adopted vigorous measures to suppress the agitation against Japanese bank notes.

Prof. Farr and a party of students from Princeton University have found in the Fish Creek country of Montana what are considered to be the remains of a stone age city, besides fossils and bones of prehistoric animals. In one mound the almost complete skeleton of a man was discovered, the bones showing that he must have been nearly nine feet tall, and that he was of powerful build. Near by was found the skeleton of a woman, a little smaller. There was also discovered a foot of an animal that resembled a dog, but which must have been as large as a horse.

The postal deficit for the fiscal year just closed is estimated by the Auditor of the Treasury for the Postoffice Department at \$1,617,203, an increase of \$1,656,000 over that of last year. In assuring the country that the deficit is no cause for alarm, Postmaster General Payne said: "The Postoffice Department is not conducted as a money-making venture. It is for the benefit of the people, and the facilities will be increased, even at the cost of an increased deficiency. It is hoped to greatly reduce the deficiency by correcting abuses in the second-class matter."

Congressman W. S. Cowherd stated to the World recently: "On the authority of a man close to President Roosevelt, it has been announced to Congressmen that a special session of Congress will be called to convene November 9. This is to put, as I understand it, the Cuban treaty through before it is delayed by other congressional legislation, as would be the case if it went over until the first Monday in December, the regular session. There has been no official call, but to all Congressmen it has been strongly intimated that the extra session and its date, November 9, have been determined upon by Mr. Roosevelt."

The jury in the case of Julius Fleischmann, former member of the House of Delegates in St. Louis, charged with bribery in connection with the passage of the city lighting bill, returned a verdict the 11th inst., finding the defendant guilty. His punishment was fixed at seven years in the penitentiary, the longest term yet inflicted in any of the boodle cases.

Miss Sophonisba Breckinridge, daughter of Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, now connected with the University of Chicago, lectured last week in Lexington, Ky., her home, and caused a sensation. She is said to have the gift of oratory of the Breckinridge family. Her grandfather was the noted Presbyterian clergyman, the Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge.

City Collector Lahiff, of Chicago, has already issued 7948 saloon licenses and it is likely the current period will exceed all previous records in the matter of permits to sell liquor. The high water mark was reached April 30, 1902, when 7883 licenses had been issued, and Deputy Collector McCarthy estimated that by August 31, when the current period will end, the books will contain the names of 7150 saloon-keepers doing business. Of the 7948 licenses issued to date, 6567 were full and 542 part.

An inscription on a stone tablet found in the ruins of an old synagogue in Kalfengfu shows that the Jews first entered China during the Han dynasty, from B. C. 200 to A. D. 220.

About \$1,000,000 is to be expended on the repair and improvement of the cruiser New York. It is expected that the work will not be finished in less time than a year or eighteen months.

Rostand, who was made an "immortal" in Paris, recently, is famous for his fancy waistcoats, of which he is said to own over 100. Indeed, French papers talk more about his vari-colored garments than about his literary work.

The site of the reproduced city of Jerusalem at the St. Louis World's Fair Grounds has been dedicated and the Exposition gates were open to the public free of charge during the ceremonies. The foundation stone of the walls of the new Jerusalem will be consecrated with oil, blood and incense, after the Oriental fashion.

About one-eighth of the spindles in the cotton mills at Fall River, Mass., will shut down this week, because of the status of the cotton market.

Perhaps the oldest members of any Church choir in Pennsylvania are John Z. Iobst and his wife, of Emons, Pa. Mr. Iobst has been a member of the choir in the Moravian Church for an uninterrupted period of fifty-seven

years. Mrs. Iobst has belonged to the same choir for fifty-two years, and sings as excellent a mezzo contralto to-day as ever.

Joseph W. Cummins is in jail at Newburg, N. Y., on a charge of having embezzled the funds of the Cornwall Bank to the amount of \$50,000.

A race riot was pulled off in New York with negroes opposed to police officers who had attempted to arrest a colored man. Many shots were exchanged.

John Terrell, of Bluffton, Ind., killed Melvin Wolfe, his son-in-law, by shooting him Wolfe was on the operating table to have his leg amputated, he having been wounded by Terrell.

United States soldiers from Fort Leavenworth attempted to lynch Everidge Williams and Walter Brown, negroes, and for over an hour the entire police department of Leavenworth, Kan., was kept busy quelling the trouble.

Enough money is now in the treasury of the Confederate Memorial Association to warrant the commencement of work on the Battle Abbey to be built at Richmond, Va. The funds of the association are now stated to amount to \$204,470.

Attorney Folk, of St. Louis, is being talked of as the Democratic nominee for Governor of Missouri. A new club has been organized at St. Louis to boom his candidacy, and one of the prominent leaders in the move is the President of the Home Brewing Company. Mr. Folk has done a great work in St. Louis, but as the nominee of the rum-soaked Missouri Democracy, Prohibitionists would have little to hope from his election.

At Flemingsburg, Ky., the other day a mob enraged at the action of the court, broke into the jail and lynched William Thacker, a white man, who had been given a life sentence for the murder of John Gordon two years ago. Thacker, in a quarrel with Gordon at Foxport, shot and killed him and then sat on the body with a Winchester in his hand while he smoked his pipe and dared any one to attempt to arrest him. At the time Thacker escaped, but later was arrested and lodged in jail at Flemingsburg. He was given two trials and finally got a life sentence. Gordon was a good citizen and an inoffensive man. After being sentenced Thacker appealed to the Court of Appeals and was waiting for another trial.

The State Department at Washington has given notice that it has construed the naturalization law passed by the last Congress, requiring it to reject all certificates of naturalization issued after July 3, 1903, which fall to set forth the fact that the person naturalized is not opposed to all organized governments and likewise is not affiliated with any organization so opposed; also that he does not advocate the killing of officers of governments.

According to the newspaper Novik, published at Port Arthur, Russia has informed China that it is compelled to exclude foreigners from Manchuria and postpone the opening of Manchurian ports, owing to the presence of Englishmen and Americans, who, in disguise, are engaged in espionage. Russia, according to the paper, promises to open the ports six years hence, when the country has been tranquilized and settled.

A negro tramp named Adams, who assaulted a negro woman near Butler, Fla., the 18th inst., was captured by a mob of negroes and lynched in Santa Fe swamp. His body was cut into shreds by the mob and severely disfigured. The lynching was carried out by negroes entirely.

Local papers at Topeka, Kan., print a story that Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow is about to run for Senator in Kansas. Bristow has bought an interest in five Nebraska papers, giving the impression that he is going to run for something.

There is a well-based rumor in New York that Secretary of War Root is in grooming to try for the gubernatorial nomination. He has practically fixed the date for his retirement from the War Department and has an ambition to succeed Odell as Governor. He believes that he can succeed with the aid of the administration.

Mrs. James G. Blaine died at the Blaine homestead in Augusta, Me., the 15th inst. The funeral services were held Friday, and the body buried at Washington.

A number of Harvard, Princeton and Cornell students are on their way to Kansas to spend their vacation harvesting wheat. They take the trip for their health and \$2.50 a day and board which they have been guaranteed.

A collection of Alaskan wild animals, by special permission of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, will form a part of the government exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

A proclamation published recently in the Dublin Gazette, revokes the summary jurisdiction powers of the Magistrates in those districts of Ireland which still remain under the

crimes act. The revoking of the crimes act, coming on the eve of King Edward's trip to Ireland, gives great satisfaction. Both here and in Belfast elaborate preparations are being actively proceeded with to decorate and illuminate the cities. The King is certain to have a most enthusiastic reception.

The first conviction for violating the child labor law passed at the last session of the New York Legislature, which makes it a crime to employ in a shop children under 14 years of age, was obtained last week in Rochester, where, on complaint of a woman Deputy Factory Inspector, a tailor was fined \$20 for so employing a child.

The work of delimitation of the boundaries of the proposed United States naval station at Guantanamo has been completed by Cuban engineers acting in conjunction with United States naval officers. The area thus marked off covers twenty-eight and a half kilometers.

The Chilean Congress last January approved a railroad project which involves the construction of a Transandine Railway. It is now announced that tenders for the building of the line will be opened May 1, 1904. The government of Chile is preparing to expend \$25,000,000 on railroads and other public improvements, and is ready to guarantee 5 per cent interest on the cost of the construction of the Transandine line.

Ex-Governor Boutwell, Silas Dean and Robert T. Davis, the three surviving members of the Massachusetts Convention of 1853 have just held a reunion in Boston in commemoration of that famous event in the history of the State.

Mme. Sklodowska-Curie, the young and talented wife of Prof. P. Curie, who was with her husband a joint discoverer of radium, has taken the degree of Doctor of Science at the Sorbonne in Paris. The discussion of Mme. Curie's thesis was a mere formality, and it was passed with congratulations.

The aggregate foreign trade of Canada during the year ending June 30, 1903, reckoned on the basis of imports for consumption and of exports, has reached a total of over \$450,000,000. This is more than \$25,000,000 in excess of the aggregate foreign trade in the preceding year, and nearly double that of 1896, the last year of the Conservative administration.

A conference of the graduates and undergraduates of the Colonial Universities of the British Empire opened in London, July 9, under the presidency of James Bryce, M. P. Resolutions were adopted in favor of the co-ordination of the universities of the Empire and the development of post-graduate courses.

The fast mail from St. Louis on the Missouri Pacific, due at Kansas City the other morning, crashed into an excursion train which had broken down at Bad Man's Cave, three miles from Lee's Summit. Two tramps were killed and fifty negroes injured.

The visit of all the prominent Russian officials in China, Manchuria and Korea to Port Arthur, is strictly a business one and in no way a junket. The local officials had arranged an elaborate program for the entertainment of the visitors, but after a review of 15,000 troops on the race track, Gen. Kuropatkin, the Russian Minister of War, announced that the remainder of the visit must be devoted to work. Gen. Kuropatkin presided daily over long conferences.

They tell in New York of a man named King, who resides in Europe, visits all the capitals, knows all the big wigs, is at home on all the bourses and generally keeps track of whatever is going on in the money markets. He cables daily to the Standard Oil Company and some of the allied life insurance companies. His cables are kept secret. They are full of meat. The transactions of the Rockefellers and a few others are based upon his say so. He receives a salary of \$25,000 a year.

The Treasury Department at Washington has confirmed the report that gross irregularities had been charged in connection with the assay of imported lead ores at El Paso, Texas. The department was asked by the Collector there to appoint a commission, with Government Storekeeper Fulkerson as chairman, to investigate the charges. This the department de-

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clined to do, but instead directed Special Agents Evans at El Paso and Johnson at New Orleans to make the investigation, and instructed Mr. Fulkerson to turn over to the special agents any facts in his possession bearing on the subject. Mr. Fulkerson refused to do this, on the grounds that the agents would not treat his evidence as confidential. Thereupon the department directed that charges be preferred against Fulkerson for insubordination. It is reported that Fulkerson has resigned, but the department has no knowledge of this action if it has been taken. The investigation is now in progress.

The regatta of the Royal Yacht Club opened at Copenhagen in fine, warm weather. Seventy yachts, representing Great Britain, Germany, Scandinavia and America, participated. Robert W. Goelt's yacht Swan won the first prize in class 4, defeating the well-known Swedish racer Khaki. The course was twenty miles long.

On account of numerous complaints that members of unions are wearing hats, clothing, collars or shoes which do not bear the union label, the miscellaneous section of the Central Federation of Unions appointed a committee of investigation to go around among the delegates at Tuesday's meeting of the section and examine their coats, vests, hats, collars, cuffs, socks and boots. If necessary, it was determined their underwear should be examined to see if any articles of clothing are being worn which are not union made.

In his Fourth of July speech the President alluded to postal scandals and other scandals as follows: The worst crime against this Nation that can be committed by any man is the crime of dishonesty, whether in public life or in private life, and we are not to be excused as a people if we condone such a dishonesty, no matter what other qualities it may be associated with. The cloistered virtue is not the virtue that counts in American life. The virtue that counts is the virtue that holds its own in the hurly burly of actual life. We need as much in civil life as it was even needed in military life, as ever it was needed in the Civil War, the robust power that wars against wrong instead of enduring it.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Brownsboro.

Thos. Reece, July 17: I closed a meeting for Bro. Pulley at Pine Hill Thursday night; thirty conversions, lots of reclamations, the Church greatly revived. We began at New York last night.

Buckhorn.

Mrs. M. E. Mize, July 14: The meeting which closed at the M. E. Church here last week, conducted by our pastor, Rev. Allen Tooke, of the Bellville Circuit, assisted by Rev. B. W. Allen, of Chappell Hill, was a glorious success. There were seven or eight professed conversions and about that number united with the Church. We have a good Sunday-school here; have started a prayer-meeting since the meeting closed, and intend organizing an Epworth League some time soon. Rev. Tooke no doubt is a man baptized with the Holy Ghost, and is a good worker in the vineyard for Christ. We hope the good he has done here will be lasting, and that he may be pleased with the work on this circuit and be sent back here for the ensuing year.

New Boston.

Stuart Nelson, July 16: The third Quarterly Conference for New Boston and De Kalb was held at New Boston July 14 by Rev. J. W. Downs, our new but fully tried and approved presiding elder. On Sunday night he preached a remarkably vigorous sermon and so interesting it was that a considerable wind and rain storm came up and the preacher in charge heard it not until the sermon was finished. This work is in fine condition in every sense and on all lines. New Boston has been long known as first-class in paying all claims and in generous treatment of their preachers. The best of it is that they deserve the reputation that they have. No kinder people ever lived. The men are handsome, the women lovely, and all are thoroughly Methodist. De Kalb, a beautiful little town some twelve miles distant, was attached to New Boston at the last Annual Conference and is an appointment that any sensible preacher would be proud of, and—well, you know!

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am proud of it. Bros. Taylor, a Presbyterian, and McGee, of Gilmer, assisted in a meeting there last month. It was a fine meeting from beginning to end. I wish to praise Miss Myrtle Ward for her assumption and faithful discharge of the duties of organist, in the place of Miss Willie Jones, our regular and efficient organist, who was sick. Mrs. Maud Reed, Miss Laura Proctor and many others deserve and have our thanks. Dr. Chestnut, Attorney A. C. Tisdale and brethren of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Christian Church, were in the choir and faithfully assisted the ladies in singing the songs of our Church. I received several valuable presents which the assisting brethren were handsomely paid in cash. We were all most hospitably entertained at the White Hotel and at the home of friends and members of the several Churches. We had five additions to our Church by ritual.

Rose Hill, Texarkana.

Charlie Hughes: The third Quarterly Conference for the Rose Hill charge met July 11 with the people of the Pleasant Grove Church. Rev. Jas. W. Downs preached two excellent sermons—the one on Sunday at 11 o'clock being one of the ablest sermons to which it has ever been my pleasure to listen. Bro. Downs is a young man, but he is a presiding elder in every sense of the word. He is more universally loved by both laymen and preachers than any man with whom I have ever associated. It is wonderful how the district has developed under his ministry. The Quarterly Conference was called to order at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, all the officials answering to roll call. In answer to question eight the stewards reported \$92. It was a delightful time for us all. The electric cars are running by our church now, which adds greatly to our congregations. We are expecting a full report at conference.

New York.

D. F. Pulley, July 20: We have just closed a grand and glorious five days' meeting at Pine Hill. The Lord gave us thirty or forty conversions and a great number of reclamations; twenty-three accessions and more to follow. The good people say it was the best meeting Pine Hill ever witnessed. Dr. Hall preached two fine sermons for us. Bro. Thos. Reece did most of the preaching, and his preaching has the old-time ring—pure gospel, Holy Ghost, heartfelt religion—and the Holy Ghost fell on us as in the beginning; the church all gloriously lit up for God and Christ. Praise his holy name.

Meredith Circuit.

A. Nolan, July 20: We have just closed the most glorious meeting at Mallard Prairie we have ever attended. We ran the meeting in connection with the Protestant Methodists. Rev. Jas. Riley was their pastor. We ran the meeting on the old-time plan, preached repentance and faith, and insisted on the mourners' bench and a conscious knowledge of salvation. All opposition was broken down at the beginning of the meeting, and the Holy Ghost descended in Pentecostal showers. Strong men broke down and cried for mercy, mourners flocked to the altar by the score and Christians were made to rejoice. Many say there was at least 150 conversions. We received 70 into the two Churches represented, and more will follow and some will join other Churches. Thirty-eight of the 70 joined our Church, and 32 the Protestants. We start at Goshen to-morrow.

Willis and Conroe.

S. H. Morgan, July 16: We are still running our "double header" with some success. The District Conference recently held at Conroe was a delightful occasion. It was held by our presiding elder, Rev. C. A. Hooper, who has been the best of his three years. Harmony, brotherly love and the Spirit of the Master prevailed throughout the session. "Our beloved" presided with ease and efficiency and looked carefully into all the details of the work. Sister Hooper was also present looking after the interest of the W. F. M. S. She organized a Juvenile Missionary Society with twenty-four members. Her reports and talks to the conference bristled with facts and teemed with interest. She evidently makes a most excellent co-laborer in the presiding eldership. The preaching during the conference was of a very high order. Our young men especially gave full proof of their ministry. We continued the meeting one week after the close of the District Conference. We were faithfully assisted by Eros, McLarty and Hursey. We received five members at the last service. The meeting was by no means a failure, but left a good impression upon the community. I was taken sick the last few days and not able to take much part in the services. I am still laying up nursing weak eyes. On Monday after the close of the meeting, I sent out my

junior preacher (Mrs. M.) to collect missionary money. In about two hours she reported with \$45.75 cash. With that and some little we had on hand we sent a draft for \$54, our foreign mission assessment in full. Haven't I got a useful preacher's wife? Can't you say amen, Gulliver? By the by, I attended the Institute and had a huge time, going to school with Gulliver, Stuckey, Dr. Paekard, et al. They are delightful fellows and I felt very much like a school boy again. But I must hasten to a close. We have placed \$600 improvements on our Conroe church this year, making it a very neat, elegant and comfortable building. The ladies have put down a nice carpet and the League put in two beautiful, massive pulpit chairs. Our Churches are well organized and in fair condition. We have not been pounded yet, but as this is my birthday, perhaps there is a cloudburst of good things in store for us. E. How old am I? Just one year older than I was last year. Well, we are having a good time, for which we are thankful. We have more than half our assessments paid off and a large part of the other secured. By the grace of God, we will round out a good year and stand erect at the bar of the conference next fall.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Pinkerton.

Geo. A. Nance, July 20: We closed our first protracted meeting for the season last night at Pinkerton with 27 conversions and 15 additions. Two were converted who were already members. Several others will join yet, we think. Several will join other Churches. The membership was greatly revived; our people worked well, notably the Sunday-school people. Bro. Frank Neal, from Weatherford, did the preaching, and did it well. He is good help in a meeting.

Alanreed.

J. S. Denson, July 16: We have just closed a great revival. Bro. J. T. Hicks from Wellington charge, did some great and good preaching. Bro. Hicks is a good, consecrated man. May he be a faithful servant for the Lord. Rev. G. R. Fort, our pastor, did some good and gracious work. May the Lord give him an outpouring spirit that he may be strong in his Master's work. The meeting lasted four days and had seven conversions and six accessions. We had an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Cisco.

S. J. Vaughan, July 20: We have just closed a great revival in Cisco. The meeting was held under a large brush arbor. The attendance was far beyond my expectation. Rev. J. M. Bond, of Weatherford, a superannuated member of our conference, did nearly all the preaching. Our people heard him with great pleasure. He lost in the four years' fight as a Confederate soldier, but few among us have been so victorious in the fight for God in revivals. There were about fifty conversions and thirty-seven additions to our Church. We gave Bro. Bond a free-will offering of \$50. We have received 192 members during the year. Cisco Methodism is growing in grace. Our bicentenary service, lasting three days, was a great success. The entire program was filled by the members. Expect to begin painting our church soon.

Italy.

G. S. Wyatt: On the 27th of June I took the I. & G. N. for Italy to begin a meeting on Sunday, the 28th, for Bro. Kiker, who had made extensive preparations for a big meeting. He had provided a tent 40x60 which we used for one day only. There were two reasons for abandoning the tent: First, the glare; second, it was not large enough. So on Monday morning the people put up a most magnificent tabernacle which gave us a delightful place in which to hold the services. It was cool and large enough except on Sunday nights to hold the people. Bro. Kiker had also organized an excellent choir which furnished good music. He had one of the best and the most faithful organists that I ever knew—always in her place and ready to do the work of her position. We were much hindered the first week by the rain. But the second week we came to the front. The Church has greatly blessed and forty sinners saved. Besides on Sunday, July 12, we took a collection to build a new church and the good people put down something over \$4,000. Bro. Kiker is in high favor with his people. Some of them were just a little doubtful as to whether I could beat him preaching. I did my best. The Bishop and his cabinet made no mistake in selecting him to solve the problems of our Church there. He is now on high seas with sails unfurled and all the breezes in his favor. God bless him. It would be a grave omission not to say that he has a most excellent wife, who is a helpmeet indeed and in truth, jealous for her husband's success, and

ready for every good word and work. She gave herself to the meeting and was no small factor in its success. For hospitality and tender care of their guest Kiker and his good wife are hard to excel. What shall I say of the good people of Italy—of the Mitchells, the Wards, the Woodovers, the Morrises, the Dunnavays, the Carlyles, the Cheathams, the Harleys, the Murphys, the Prices, the Colliers, the Mims, the Clarks and others among the Methodists; of the Woods, the McGees and others among the Baptists; of the Strouds and Dunlaps among the Christians; of the Georges and Jollys among the Old School Presbyterians, and of the Colliers, the Harpolds, the Parkers, the Loyds, and last, but not least, the Tom Moores (Slaughtered Innocence) among the Cumberland Presbyterians? They are all good, more or less, full of piety, hospitality and the good things we did have, bestowed with an unskilled hand! And when it came to putting down for the new church, they did nobly. May God bless fully with her good and beautiful women and her noble-hearted and generous men.

Dumas.

B. T. Ansley, July 17: It is the sense of our people that Rev. J. Winford Hunt is the man for this country. He seems to have the co-operation of all Christian people, and the entire confidence of the unsaved. Our Church Building Committee at Dumas is moving forward. A building site is already secured, also several hundred dollars in cash and subscription. Had it not been for the present decline in the cattle market, Bro. Hunt would have the church already built. He preaches twenty times a month at eleven appointments. Some of these appointments are eighty miles apart. Rev. C. E. Lindsey, of Dalhart, did some faithful and efficient preaching for us at Dumas. If you want help that will gradually grow in power and spirit, get Bro. Lindsey. Several conversions and reclamations were the visible results of the meeting at Dumas, but the great solid foundations of the gospel as presented by Bros. Hunt and Lindsey have thoroughly established Methodism in these parts. Bro. Hunt has had to contend with dances, political strife, Sabbath desecrations, etc. None but a frontier preacher knows the awful effects these things have upon the cause of the Church. We expect a great rush of settlers to this country owing to the fact that the railroad lands will be put on the market soon. Al. Bro. Hunt lacks a good Methodist wife to drive "John Wesley" while he studies. Revs. J. M. Sherman, B. W. Dodson and C. E. Lindsey have this matter in charge. All applications should be addressed to them.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Nevada.

E. G. Roberts, July 20: Meetings at Sabine, Milwood and Josephine good; thirty professions and thirty accessions. We are now at Nevada. W. D. Mountcastle, J. F. Alderson and E. G. Phillips, revival singer, are all here. Meeting moving.

Annona.

J. A. Wyatt: We closed our meeting here on 9th inst., after a twelve days' siege, with the following results: About twenty accessions to the Church, twenty of whom were by ritual, and a considerable accession in the Church. The rains hindered us much, but we pressed right ahead, and God was with us in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Bro. L. S. Barton, of Chappell Hill Station, was with us the first week and the day of the next, and was a mighty power in the hands of God for the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan. Bro. F. E. Parker, President of Grayson College, Whitewright, Texas, was with us the last four days and did good service, though at a great disadvantage on account of severe nervous afflictions. Taking local conditions into consideration, the meeting was a decided success. We praise God and go forward.

Frisco Circuit.

T. E. Bowman, July 16: We had our second Quarterly Conference some time ago at Lebanon. It was a good one, the best in attendance I have ever attended. Our presiding elder, Bro. F. A. Rossier, said it was the largest attendance he has had on his district. Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the house was full, not to say packed. The good ladies had dinner for more than twice the number present. The good part is that nearly all stayed for conference in the afternoon. Bro. Rossier preached us four fine sermons. The pastor's heart is greatly relieved and encouraged at the outlook. We had intended to begin our meeting at this place July 12, but owing to the extreme busy time we were forced to put it off. We are praying for a gracious revival and believe God is going to grant it. We had two bright conversions last night at our weekly prayer-meeting. Bless God for that. Our work all over the charge is moving up. We are about ready to begin the building of a new parsonage at Frisco. Our protracted meeting at Frisco will start with our dedication services August 8. Two of our little Sunday-school girls, Minnie Higinbotham and Georgia Brashler, have just solicited and handed me the amount of \$8.15 with which to procure a Bible for the Church. God bless their little hearts in their labor of love.

Nocona.

F. Moore, July 17: On the night of July 12, 1903, we closed our annual revival at Montague, after a siege of

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No finger marks her walls deface.  
I sigh sometimes, because my house  
Assumes such wild, cyclonic airs,  
Then turn and help my children make  
Their "choc'ose" of my newest chairs.

My neighbor over the way has birds  
In cages watching all day long,  
But sweeter far than petted birds  
Is childhood's free and merry song.  
Her parlors stay so dark and cool,  
Her windows all are crystal clear,  
But babies make sunshine in homes,  
Though paper be dim and skies be drear.

My neighbor over the way has gold  
To spend at will, 'neath any sky,  
And yet, the gems that outshine hers  
Are those I find in baby's eye.  
And sometimes, in my heart I feel  
That in her heart, she thinks so true  
For when she tries of other things,  
She comes to hear me baby too.

My neighbor over the way is kind—  
She pities others, even me,  
Who can not ease and pleasure seek  
Like her, in lands across the sea.  
And yet, I dare to pity her,  
Who pities me from sun to sun,  
God gave me wealth that is not hers,  
He gave me children—gave her none.

### FREDERICK TEMPLE.

At this season many young fellows have come back to the farm from attending high school in the neighboring village, and they are casting about to discover what they should do next. Poverty stares them in the face. The way is hedged up before them. They have inclinations and hunger for a higher education, but an empty pocket, and the prospects of an empty stomach are bigger ghosts than the schools are visions. They have good muscles, they can work, there is a chance on the farm, they are sure of a living, and, after all, perhaps their hunger for the higher life of a well-stocked mind is only a temporary illusion, which will pass away by the time the oats are cut and the wheat is in the bin. And if not, if the hunger is still there, it will grow less as life is fed on the routine of toil, and presently the young fellow, now a man, will feel satisfied that an education was not for him—it was not necessary, and his failure to obtain it is of little consequence to him or to the world. He may satisfy himself that this higher life was not for him because he was poor, had it been intended that he should have an education, his way would not have been so hedged about with poverty and difficulty.

Now, young fellow, don't you believe it. If you are poor, if your way is hedged up, if the battle is hard, is not each of these a reason why you should struggle all the harder to get possession of the tools, the weapons, by which you may conquer your difficulties and make of them, your servants and your stepping-stones? If a man is going out to fight—to fight against odds—is it not wise in him to forge as good a sword as he possibly can, so he may not go down when, back to the wall he meets the throng of adversaries, each hacking at him to split his helm and break his blade? Go to, if you are poor, young fellow, if you are hemmed in by discouragements and difficulties, go, get ready for the battle, study, get mastery, then you may win, and those who deride to-day may to-morrow tarry long to do you honor.

We are not saying a word against the honor and the virtue of tilling the soil, of riding the range, of blasting the ore. All sweet, whether of hand or brain, is honorable. But the latest equipment usually brings the largest success, and why should not any and every man and woman make of life the utmost possible.

To those who quail before the specter of poverty and of disadvantages, we would commend, among thousands of others, the example of Frederick Temple.

Frederick Temple was born on one of a group of seven little islands in the Mediterranean Sea, we are not sure that anyone knows which. He was brought to England as a child, and afterwards said he was a Cornishman by birth. He was brought up in poverty. "Food was scarce; pocket-money he had none; he is even said to have cleared the fields of stones and sowed the birds from the fresh-sown corn." He went to a well-known school—Blundell's at Tiverton. He worked hard and gained a scholarship. He after-life the Bishop told of his early experiences and of his privations. He could not afford a fire and had to live on the hardest fare. "I knew what it was—and I think that was the thing that pinched me most—

to wear patched clothes and patched shoes." There were, however, things which he prided himself upon. "There was probably not a man in England who threshed better than I could. I learned to plow as straight a furrow as any man in the parish."

From the story of his life we learn a capital incident:

"When he was Archbishop of Canterbury he met a rather pompous rector, and the two were walking near a field where a man was plowing. 'There are diversities of gifts,' said the rector, pointing to the man with the plow. 'Now, your Grace, that poor fellow is doing something that you and I could not, in spite of our learning.' 'Umph!' replied the Archbishop. Then the rector waxed eloquent on the topic of plowing. Presently the man came to where the rector and the Archbishop were standing. Dr Temple said a word to the man, and the next moment the Primate of All England was guiding the plow down the field with the skill of a practiced hand. The story concludes with the applause of Hodge himself. 'I had to learn that in the school of necessity,' quietly remarked the Bishop.

"The school the future Bishop went to was a rough one. Washing was carried out directly under the pump."

"It was not (said the Bishop) in some respects as nice as washing in one's own bedroom; but if a boy was inclined not to wash himself, the others washed him." \* \* \* Then, \* \* \* we had a great deal of fighting in the school. \* \* \* We used to fight each other on rather slight provocation, at most on amuse, and as a general rule, if two fellows fought they became intimate friends before they left school, and dated their friendship from the time when they had used their fists on each other faces. \* \* \* If they told lies, the stories were never directed against their schoolmates. You were permitted to be untruthful as far as a master was concerned. (The Bishop adds.) Nowadays the masters take part in the boys' games, and the level of teaching has become more Christian and certainly animated by a high spirit."

The boy worked hard, but found time to indulge in athletic sports. With proper pride the Bishop declares himself to have been the best football player of his time. Young Temple, by winning the Devonshire scholarship, found a place at Oxford. He entered Balliol College in 1828. He was most assiduous in his studies. He tells how at times he was so poor, to obtain the proper light so that he might continue his studies during the night, and sought the lights burning in the common hall. More than once the fine young gentlemen of the college tried to make the poorly dressed country lad the victim of their attacks, but the lad had been brought up in Cornwall and knew how to use his fists, and after a first encounter the future Bishop was left severely alone. He had taken lessons from a first-class boxing master, and, not satisfied with the ordinary "right or left," had made himself ambidextrous.

After graduating from Oxford, young Temple was ordained priest. Eleven years later he became master of Rugby. Eleven years later Gladstone nominated him for the Bishopric of Exeter. Gladstone's choice brought about at the beginning a certain amount of consternation in higher ecclesiastical circles. A recently published paper of Dr Temple's had been considered over-literal of its kind. There were some differences as to Temple's eligibility, "but in spite of all this outcry," the confirmation of Dr Temple's nomination took place, and the consecration ceremony followed.

"There never was a more popular Bishop in Exeter than was Temple. There was told a story of the Bishop's meeting a poor woman and her little girl, both laden down with heavy loads on their backs, and the doctor's sharing their burdens. The Bishop loved to meet the rough fishermen and join with them in worship. Once when so engaged a Cornish fisherman tapped him on the back, saying: 'Hi, you be out of tune, gov'nor; you be out of tune.'"

"As an earnest advocate of temperance Dr Temple worked manfully when in Exeter. He met with a great deal of opposition, and had sometimes to face an angry mob, but such expressions of bad temper never kept the Bishop from his purpose. 'It was not so bad,' he quietly remarked, 'as a "serum" at Rugby football.' The Bishop's influence as the advocate of temperance spread through all England.

After sixteen years at Exeter, Dr Temple became Bishop of London. Here he was the same man of industry, patience and a lion's heart. Often he worked straight through an entire day and night. In 1896 he was translated to the Archbishopric of

Canterbury, becoming Primate of All England. When Queen Victoria died, it devolved on the Archbishop to carry out the memorable funeral service in St George's Chapel Windsor. Some months after there followed the coronation of King Edward. Dr Temple, then an old man, found the exertion was too much for him. The Primate knelt before the monarch after kissing his left cheek. He was so feeble that he could scarcely rise to his feet. King Edward advanced a step, and, tenderly taking His Grace by the hand, assisted him to his feet. Some months afterward there came his breakdown in the House of Lords. He was speaking with his accustomed fervor in favor of education, when he faltered and was forced to leave his speech unfinished. It was in fact his dying speech. Death came to him on December 23, 1902, at the age of eighty-one years, and he was buried in the Cloister Garth of Canterbury Cathedral. As one of his contemporaries said of him: "He was a strong-hearted man, and a tender-hearted man too. \* \* \* He has gone to God; he slept in the peace of Christ. For his noble character and his service to the Church we thanked God."

Young man cannot you try to do as well? Cannot you get an education, live a worthy life, ever stretch yourself for the best there is in you—in short, get out of yourself the uttermost there is in you? Nothing can hinder you if you do not allow it to hinder you. Stretch yourself for your best. Never say fail! And never quit!—Central Christian Advocate.

## INDUSTRIAL BETTERMENT IN A CHICAGO FACTORY.

But Miss Beeks did not limit herself to the bare necessities. She made the McCormick establishment, indeed, a model factory. She naturally began with the women and girls in the raiment mill, numbering 500, and from them gradually extended her work to the 6000 men in the other departments. One of the early things she did for these girls was to fit up their dressing-room with a good supply of mirrors. Owing to the heavy dust about the machines, the girls are compelled to change their clothing before going to work, and to wear a close-fitting cap which entirely hides the hair. Miss Beeks' feminine sense hit upon mirrors as an essential, and this was certainly a mark of insight for it is said to have endeared her to all of the girls. She then induced the company to experiment with a system of ventilation to remove the dust, which is very injurious, and which was ultimately removed entirely. She established a luncheon room and placed it in charge of a committee of the employees co-operating with the company. Here a good meal can be had for 12 cents. Rest rooms were provided. Toilet rooms, hot water, towels and soap lockers for clothing, pianos are among the conveniences and attractions. Miss Beeks organized the Sisal Club, named after the fiber from which the binding twine is made, and made this club a center of amusement. A stupendous field day was inaugurated, where 12,000 employees and friends gathered for outdoor athletics. One of the most trying evils was that of the money sharks, and this she met by recommending a banking system for lending to worthy employees at nominal rates of interest. —From "Welfare Work" in a Great Industrial Plant," by John R. Commons, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews.

## THE FIGHT FOR LITTLE ROUND TOP OF GETTYSBURG.

The fiercest struggle is now for the possession of Little Round Top. Standing in its rugged summit like a lone sentinel is seen an erect but slender form clad in the uniform of a Union officer. It is Warren, Meade's chief of engineers. With practiced eye he sees at a glance that quickly seized that rock-ribbed hill would prove a Gibraltar amidst the whirling currents of the battle, resisting its heaviest shocks. Staff and couriers are summoned, who swiftly bear his messages to the Union leaders. Veterans from Hancock and Sykes respond at a "double-quick." Around its base, along its sides, and away toward the Union right, with the forces of Sickles and Hancock, the gray veterans of Longstreet are in herculean wrestle. Barksdale's Mississippians seize a Union battery and rush on. The Union lines under Humphries break through a Confederate gap and sweep around Barksdale's left. Wright's Georgians and Perry's Floridians are hurled against Humphries and break him in turn. Amidst the smoke and fury, Sickles, with thigh-bone shattered, sickens and falls from his saddle into the arms of his soldiers. Sixty per cent of Hancock's veterans go down with his gallant Brigadiers Willard, Zook Cross and Brooke. The impetuous Confederate leaders Barksdale and Semmes, fall and die, but their places are quickly assumed by the next in command. The Union forces of Vincent and Weed, with Hazlett's Artillery, have reached the sum-



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mit, but all three are killed. The apex of Little Round Top is the point of deadliest struggle. The day ends, and thus ends the battle. As the last rays of the setting sun fall upon the summit, they are reflected from the batteries and bayonets of the Union soldiers still upon it, with the bleeding Confederates struggling to possess it. The embattled hosts sleep upon their arms. The stars look down at night upon a harrowing scene of pale faces all over the field, and of sufferers in the hospitals behind the lines—an army of dead and wounded numbering over 29,000.—From "Gettysburg," by Gen. John B. Gordon, in Scribner's.

## THE CHINESE SERVANT'S MISTAKE.

When the Andersons went to Calif. his they rented a small furnished house and engaged a Chinese man of all work. The house was well situated and tastefully furnished and Wing Lee proved to be a good cook, clean and respectful.

As soon as the Andersons were settled the neighbors began to call and it was then that the fact was discovered that Wing was absolutely devoid of any ideas as to the ushering in or out of guests. So one morning the ladies determined to instruct him. Providing him with a tray, Miss Anderson went out, rang the bell, was shown into the parlor and waited while the Chinaman carried her card to Mrs. Anderson.

This was repeated several times, until the ladies were quite satisfied that Wing was perfect in his role. That evening at 8:30 the bell rang. Wing shuffled majestically to the door, while mother and daughter hung breathlessly over the banisters to watch the result of their teaching.

They heard a gentleman's voice ask if the ladies were at home. They saw Wing present his tray and receive a card with an air which made them mentally put each other on the back and then they saw him draw a card from his sleeve.

"Mine!" gasped Miss Anderson. "The one we used for the lesson!" Wing compared the two carefully, and returning the one which the caller had just handed him, he remarked blandly: "Tiekee no good. No can come," and calmly shut the door in the face of the astonished guest.—Little Chronicle.

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#### A BEAUTIFUL OCCASION.

The Young Ladies' Society of First  
Methodist Church in this city took  
charge of the golden wedding anniver-  
sary of Capt. and Mrs. Wm. White  
on last Tuesday night at the parsonage  
on Live Oak Street. No invitations  
in the way of cards were issued,  
but the friends of this worthy couple  
poured out by the hundred, and the  
spacious parlors were crowded with a  
joyous company. Dr. and Mrs. Moore  
were necessarily absent at San An-  
tonio on account of the illness of the  
latter, but they gladly threw open  
their home and turned everything  
over to the occasion. The writer was  
asked to take charge of the cere-  
monies. It was a most beautiful and  
appropriate occasion. The rooms were  
tastefully decorated, a straggled band  
furnished the music and the aged  
couple were given a royal reception.  
Speeches were made by Dr. H. A.  
Bourland, Dr. W. H. Howell, Rev. W.  
C. Young, Mrs. W. H. Johnson and  
the writer. Then both Captain and  
Mrs. White responded in tender words.  
They were almost overcome with  
emotion. After this Bro. N. W. God-  
bold came forward as office-bearer of  
the company and presented to Brother  
and Sister White a package, whose  
contents showed many sparkling  
pieces of yellow coin, a suitable token  
of the deep love felt by all Dallas  
Methodists for these two good people  
who have long been the stay of Metho-  
dist Church interests in this city. Then  
followed joyous congratulations from  
all present, and refreshments closed  
one of the happiest incidents ever  
celebrated in Methodist circles in Dal-  
las. We have never attended a more  
touching and appropriate occasion  
than the anniversary of the golden  
wedding of Capt. and Mrs. Wm. White.  
May the remainder of their days be  
bright and golden, and at eventide  
may there be light!

Bitter things spoken on the spur of  
the moment may be forgiven, but they  
leave scars, the very sight of which  
brings unpleasant reminders.

The joint committee of the M. E. and  
M. E. Church, South, on form of wor-  
ship, etc., met last week at Ocean  
Grove, N. J. The new order of wor-  
ship recommends kneeling in silent  
prayer on entering the church. A  
primary and a standard catechism, al-  
most new, will be used. The order of  
worship adopted is practically that now  
used in the M. E. Church. The meet-  
ing was unusually harmonious.

#### EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

The pulpit is not the place to in-  
dulge in personalities.

Some people think they enjoy reli-  
gion because their emotions are ex-  
cited.

Not every man who is as harmless  
as a dove is as wise as a serpent, and  
vice versa.

A good preacher is one who reads  
carefully and studies wisely and who  
visits his people religiously.

Sermons ought to be gauged by  
their thought and unction rather than  
by the sound used in articulating  
them.

The local preacher who never  
preaches ought to make haste to  
amend his ways or hand in his cre-  
dentials.

The steward who waits till the day  
before the quarterly meeting to col-  
lect quarterage is a failure in the po-  
sition he holds.

The sister who fusses and fumes  
every time her husband brings a  
friend home to take dinner with him  
does not know the grace of hospitality.

A great many people do not know  
the difference between a parsonage  
and a public boarding house, except  
the parsonage makes no charges.

We know a number of good folk  
who are very religious until you men-  
tion the subject of money and then  
they grow very sedate and quite se-  
rious.

#### THE DEATH OF POPE LEO XIII.

On last Monday afternoon Pope Leo  
XIII died at the Vatican in Rome,  
Italy. He was in his 91th year, and  
had been gradually sinking for two or  
three weeks. He was born March 2,  
1810. He was of a noble family, which  
had furnished several Cardinals and  
other dignitaries to the Church. He  
was the, highly educated and trained  
for a high order of work. In 1837 he  
entered the priesthood, and from that  
time forward his promotion was very  
rapid. As the Pope at that time had  
temporal power in Italy, Gregory ap-  
pointed this young priest Governor of  
Perugia, and in 1843 he was sent Papal  
Nuncio to Belgium. In 1853 Pius hav-  
ing become Pope, Leo was made Car-  
dinal and became the confidential  
advisor of Pius IX. Pius died Feb. 7,  
1878, and on Feb. 20 Cardinal Pecci  
was elected to the Papacy and assumed  
the name of Leo XIII. Since then he  
has been a conspicuous figure in the  
eye of the world. He was a scholar,  
an executive, a diplomatist and a  
leader of men. Personally he was a  
man of pure character and of religious  
spirit. He often pined for the return  
of temporal power, but it never came,  
and it never will again find its way  
into the Vatican. The world is done  
with that sort of mixture of Church  
and State. While Leo's relation to all  
great questions has been that of a  
Churchman, nevertheless he has had  
much to do with the affairs of na-  
tional government. In Spain and a  
few other unenlightened countries his  
will has almost been recognized as  
law. And such is the influence of his  
Church that in France and Germany  
and Belgium and Italy he has exerted  
great power in the disposition of se-  
cular affairs. In these matters he has  
manifested wonderful forethought  
and prudence. He has never done any-  
thing rash, but has been conciliatory  
and shrewd. Tact has been his arm of  
strength. Born a papist, he was a  
Roman Catholic to the very heart,  
with all that the word means. He al-  
ways stood by his Church whether  
right or wrong. He believed in all its  
tenets, practiced all its ceremonies,  
adhered to all its abuses and claimed  
to be infallible and Christ's Viceger-  
ent upon the earth. He, therefore,  
stood for all that is intolerable and  
oppressive in his great ecclesiastical  
organization, though he managed to  
keep the most plausible features of his  
religion in the public eye. No doubt

but that his administration, on account  
of his consummate mastery of self  
and of men, has been conservative and  
wise and it has put the Roman Catho-  
lic Church far to the front among na-  
tions where inveterate prejudice has  
existed against it. Therefore, Pope  
Leo XIII passes into history as one of  
the wisest of the men who have occu-  
pied this lofty position. The world  
generally feels kindly toward him, and  
his followers worship at his shrine.  
For much in the practices of his  
Church we have nothing but feelings  
of revulsion, but toward him as a man  
and a leader we cannot suppress feel-  
ings of admiration. He was a truly  
great man in his personality, in his  
endowments and in his character.  
Nevertheless he has not changed the  
impression made upon the fears of  
Christendom by the bloody record of  
oppression practiced by his ecclesias-  
ticism during the centuries that it held  
the mind and the conscience of the  
world under its merciless despotism.  
It is the same Church now that it  
ever was, but its tactics have changed,  
and its practices having come into  
competition with enlightened Protes-  
tant Christianity, are taking on a more  
humane and tolerant expression.  
Therefore, while the world feels kind-  
ly toward Leo, public sentiment will  
continue to watch, as heretofore, all  
the encroachments of Roman Cathol-  
icism upon the rights and the liberties  
of mankind.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hunt County gave the saloons a  
black eye last Saturday. They voted  
in prohibition up there more than a  
year ago, and it went into effect for  
several months to the satisfaction of  
the great masses of the people. But  
two members of the Court of Criminal  
Appeals killed it on the merest tech-  
nical point after the civil courts had  
declared it valid, and saloons were  
thrown open again in the county. An-  
other election was ordered at once,  
and it went dry by more than 1699 ma-  
jority! Even Greenville, which gave  
a large anti majority in the first elec-  
tion, in the last one went dry by  
nearly three hundred majority. Does  
this satisfy the antis and the two  
members of the Court of Criminal  
Appeals?

They are having an effort made in  
the precinct of Elgin to have a local  
option election. That is a whisky rid-  
den town, and the people are growing  
tired of its deviltries and they are  
going to give it a strong fight. All  
good people down that way need to  
join forces and work as one man  
against the evil. We are sorry to see  
the Elgin Courier, edited and pub-  
lished by Rev. W. C. Smith, a local  
preacher in our Church, takes a "neu-  
tral" position on the subject and will  
not publish anything on either side  
only as pay matter. It says that "it  
must cater to its constituency!"  
Strange position for a man to take  
who holds a license from the Metho-  
dist Church to preach the gospel!

It is very interesting to read the  
comments in our Northern exchanges  
on the subject of lynching. They have  
changed the whole tenor of their criti-  
cism of late. The many occurrences  
of this sort taking place up that way  
have produced in their minds a feeling  
that race prejudice is now a National  
calamity. Heretofore it has been a  
species of Southern barbarism. Jus-  
tice the other day a negro was lynched  
in West Virginia—Senator Steve Elkins'  
country—and nothing in the history of  
lynching so recorded exceeds it in  
savagery. He was skinned alive,  
hacked to pieces inch by inch, and  
then the remains were burned to  
ashes. So our Northern friends have  
a few savages in their neck of the  
woods, and they are stricken dumb  
with silence!

In the vote polled in the prohibition  
election held in Williamson County  
last Saturday the count showed sev-  
enty-four majority for the antis; but  
the grossest frauds were perpetrated  
at Taylor and Granger and other  
points in the county. Such was their

glaring openness that last Monday the  
Judge presiding at the District Court  
at Georgetown called the special at-  
tention of the Grand Jury to the matter  
and urged them to make a searching  
investigation into the charges. The  
local option people are going to test  
the election in the courts, and it is  
thought that the majority against pro-  
hibition as the result of frauds will be  
thrown out. Wherever you come into  
contact with the anti-prohibition senti-  
ment you may expect every outrage  
possible to be perpetrated against an  
honest election and a fair count. We  
hope the local option people in Wil-  
lamson will put forth every effort to  
teach fraudulent voters a needed les-  
son.

There is a great deal of interest in  
Dallas on the subject of appointing a  
new Police and Fire Commission. The  
two appointments are made by the  
Governor, and they, together with the  
Mayor of the city, constitute the Com-  
mission. They have all power in the  
conduct of the fire and police regula-  
tions of the city. The Commission  
was introduced in the charter as a  
step toward putting these two depart-  
ments of the local government on a  
business basis, so that slum politics  
would have nothing to do with them.  
But under the last term of Gov.  
Sayers' administration, he appointed  
two men to this position who are poli-  
ticians, and as a result the police de-  
partment is in the hands of slum poli-  
tics. But it is hoped that Gov. Lan-  
ham will place two representative  
business men in these positions who  
will be the Commissioners of the  
whole people of the city, and not of a  
certain clique, as at present. Men who  
want it and are struggling to get it  
ought not to be considered by the  
Governor. Such men have personal  
ends to serve. Let him select two men  
in whose fairness the community will  
have confidence, and then he will ren-  
der the city a good service.

#### AN EVENING AT CLARK'S CHAPEL.

Clark's Chapel is the youngest  
Church organization in the family of  
Dallas Methodism, but it is vigorous  
and promising. A few words will ex-  
plain its origin and development.  
Soon after the adjournment of confer-  
ence Rev. W. F. Clark, who had been  
placed on the superannuated list,  
moved to this city to make it his  
home. But his active spirit would not  
permit him to rest. So he went out  
to a suburb where there was a school-  
house and made an appointment. The  
people, after attending upon the ser-  
vices, got after him to make the ap-  
pointment permanent. He soon saw  
that a union meeting in a school house  
would not accomplish any permanent  
results. So he made up his mind to  
secure a lot and erect a house for  
worship. He came a little closer to  
the city and found a lot and arranged  
for its purchase. But after a little  
he realized that to make any real suc-  
cess that location was too far out. So  
he came to Grand Avenue, right near  
the Fair Grounds, and secured a lot in  
an eligible place, and in the midst of  
a rapidly developing portion of the city,  
and where there was no Methodist or-  
ganization within a mile of the spot.  
He got together a little company who  
were willing to join forces with him.  
They proceeded to buy the old Has-  
kell Avenue building, made a note in  
bank and paid for it, and then pre-  
pared to have it put on rollers to be  
carried to the new lot. This was a  
huge undertaking and required time  
to make the transfer of the cumber-  
some structure to the place. Many  
wires had to be lowered so as to let  
it pass. This made many delays neces-  
sary. But the work went on until the  
house was placed uninjured on the  
spot. It was thoroughly repaired,  
beautifully painted, tastefully papered  
inside and made to look like a new  
building. A Sunday-school was or-  
ganized and also a Church. Since then  
they have had a good revival. Now  
they have 125 in the Sunday-school  
and 75 members. Last Sunday night  
we visited the Church and preached to  
as orderly and as attentive a congrega-  
tion as one need to desire. The  
music was good, the spirit of the

worship was religious and the people  
gave earnest heed to the Word. The  
auditorium is as neat as a new pin,  
and the people delight in their com-  
fortable place of worship. The whole  
property is worth at minimum figure  
all of \$3000. It has cost just \$1000,  
but they still owe the most of that  
amount. This includes the price of  
the building, the expense of moving  
and repairing and the lot. Now be-  
tween this and conference Bro. Clark  
and his people will endeavor to reduce  
this debt as far as possible, and then  
ask the Extension Board for an ap-  
propriation. By this means the debt  
can be wiped out, and then in the  
course of three or four years we will  
have a self-sustaining charge out  
there. The people are there to make  
it such. We ought to have said fur-  
ther up in the body of this notice that  
the people got together soon after the  
church was finished and took it upon  
themselves to name it "Clark's  
Chapel." This is as it should be, for  
Bro. Clark has done as much mission  
work around Dallas as any other man  
in the history of the local Church  
work; in fact, more than any other  
one. It is, therefore, fitting that one  
place of worship bear his name. He  
literally created this new enterprise.  
Had it not been for his zeal and per-  
sistent energy nothing of the sort  
would have been undertaken. And he  
a superannuated man! He has ac-  
tually done more hard work in push-  
ing this movement than almost any  
other one preacher in Dallas. Those  
people are devoted to him, and he will  
most probably return to the effective  
list next conference and be stationed  
at Clark's Chapel. Such has been his  
devotion to the enterprise that he has  
all the societies organized and at work  
in his Church; and nearly all his  
families take the Advocate. So much  
for the work of one man who is not  
content, even in age, to be idle.

#### TEXAS PERSONALS.

We had a pleasant call last week  
from Rev. J. N. Hunter, of Wylie.

Rev. D. H. Aston, of Roysse, made  
the Advocate an agreeable call re-  
cently.

Rev. George R. Ray, of the New  
Mexico Conference, together with his  
wife and sister-in-law, made us a de-  
lightful visit last week.

Brother J. A. Coppedge, of Pitts-  
burg, passed through the city last  
week and made himself an agreeable  
visitor in this office. He had been  
to the State gathering of the County  
Court Clerks at San Antonio.

#### CHURCH NEWS NOTES.

Rev. Henry Wace, D.D., rector of St.  
Michael's Church, Cornhill, London,  
and honorary Chaplain to King Ed-  
ward, has been appointed Dean of Can-  
terbury in succession to the late Dean  
Farrar.

Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson states  
positively that the M. E. Church "will  
never elect a negro bishop to preside  
over white conferences." That is  
plain, honest and boldly spoken, from  
the son of a deceased Bishop in that  
Church.

The Christian Advocate (New York)  
called for 10,000 new subscribers in  
fifty-two weeks. It received 10,904 in  
forty-one weeks. The New York is a  
great paper and deserves all of its  
success. When a paper has merit, it  
usually succeeds.

McKendree Church is to have a two-  
story addition in the rear of the pre-  
sent building, in which is to be con-  
ducted "The Open Church Training  
School." Dr. Joseph Strong of New  
York has been engaged for a lecture at  
McKendree on some feature of city  
evangelization.

In the course of a speech delivered  
before the meeting of the Baptist  
Young People's Union the Rev. S. F.  
McKenny of Alton declared that it  
was time for the people of the North  
to cease placing "Uncle Tom's Cabin"  
before the children, and he spoke  
earnestly for a complete union be-  
tween the North and South. "We have  
had enough of Uncle Tom's Cabin," he  
declared, "and the people in the North  
should cease to place in the hands of  
the children a book that will only en-  
gender bitterness and sectional ill feel-  
ing. Let us cease giving ear to the  
complaints against the South and join  
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**Cleanings from the Exchanges**

**THERE CAME OUT THIS CALF.**  
Nashville Advocate:  
"There came out this calf," said Aaron—result of the fire, of environ- ment. So many a young man throws the gold of life into the fire of tempta- tion and will take no responsibility upon himself for the animal that re- sults. "It could not be helped—result of environment, of irresistible forces." All of which is fudge, as much so as when Aaron said it. There are no ir- resistible forces tending to make a brute of a man, any more than there are to make a calf out of melted ear- rings.

**THE BATTLESHIP AND THE COLLEGE.**

Central Methodist:  
Some one has made a comparison between the cost of a modern battle- ship and a modern college. Oregon, the most expensive fighting machine in our navy, cost \$6,575,032.76, besides the cost of maintenance. The cost of the entire plant of Harvard University is \$5,200,000. The cost of a battleship is equal to that of fifteen well-equipped colleges, which every year send forth hundreds of graduates to be leaders and benefactors of the nation. The people pay for equipping the battle- ships; let not Christian people forget to equip their colleges, those battle- ships of Christian civilization, whose highest explosives are ideas.

**THE HIPPOPOTAMUS LAUGHS.**

Midland Methodist:  
Here is something else new under the sun. The Wine and Spirit News says that on the side of temperance in a certain liquor election were ar- ranged "ex-criminals," the "low-down," the "despised," the "back-num- ber class," "women children, infants, ex- convicts, imbeciles, preachers, long- haired men," and the "low-browed" generally. For the saloon, the News avows were live people, "those who represent something," "county officials, prominent business men, men of stand- ing and character above reproach," etc. The News even declares that "the pur- chasable element was bought right and left by the drays." All of which is enough to make a hippopotamus laugh until it is pretty.

**HOW THE EARTH CHANGES.**

Jno. Fisk in Harper's:  
How does one generation of men succeed another? The fathers are not swept away in a body to make room for the children, but one by one the old drop off and the young come on until a day is reached when none of those remain that once were here. How does some form of human speech become extinct? About one hundred years ago an old lady named Dolly Dentreath died in Cornwall. She could speak the Cornish language. After her death there was nobody that could. Thus quietly did the living Cornish language become a dead language; and in a like unobtrusive manner have been wrought most of the new becom- ings which have changed and are changing the earth.

**SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.**

St. Louis Advocate:  
Rev. J. W. Lee, D. D., pastor St. John's M. E. Church, South, St. Louis will in the near future adopt the "in- dividual cup" in the communion serv- ice, and we think the congregation at St. John's will heartily endorse the idea. Instead of the ordinary table within the chancel there will be a cabi- net fitted with brackets to receive the trays, each of which will contain thirty-six cups, besides a depression at one side for the bread. As the celebrant passes each communicant he will take the bread and cup and after communi- cating will place the cup on a small shelf concealed behind the altar rail. After each tray is emptied the minister will replace it in the cabinet and take another. After the service the janitor will gather up all the cups and after cleansing replace them in the trays. A committee of ladies will have charge of preparing the elements, filling the cups, etc. Of course, there will be no change whatever in the ritualistic serv- ice.

**SHORT PRAYERS.**

Philadelphia Record:  
Three Methodist ministers were dis- cussing short prayers the other day as follows:  
"A prayer short as it was irrever- ent," said the first, "was offered up by a soldier before the battle of Water- loo. It was this: 'O God, if there be a God, save my soul, if I have a soul.'"  
"That prayer," said the second min- ister, "resembled one composed by Bishop Atterbury in the early part of the eighteenth century. It was a pray- er for the soldiers about to engage in battle, and it was brief and impressive. 'O God,' it ran, 'if in the day of battle,

I forget Thee, do not Thou forget me." The third minister, after a moment of thought, smiled, and said: "When I was a lad I one day dined with two stranger aunts. They set me at the head of the table and bade me say a grace. I was taken aback, for I knew no grace to say; but a text popped into my mind, I rattled it off, and, after it was over, I realized that it was ap- propriate enough. It was, 'O Lord, open Thou our lips, and our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.'"

**LET METHODISM BE HERSELF.**

Michigan Advocate:  
Methodism has her own mission in the world and she is the most respect- able and efficient when she sticks to it. She has her own gospel to preach and her own methods to observe. Her "mourners' bench" is honorable and ought not to be set aside for any card system or other device which other churches have adopted. Nothing can be more proper for a penitent sinner to do than to arise and go forward where suitable advice can be given and prayer offered in his behalf. So with other things. Why should the "amens" die out, or congregational singing be abandoned? Is there any better way to praise God than for all, not a few only, to do it? And who should be alarmed at a shout when the Spirit moves? Why not shake hands and be friendly? A few tears by mourners won't hurt anybody, and a happy testimony is never out of place. Shall these things cease among us or be displaced by a cold, formal aping of the peculiarities of others? God forbid! Give us the "good old Meth- odist way of getting sinners saved and believers filled with the Spirit."

**A TRIBUTE.**

I have just read of the untimely death of Rev. D. L. Cain of Canton, Texas. He was pastor of Garrison church for four years. I was intimately associated with him during his four-year pas- terate, and I am glad that I can tes- tify to his high character as a Chris- tian gentleman. I had full opportunity of judging of his merits and I can truthfully attest that I never met a man who possessed in a larger degree those attributes of mind and heart that enter into the make-up of a true Christian gentleman. He was the same gentle, smiling D. L. Cain every time you met him. His disposition was well-nigh perfect. He was a preacher of large possibilities and was growing all the time. He was loved by all denominations. I fear I shall not see his like again. Sincere con- dolence is extended to the bereaved.

**RHO GARRISON.**  
Garrison, Texas.

**BRENHAM DISTRICT.**

On account of his health Rev. S. L. Burke has been forced to give up his work and is now in the West. Bro. Burke is a very choice young man, good intellect and deep consecration. His work on the Cameron Circuit has been of a fine order. Suitable climate and great carefulness will doubtless restore his health. The work made vacant will be supplied by Rev. A. T. Walker.

Some good meetings have recently been held in the district. Bros Biggs, Lindsey and Tooke have each had meetings that resulted in a goodly number of accessions, as did Bro. H. B. Smith some months ago. The new parsonage at Gliddings helps to make Bro. Smith a very happy man, and he deserves to enjoy that parsonage, at least till conference.

Bro. T. R. Cain has had much sick- ness in his family and a death—his sister.  
Bro. Allen Tooke is now at the bed- side of his aged mother, who is quite sick.  
**CHAS. F. SMITH.**

**FRUIT OF THE PALM.**

Drake's Palmetto Wine, a tonic, a laxa- tive, unflattering specific from pure juice of the wonderful Palmetto fruit. Gives im- mediate relief and absolutely permanent cure in all cases of Catarrh, Stomach Troubles, Flatulency, Constipation, Con- gested Kidneys and Inflammation of Bladder. Seventy-five cents at Drug Stores for a large bottle, usual dollar size, but a trial bottle will be sent free and prepaid to every reader of Texas Christian Advocate who writes for it.  
A letter or postal card addressed to Drake Formula Company, Lake and Dearborn Streets, Chicago, Ill., is the only expense to secure a trial of Drake's Pal- metto Wine. One small dose a day cures to stay cured.

**CHANGE IN ADDRESS.**

The postoffice of Rev. J. R. Sears is changed from Jacksonville, Texas, to Crockett, Texas. This change is made necessary by reason of the recent loca- tion of the district parsonage at Crockett.

**TEMPERANCE EVANGELIST.**

J. G. Adams, the temperance evan- gelist, of Fort Worth, Texas, is at home for a few days' rest, after an extended lecture tour in Arkansas. Any one desiring his services can reach him in care Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas.

**CORNER-STONE LAYING.**

I had the pleasure of being at the laying of the corner-stone of the new M. E. Church, South, which is now being erected at Lufkin, Texas, Dr. B. H. Greathouse, of Jacksonville, officiating. His address, after the Doc- tor's manner of doing things, was fine, and, we think, very inspiring to all who heard it. I regard Bro. Great- house as one of the greatest men in our Church. He has a head full of wisdom and a heart full of love toward God and man. He stands by the old doctrines of our Church handed down to us by our fathers, and rejoices in hope of the resurrection of the body.  
Bro. Whitehurst has and is doing a fine work in Lufkin. He is in per- fect love and harmony with his peo- ple, and deserves much credit for erecting a monument to Methodism in Lufkin, which, when completed, will cost not less than \$10,000. My trip was a blessing to my soul. God bless those dear brethren.

**CHARLIE HUGHES.**  
Texarkana, Texas.

**UNANSWERED LETTERS.**

July 16, 17, 18.—John F. Garrett, sub. W. C. Hilburn, sub. C. T. Cum- mings, sub. C. H. Adams, sub. Zoro B. Pirtle, sub. A. A. Kidd, sub. A. L. Scales, sub. O. F. Hatfield, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. M. A. Turner, sub.  
July 20.—John W. Goodwin, sub. Geo. W. Kincheloe, sub. R. F. Dunn, change made. J. P. Lowry, sub. M. F. Daniel, has attention. H. C. Willis, sub. T. M. Kirk, sub. J. C. Huddle- ston, sub.  
July 21.—W. F. Davis, change made. C. E. Lindsey, sub. Geo. H. Phair, sub. A. W. Wilson, sub.  
July 22.—J. A. Wyatt, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. Jas. M. Adams, sub.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Houston District—W. B. Phillips, Wharton Circuit, foreign missions, \$8; domestic missions, \$8; education, \$4. I. P. Davis, League Circuit, domestic missions, \$26.05; foreign missions, \$10.  
Beaumont District—F. M. Doyle, Port Arthur, foreign missions, \$5.25; domestic missions \$6.25.  
Calvert District—R. A. Waltrip, Freestone Mission, foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$6; Orphan- age, \$4. D. W. Gardner, Travis Cir- cuit, domestic missions \$21.  
Huntsville District—S. H. Morgan, Willis and Conroe, foreign missions, \$54; Children's Day, \$1.  
Palestine District—W. S. Easterling, Crockett Circuit, domestic missions, \$10.  
Marshall District—J. C. Carr, Beck- ville Circuit, foreign missions, \$25; domestic missions \$25.  
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The Sunday-School Department

Third Quarter, Lesson 5, July 31.

SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID I Sam. 16:1-13.

Golden Text: "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." I Sam. 16:7.

Place: Ramah, Samuel's home and Bethlehem, five miles south of Jerusalem.

Persons: Samuel, then about eighty years old; Saul, about fifty years old and then King of Israel; Jesse, father of eight boys and two daughters, an old man.

Samuel is now an old man, and Saul's hypocrisy and self-will have brought Israel in sore extremities. The King has shown himself utterly deficient in character as a ruler and he has been practically deserted by God. So a change is to be the order of the day, notwithstanding the fact it may result in civil war. Samuel knew that Saul would not take his displacement in good spirit, and to the old prophet the future of his country looked dark and foreboding. But at this time God came to his relief and ordered him to cease his mourning for the failure of Saul. Fill his horn with oil and repair to the home of Jesse, near Bethlehem, and anoint one of his sons King. But the thought filled Samuel with dismay and he said, "If Saul hear this, he will kill me." But God reassured him and told him to take an heifer, go to the home of Jesse and quietly anoint another King. A public act of such moment would have brought on great trouble.

So, resigning his own will and abandoning the King, Samuel the prophet obeyed the voice of God. The elders of Ramah saw him as he approached and they feared his coming, for his previous visits had carried severe rebukes to them on account of their sins. So they met him and asked the nature of his visit. He soon quieted them with the statement that he had come to sacrifice. He ordered them to put themselves in proper condition and to join him in the worship. He then proceeded to sanctify Jesse and his sons. Jesse's family was the leading one of the town, and hence the prophet performed for them that which the other families performed for themselves. This gave the prophet an opportunity to see Jesse privately and arrange in this quiet way for the anointing of one of his sons. Then the sons of Jesse were called according to their ages to pass before the prophet, until seven of them passed his scrutiny. But neither one of these was the one to whom the Lord pointed. Among them were men well favored—tall, muscular and handsome to look upon—but there is not much in the outward appearance to indicate character. God looks within when he is in search of a man. Evidently Jesse knew the real purpose of this visit and of this examination, and when all these boys were passed and neither one of them chosen, he was no doubt excited. The prophet said, in plain tones, "The Lord hath not chosen these." Then he asked if all his sons were represented. And Jesse told him of the youngest, who was out in the field keeping the flocks. It had not occurred to him to bring in this stripling of a boy. So Samuel ordered him brought also. Soon David made his appearance. He had a ruddy face, golden hair, a beautiful countenance and was fair to look upon. As soon as Samuel beheld him, he recognized him as the chosen of God. And Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of all his brethren. It is fully understood the meaning of this he kept it to himself, and the other sons were none the wiser. The rest of the citizens only took it as a purifying process through which the prophet was taking the family of Jesse preparatory to the sacrifice. But Samuel meant it as the anointing of the future King of Israel. David himself did not understand the import of the ceremony, but the Spirit of the Lord came upon him from that day forward. Nothing is said about the proposed sacrifice, but doubtless it took place, and then Samuel returned to his home at Ramah. So David is anointed King, but his kingly prerogative is yet to be made known to him. He returned, therefore, to his duties until further notice. Now the remainder of this chapter tells how David was provisionally introduced to Saul's household, and the history of the evolving boy King will be taken up in the next lesson.

SUGGESTIONS

1. When God needs a man for a specific work he usually has him somewhere in training. When the time comes to bring him forth, he then makes his appearance. 2. God does not permit others to make the choice of his leaders for him. He does this for himself. Jesse never would have chosen David from among

his sons, but David was the one whom God wanted.

3. Outward appearances are all right as far as they go, but character and capability are the things that make leaders.

4. Obedience to the Divine will is the secret of success. David did not listen to his own voice or that of his aged father, but he heeded the voice from above.

5. In our homes we sometimes have a child whom God wants for a special purpose, and we know it not. But God knows it and his eye is upon that one until the time for action comes. So we must take care of our children, so that God can use them as he sees proper.

Monthly Report for June 1902.—Average attendance of scholars, 56; average attendance of officers and teachers, 8; average attendance of school, 64; average collection, \$1.07; total collection, \$1.25.

Second Quarterly Report for 1902.—Average attendance of scholars, 67; average attendance of officers and teachers, 9; average attendance of school, 76; average collection, \$1.25; total collection, \$18.20.

Semi-Annual Report, 1902.—Average attendance of scholars, 65; average attendance of officers and teachers, 10; average attendance of school, 72; average collections, \$1.25; total collections, \$32.50.

Annual Report from July 1, 1902, to July 1, 1903.—Average attendance of scholars, 69; average attendance of officers and teachers, 10; average attendance of school, 77; average collections, \$2.12; total collections, \$109.82.

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He is willing to sacrifice wealth, honor and power that we through his poverty might be rich—rich in the hope of glory and eternal life after our stormy voyage is over. God has not shrouded the destiny of the race in uncertainty, as some declare for revelation distinctly affirms that those who love God keep his commandments, trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and exemplify their faith by upright lives, shall behold the King in his beauty and shall dwell in an eternity of blessedness.

All that you need to make your life a success in the world and a blessing to your kind is to love God, speak the truth, be honest, feed your purpose with industry, frugality, good reading, and pure association. The highest aim or motive of a Christian in his daily walk is to be like his Lord. After awhile, as he grows older, he finds that he wants a heart full of the same love that Jesus brought when he came from heaven. He wants to glorify God and by works show his appreciation of this great love for him. May God help every Christian to realize his duty and make Jesus our best friend and guide, and be willing to make an entire sacrifice and say, "Lord, take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee." GEORGIE WEST, Kennard, Texas.

FIGURES.

In looking over our statistical tables for Orphan Home I find in the Georgetown District two stations and one mission paid nothing. All the charges in the Waco District paid something. One good circuit in the Corsicana District paid nothing. All the charges in the Waxahachie and Fort Worth Districts paid something. One small charge in the Weatherford District paid nothing. All the charges in the Gatesville District paid something. In the Dublin District two good charges paid nothing. In the Brownwood District one good charge and a station paid nothing. In the Abilene District one small charge paid nothing. In the Vernon District one charge paid nothing.

Brothers, I believe there may be mistakes in these tables. This year let us all bring in the "widow's mite" and a "little over." The recapitulation statistics show the preachers of the Georgetown District got seven thousand dollars more than was assessed for their support. That would have put us in clover up to our eyes. S. B. SAWYERS, Troy, Texas.

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WHY AM I A METHODIST?

By W. W. Lastinger.

In analyzing this question I find there are two main divisions in the answer. It can first be answered from a doctrinal point of view; and, secondly, from that of environment, under which may be considered training and association. It is from the point of environment that I desire to speak. First, there are those of us who are Methodists from home environment and early training. We were born in Methodist homes, wrapped in Methodist swaddling clothes, rocked in Methodist cradles and lulled to sleep by the melody of Methodist hymns. This class grew up in a Christian Methodist atmosphere, feeding on its teachings and doctrines, and growing into spiritual giants with an abiding love for the Church and its institutions. The homes of this class were the stopping places of the itinerant preacher—the circuit rider—as he went from place to place proclaiming a free and full salvation. As far back as I can remember my father's home was the home of the preacher. It requires no effort for me to close my eyes and see the faces and forms of these men of God as they crossed and touched my early life. There was Uncle Buntin, tall and straight, smooth shaven and clear toned; Uncle Childs, with strong and mellow voice and white beard, a very patriarch in appearance; Uncle Anthony, a giant in stature and spirit; all honored members of the South Georgia Conference, but now passed into rest. At the public service and around the home altar these devout men left impressions upon my young mind and heart that time can never efface. Is it strange that a child growing up under these influences should be a Methodist?

There is another class that become Methodists through the association of the Sunday-school. Possibly their family belonged to some other denomination, or none at all. In almost every community there is a Methodist Sunday-school, and children attending it soon become attached to it, and later when camp-meeting and revival seasons come, if they are converted the most natural thing for them to do is to join the Church which has supplied their religious instruction. A gentleman recently related to me his own experience, which illustrates this point precisely. His father had belonged to another denomination, but in the neighborhood there was no Sunday-school except the Methodist. So he attended it regularly, learned to love it and its associations, later at the Methodist revival meeting he was converted. The next day he spoke to his father about joining the Church. "What Church?" asked his father. "What Church?" said the son, "the Methodist, of course." No other Church relationship had ever entered his mind, and through the work of that little Methodist Sunday-school away back in the hills of Alabama, he became an honored Methodist minister, and is to-day filling one of the leading pulpits in the Northwest Texas Conference.

And there is another class who become Methodists through the association of neighbors or communities. Particularly is this so in sparsely settled communities or settlements on the border. A few years ago a family from one of the old Southeastern States decided to move west. On the night before their departure the young America of the household at the close of his evening prayer startled his mother by adding, "Good-bye, Lord, we are going to Texas to-morrow." But when they reached their far Western home they found the Methodist preacher already on the ground and doing business at the old stand; they found the same Church organization; a similar Sunday-school, and the same God whom they worshiped and looked to for all their blessings, was the same in the West as in the East. Into such communities many move who are members of other Churches, but find no organization to which they can unite so do the next best thing in sight and join forces with the Methodists. The Methodist is pre-eminently a pioneer Church. During the westward march of progress settlement and civilization, the Methodist circuit rider was always in the front line, and as the settlers came in he was there to meet them; ready to minister to them spiritually, visit their sick, marry their young and bury the dead. The Methodist Church is not restricted in its operations. It is just as much at home in the log meeting house on the frontier as in the high steeple church of the city. Then there is another class who become Methodists because they were converted at its altar and love the Church. This is nicely illustrated in the life of a gentleman who belonged to another Church, but one which does not stress the necessity of the new birth—of regeneration. He attended a Methodist revival meeting, came under conviction, and down at the altar was gloriously saved from his sins. He at once applied for membership in the latter Church. The pastor asked him why he should leave his own Church to join the Methodist? His reply was, "The Methodist Church has an altar,

a place where sinners can get old-time religion. It was there that I was converted, and that is the Church for me." And join he did, and became an enthusiastic and ardent Methodist.

And there is yet another class who become Methodists through marriage. Many a sturdy tree, or beautiful flower, has been transplanted to the Methodist garden from sister denominations, that husband and wife may worship at the same altar, that their children may grow up in the same Sunday-school and to love the same Church. And again, Methodism is of divine origin; John Wesley was raised up of God for the specific purpose of launching the great Methodist Church, the influence of which reaches to the four corners of the earth, for the uplifting of humanity and the saving of the people. Its labors have been greatly blessed, the statistics showing it to be the largest Protestant Church in point of membership. Although in existence less than 200 years, its membership is more than seven and a half million, while its adherents number more than twenty-eight million. Methodism and Christianity are interchangeable terms. Methodism is applied Christianity. Wherever Methodism is planted there spring up schools and colleges, hospitals and charities, and foreign and domestic missions, to say nothing of the active part taken in all moral reforms. It is a Church that brings things to pass. There is always something doing. One task is hardly completed before plans are forming for yet a larger one.

Methodism has a broad and catholic spirit. It does not claim to be the only true Church of God. It claims Christ as the vine and the Churches as the branches. Methodism says Godspeed to every effort that has for its object the spread of the gospel and the saving of the people. Methodism stands for a high ideal, and an elevated plane of living. It is an organization of which any one may boast of his membership. It is an organization for which you do not have to apologize.

But this question is a personal one. "Why am I a Methodist?" I answer, primarily, because I was reared in a Methodist home and surrounded by Methodist influences. That was the apprentice degree. If you please, and later I took the Master's degree. It was in this way. A man remarked to me, "You don't belong to a Church; the Methodist is no Church; it is only a little society organized by John Wesley." Up to that time I had taken everything Methodist for granted. But that remark stirred me up, and I started out on a line of reading, of study and investigation. I wanted to know a reason for the faith that was in me. I found that the Methodist system of belief coincided with the teaching of the Bible; that our organization was built on that of the New Testament and was adapted to the spread of the gospel, and that we were complying with the injunction, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" that the Church's supervision of its preachers, and laity was ideal, and that it furnished a preacher for every congregation and a congregation for every preacher; that our Church government was perfect, the various departments all working smoothly and harmoniously. In fact, in its doctrine and in its administration I found there could be no improvement. Its accomplishments I found had been phenomenal with the limited resources at its command. With a full knowledge of all these facts I felt I had become an intelligent Methodist.

I wish some one competent would prepare and publish a series of articles answering the question "Why am I a Methodist?" from a doctrinal standpoint. It would be a source of great profit, especially in the educating of the younger people of the Church. Waco, Texas.

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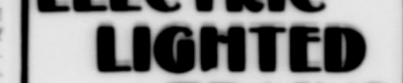
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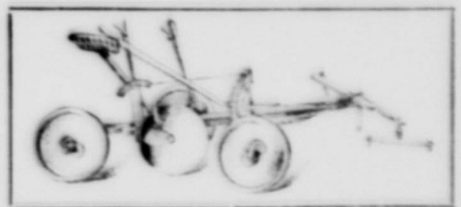
We left Beaumont for Jasper. During the month of December, 1849, my father moved from near Camden, Ark., and settled in Jasper County, and remained there until his death in 1872. My wife's parents were of the first settlers of Texas, having come here before its independence. They were married under the Mexican Government. They settled on Walnut Run, Jasper County, where they continued to reside until death. Many changes have taken place in this old section of the State since the close of the war. At the beginning of the war this was a prosperous country. There were many large farms and large crops of sugar cane, corn and cotton were raised. For the most part these old farms have been abandoned. They have grown up in dense forests of pine trees. These trees are being cut for railroad ties. Many of the old homes have given way to the inroads of time; here and there may be found one that is still occupied. The building of railroads and the timber interests have caused the shifting of the white population to some extent from the farms to the towns and to the saw mills. The farmers are turning their attention to the raising of fruit and vegetables. This country is adapted to the growth of vegetables and fruit. Jasper recently shipped its first car load of Irish potatoes. This country has much wealth in its vast forests. But it occurs to me that it is unfortunate for the country that most of the pine forests have been purchased by one syndicate. The timber is rapidly being cut and sawed into lumber, and one day there will be a greater demand with less supply. Religiously this country is not what it was twenty-five years ago. Discord and dissensions have left their impress. The followers of Mr. Campbell, Seventh Day Adventists, Congregationists, Free Methodists and "Comeouters" have all found their way into this country. It was once almost exclusively occupied by our Church and the Missionary Baptists. The country is too sparsely settled to justify such a division of forces. Spiritual paralysis prevails. Yet I do not know that the spiritual status is below the average. At the age of 18 I began my ministry in Jasper County. At the age of 20 I joined the East Texas Conference. Newton was my first circuit, which I traveled three years. After an absence of twenty-seven years I visited the town of Newton and preached for two consecutive nights. It was a great privilege to meet again those whom I had known and loved in the years ago. But many were not; they had gone to their eternal home. Others had moved away, so that of the older ones whom I once knew but few remained. Their children and grandchildren had taken their places, but the friendly and accustomed greeting by the once familiar title, "Bro. Ramsey," was heard on every hand. This place was near the center of the circuit, which was then about seventy miles in length, and an average of fifteen or more in width, with eleven appointments and some side appointments for good measure, to be filled each month. I left Newton in company with Bro. Christian, the pastor of the Jasper Circuit, on Sunday morning for a drive of seven miles behind his good ponies, to Farr's Chapel, where we used to have our annual camp-meeting. This was the leading appointment on the work. Here we had a great day. The people came in buggies, wagons and on horseback for many miles around. I preached and we shook hands, we cried and we shouted together. Truly it was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. After the morning services were over a sumptuous dinner was spread on tables on the ground. We lived over the days of yore, and talked of the hallowed memories of the past. After dinner we met again for service. It was my privilege to preach again. We worshiped "in due and ancient order," even to the lining of the hymns as did our fathers. On the following Sabbath it was my great privilege to preach at Magnolia Church, Jasper County. Many precious memories cluster about this consecrated spot. When quite a little boy I went to school on this ground, where we engaged in the ordinary sports of the school boy. In after years a part of the play ground was converted into the habitation of the dead. Upon it sleeps in silence my grandfather, step-grandmother, father, a sister, a nephew and a niece. Here I held my membership when I first joined the Church at about 12 years of age, here I was recommended for license to exhort before I was 18, and licensed to preach just after I was 18. What a privilege to look again upon this spot, to behold those stately magnolia and hickory trees which have acted as silent sentinels, keeping watch over the graves of loved ones through the passing years! We had a glorious day here. The people had come from many miles around, from the towns of Newton and of Jasper, to hear the sermon and to take

part in the reunion. The house could not accommodate the people. I shall never forget the occasion. I love the spot, the trees, the people. During the intervening years the first old house, a log house, gave place to a good, large frame building; then it in its turn gave way to a smaller frame building, which in its turn gave way to the present box building of less dimensions. I also had the pleasure of preaching on Sunday night to a large congregation in the town of Jasper. The Methodists there are worshipping in the only church house they have ever owned. This house was built before the war. In the forks of the Neches and the Angelina Rivers an oil well is being put down, with good indications of success. En route home we stopped for two days at Naacogdoches. We had the pleasure of meeting the congenial pastor and wife, Bro. Watts. He is a man who brings things to pass. We spent three days visiting friends and relatives in Lufkin. This town has improved rapidly. It is with pleasure that I note the building of a magnificent Methodist church house. It is to be of brick and to cost with its furniture about \$16,000. The foundation was laid and the work being vigorously prosecuted. The pastor, Bro. Whitehurst, is in great favor with his people, and is doing a good work. Much credit is due Bro. Bacon, the efficient presiding elder of the Corsicana District, for securing at a moderate cost most excellent property for a district parsonage conveniently situated in the city of Corsicana. Almost one-half of the money was paid in cash. It required no little amount of work to secure this money under the existing circumstances. I congratulate him on his success. After an absence of five weeks, visiting, preaching and working for the college, we were glad to get home. R. C. ARMSTRONG.

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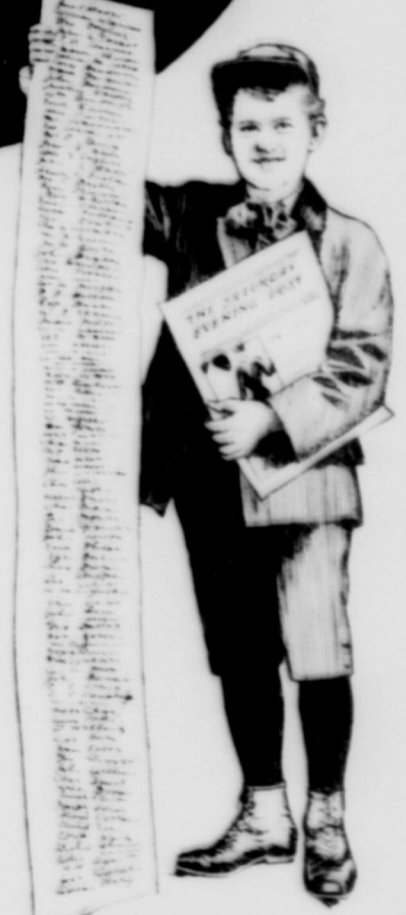
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W. F. M. SOCIETY. WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

On the afternoon of Friday, May 29, most of the officers and a few delegates met in the beautiful church in Gonzales, to hold the preliminary meeting and consecration service prior to the opening exercises of the annual meeting of the Conference Society. Owing to delayed trains, some of us arrived later than we should have done, and were driven immediately from the train to the church by the kind friends who were waiting with their carriages for us. Because of the lateness of the hour, but a short time could be appropriated to these services. However we felt that in consecrating ourselves anew to this work of the Lord we had been drawn closer to the Father and to each other. Greetings had already been exchanged and we departed to our temporary homes and to warm and cordial welcomes.

The evening hour found us again at the church. Bro. Gregory, the pastor, at our request, conducted the devotional exercises and then welcomed us most cordially to the Church and Gonzales. After some beautiful singing by the choir, the President took charge. Mrs. Monkhouse was introduced and read the address of welcome. The response was written by Mrs. Sallie Peel, of San Marcos. They were both fine papers and I am sure were appreciated by those to whom they were addressed. A paper on our Mexican Missions, prepared by Mrs. Lane, of San Antonio, was read by the delegate from San Antonio, Mrs. Gerhard. Beautiful singing by the choir during the evening added much to the entertainment. After the benediction a short time was spent in delightful social intercourse.

The first business meeting was held on Saturday morning. After devotional exercises, conducted by the President, Mrs. Nichols made a short address to the Conference Society. Some disappointment was felt when the roll was called, that more were not in place to answer "present." We had counted on a good many more from the "new territory," and at least a few more from the old West Texas Conference Society. However, those who came among us for the first time proved to us that we had not over-estimated their worth.

The first business before us was the election of a Recording Secretary. As much to our regret, our Secretary, Miss Alta Glover, of Lockhart, was unable to meet with us. Mrs. Geo. Watkins, of Llano, was elected and most efficiently did she serve us.

We met twice daily for business and in the evenings listened to officers' reports and papers prepared for the occasion—the choir always most considerately helping us with their sweet singing.

Many of the auxiliary reports during the business sessions were very interesting and encouraging; but alas! not all. A few have died of "exhaustion," as the doctors say. The report of the Conference Corresponding Secretary, though, shows decided improvement in conditions.

On Sunday morning we had the pleasure of listening to a very fine sermon by Bro. Gregory. He preached a genuine missionary sermon. The collection was turned over to our Treasurer. For the sermon and the collection we acknowledge our indebtedness and again offer thanks.

Sunday night was given over to the "Sunbeams." Mrs. Abernathy's Juvenile Society. They were assisted by some lovely young girls who recited charming poems and gave us some sweet songs.

The little tots took up their own collection and the Treasurer of the Conference Society was instructed to give them credit on their pledge for the full amount, \$8. It is needless to say the children acquitted themselves in a manner that reflected credit on the "Sunbeams," and lady manager as well, and entertained the congregation delightfully.

There was much of interest in the report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, presented on Monday. We learned from it that several auxiliaries and Juvenile Societies had been organized during the year.

Altogether we feel that we are growing, but as yet not keeping abreast of the spirit of the times. We thank

God for his help in the past and trust him for strength to enable us to do more and better work in the coming years.

We accomplished a good deal of business in the time allotted. Among other items, we decided to collect our pledge money earlier in the year than has been our custom, so that the full amount may be in the hands of the Conference Society Treasurer Dec. 1. Miss Malone prefers that the auxiliary Treasurers hold this fund until that time.

In order to accommodate one or two delegates who felt compelled to leave, the election of officers was held after the Monday morning session. The principal features of Monday evening services were the report of the meeting of the Woman's Board at Memphis, by Mrs. Spears, Corresponding Secretary of Conference Society, and the reading by Mrs. Dechard, of Austin, a very interesting paper on our work in China.

Much to our regret an excellent account of our work in Brazil, prepared by one of our members in Lampasas, failed to reach us in time for the meeting. The fear of trespassing too far on time and space precludes the possibility of saying many things we would like to say in connection with our meeting and work. But I can not close without again pleading with our preachers, pastors and presiding elders to show more interest in this work and lend a helping hand in our efforts to build up and establish this work in West Texas Conference. We know you all believe in foreign missions, but many of you seem indifferent to woman's work for woman in this field. We ask you to learn more about it and your interest will grow.

The following is a list of officers elected for coming year: President, Mrs. E. C. Nichols, San Antonio; First Vice-President, Mrs. S. E. Dilworth, Austin; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. Ward, Gonzales; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. Spears, Llano; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. Y. Stokes, Lampasas; Treasurer, Miss R. Malone, San Marcos; Auditor, Mrs. Hopkins, San Marcos; District Secretaries: Austin District, Mrs. K. T. Dechard, Austin; San Marcos, Mrs. G. W. Monkhouse, Gonzales; San Angelo, Mrs. J. D. Scott, Llano; Mrs. Porter, Llano; San Antonio, to be supplied; Cuero, Mrs. J. R. Crockett, Flatonia; Beeville, to be supplied.

To the dear friends who so readily responded to the request to prepare papers on the different mission fields, all of which were not only very instructive, but most entertaining; to the sisters in Gonzales, who did so much for our comfort and pleasure as well—for we have not forgotten the lovely drives and reception so graciously tendered and so much enjoyed—to the pastor for many kindnesses; to the choir and to the bright little "Sunbeams," we again say, "Thank you; God bless you!"

MRS. E. C. NICHOLS, San Antonio, Texas.

W. F. M. S. TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Won't you kindly tell us what people do when a mistake occurs and they can't blame the printer? In the directory of the Texas Conference W. F. M. S. the name of Mrs. J. T. Smith appears as District Secretary of the Tyler District. The address of that officer is Mrs. W. P. Taylor, 211 Bonner Avenue, Tyler, Texas. The name of Mrs. J. E. Green is given as District Secretary of the Beaumont District. Mrs. Green writes that it is impossible for her to serve, and Miss Ida N. Hill, of Livingston, Texas, has been appointed and consented to serve.

The amount received and disbursed by the two Treasurers during the year 1902-03 was \$2,694.63. In addition to this considerable sum were sent directly to the beneficiaries in the foreign fields.

The Committee on Extension of Work, among other measures, urges that District Secretaries try to secure the co-operation of pastors and presiding elders that the state of the work be reported at Church Conferences, and that especial care be given to the report to be made at the fourth quarterly meeting, that the conference fund be paid promptly in order to meet the necessary expenses of the work; that the members be made familiar with the constitution and by-laws; that conference and auxiliary officers be selected with prayerful care. They also urge the importance of a study by members of the course prescribed by the Woman's Board of Missions. The Committee on Juvenile Work urges greater interest in that department on the part of adult auxiliaries; that something be given to each child to do and that public meetings be held quarterly, opening mite-boxes on these occasions.

The resolutions following this were offered and adopted by a rising vote, many members asking the privilege of signing. As Mrs. Park quietly, yet with deep feeling, bade us good-bye and retired, the whole body rose and remained standing while they sang

that sweet promise first given by Isaiah and paraphrased by Kirkham.

"Even down to old age all my people shall prove My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, Like lambs, they shall still in my bosom be borne."

MRS. S. PHILPOTT, New, Texas.

Resolutions.

Whereas, The retiring Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Texas Conference, Mrs. S. S. Park, has from its organization in 1880, to the time of its union with the East Texas Conference in 1903, been faithful and efficient in the duties of that most difficult office; and,

Whereas, She has declined to serve us longer, not through lack of love, but through lack of strength, be it

Resolved, That we are grateful for her labor, her counsel and prayers, and we will cherish the memory of our tender association with her, for almost a quarter of a century, while our interests have been her chief care and we realize that the measure of success we have attained is due largely to her skill and devotion.

That we will continue to love, reverence and pray for her, and trust that with her "at eventide it may be light."

MRS. C. A. HOOPER, MRS. S. PHILPOTT, MRS. M. E. STEELE, MRS. L. I. BLAKELEY And eight others.

We are glad in this issue to give the pictured face of Miss Estelle Haskin, city missionary employed in the Settlement work under the auspices of the City Board of Missions, Dallas, and in connection we give, also a



Miss Estelle Haskin.

short extract regarding her and her work, taken from last number of the King's Messenger. We know our members will read with interest that which tells of this dear young sister and the noble work to which she is consecrating her life:

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"Miss Haskin's own record leaves no

wonder in our minds that her just appreciation of the value of a college education makes her take as her special charge the education of her young sister, whom she now has at Park College, Missouri, preparing for a missionary. Another sister, who is a kindergarten teacher, will spend next year at Scarritt Bible and Training School.

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"Since Miss Haskin has refused a college position with more than twice the remuneration she receives as city missionary, it was no wonder the Board enthusiastically elected her for another year, and will be so helpful to her that she shall not regret her choice. She has developed a great work, and Dallas City Board of Missions is justly proud of her as the exponent of Settlement work in the South."

To the Auxiliaries, W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference:

I am glad to inform you that Miss Leonora Smith, one of our mission aries from Brazil, will be in North Texas from August 7 to 20. I hope our auxiliaries will give her a hearty welcome into our midst, feeling sure her presence among us will prove a blessing.

Those auxiliaries desiring a visit from her can arrange dates by communicating with me.

MRS. GEO. S. SEXTON, Cor. Sec. Conf. So. Gainesville, Texas.

SUPPLIES.

At the last annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference, I was elected superintendent of the department of supplies for the Northwest Texas Conference. Mrs. Hey writes me it is her hope or desire that each auxiliary send a box this year. This is also mine, and I know of no surer way to awaken an inert society than to get up a box. I shall try to get in communication with each auxiliary as soon as I can obtain addresses of Presidents. But meantime, let each one that can begin the preparation of a box. Write to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Nashville, Tenn., for a blank; also let me know the value of the box and where sent. Please take note that this should be reported to me and not to the Secretary of Conference Society; it is my duty to report to her.

I shall at once ascertain from our presiding elders whether there are any preachers within our conference needing boxes. But there are two places within our bounds where they are always needed—the Mission Home and Training School at Dallas, and the Orphanage at Waco. Dear sisters, let us remember these two places with generous supplies this year, and thus confer and obtain a blessing. Mrs. Yarbrough writes me she can not get reports from our conference of the boxes sent. Let us be careful in this matter and not do our conference an injustice in reports. We are one of the largest and should have one of the best reports.

MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG, Weatherford, Texas.

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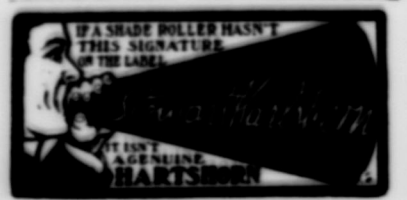
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HEATH.—Mrs. Catherine Heath (nee Whilson) was born September 21, 1832; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the tender age of fourteen; was married to William L. Heath in 1849; fell asleep in Jesus July 7, 1903. She leaves one child, two sisters and one brother to mourn their loss. Aunt Kit, as she was familiarly called, was a good woman. Her husband was a local preacher and preceded her to the good world several years. She was a mother in Israel. She had been afflicted for several months with paralysis and had been confined to her room, but she held on to the Lord with great faith. She often expressed a desire to go and be with Jesus and loved ones who had gone on before. Look up, dear son and sisters and brother. Be faithful; by and by we will meet mother and sister on the sunlit hills of glory. We laid her to rest in the Douglassville Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. Her pastor, S. N. ALLEN.

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art shall sing praises in us around the eternal remains will be brought by her brother and in family burying ground and father.

W. T. ROBINSON. J. W. Cook (nee Haw- of C. N. Hawell, was converted in 1855 M. E. Church, South- tried to J. W. F. Cook 1857, in Russell County, June 19, 1902. Sister afflicted a long time, faithful to the good Lord her pastor that she her in her sickness as health. Mother Cook is last; sleepeth, but not meet her by and by side of the river. She her dear old faithful stood by her bed so last. She was ready for the Master's call. She children to mourn their good Lord bring them to meet their dear children and husband. is beckoning for you the good Lord, that when es you can say, as she waiting. God bless you. S. N. ALLEN.

arah A. Crume was born 0, in Johnson County, passed from this suffering eternal June 23, 1902, own County, Texas. She her earthly death four girl and three boys. She making the world bet- home with love, seat- and sunshine everywhere God and the uplifting of betterment of each life in her sphere. It was to visit her quite often three years. She did not she was converted at 12 and joined the Methodist lived a consistent Chris- her death. Our adding g hope is that we shall and see her face again. she loved and served up her loved ones until again. D. A. McGUIRE

Johnnie Carl, son of J. Jamison, was born Sept. 10, June 25, 1902, aged days. Little Carl had enough to entwine him-arts of the family He ngly bright baby for the family will miss loss is heaven's gain. It the chain stronger in our blessed Savior, who nities, comfort and cheer hearts in this dark and GUS BARNES.

EE SENT HER to the Country. man of Bradford, Vt., to a good position in a ore and gave it up because at home, but it all ht at last and she tells way: "Two years ago I a position as bookkeeper department store to go take charge of the old er's health seemed that do you suppose proved that forced me to re-

er very weak, unable to and with a dizzy feel- to move about. She used to stop coffee drink- had used it from child- as though nothing place. I had settled at the farm when one thinking over the situa- ended to try an experi- package of Postum Coff- not cooked right the next we all were disappointed. cause we had tried to coffee. Next morning I made according to direc- were all delighted. In a should have seen the other. Since that time er drank coffee and now Postum twice a day and rest times and think it su-

ce in Mother's health coffee and took up Pos- wonderful. She is once take the work again, fact, with no more weak- more trouble of any kind. story short she is now and I am going back to we weeks, thanks to Pos- given by Postum Co., Mich. stem with a dash of lem- tiful "cooler" for warm particulars by mail of ex- on the \$7,500.00 cooks 15 money prizes.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Table listing church conferences in West Texas, including Beville District-Third Round, Beville District-Fourth Round, San Angelo District-Fourth Round, Llano District-Fourth Round, Austin District-Third Round, San Marcos District-Third Round, Cuero District-Third Round, San Antonio District-Third Round, Northwest Texas Conference, Fort Worth District-Third Round, Palestine District-Third Round, Huntsville District-Third Round, Calvert District-Third Round, Corsicana District-Third Round, Pittsburg District-Third Round, Weatherford District-Third Round, Waxahachie District-Third Round, and Houston District-Third Round.

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Table listing church conferences in North Texas, including Sherman District-Third Round, Dallas District-Third Round, Bonham District-Third Round, McKinney District-Third Round, Paris District-Third Round, Bowie District-Third Round, Terrell District-Third Round, Greenville District-Third Round, Indian Mission Conference, Mangum District-Fourth Round, Beaumont District-Third Round, and Houston District-Third Round.

The flight of time ought to remind us of the coming of the time of our flight.—Ram's Horn.

I & G. N. EXCURSION RATES. Marlin-The Great Health Resort. Set- from date of sale for return.

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Advertisement for 'THE KATY WAY' featuring an illustration of a woman and text: 'There's a Way for the SUMMER TOURIST'. Includes information about routes and fares.

Advertisement for 'MILES AND MINUTES' with the slogan 'Are Very Important to the Traveler. THE I. & G. N. IS'. Lists various routes and travel times.

Advertisement for 'MODERN EQUIPMENT, SUPERB DINING CAR SERVICE' by the I. & G. N. Railroad.

Advertisement for 'PURVEYORS of PUBLIC LEASURE' by the Houston & Texas Central R. R., listing 'KINGSLAND, LLANO, LAMPASAS, MARLIN AND WOOTAN WELLS' and 'Summer Rates in Effect beginning June 1'.



WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

much interest. We are reading Stalker's "Life of Christ." A list of questions printed in the local paper prior to the meeting gives each member the opportunity of being prepared on the lesson, hence all take an interest and enter into a discussion of it. This course alternates with the questions in "Our Homes." The collections are well up and we are now engaged in some local work.

The president has appointed a Superintendent of Press Department.

MRS. C. C. CODY.

Seventh Street, Temple.

During this year the W. H. M. Society of Seventh Street, Temple, has again become connectional. We realize in some degree the importance of our work and some are ready to lead in new plans and undertakings. The officers are very good to attend the meetings and there is no trouble about the collection of dues. The Bible study and devotional services are proving very helpful. The society as a whole is loyal to the pastor and Church. Our membership is small, but we have some enthusiasm and under the Divine Spirit we hope to do much in a substantial way.

While our pastor was away in a meeting we spent about \$12.50 in fitting up a room for him. In local work and expenses we have spent up to date about \$50.

Our prayers are for a greater consecration and better service.

In serving cream July 7, we cleared almost \$50. We have in mind some improvement on our church, which you will hear of later. The officers are as follows:

President, Mrs. Walker Saulsberry; First Vice-President, Mrs. Alice Russell; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Third Vice-President, Mrs. Stowell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rhettie Cox; Secretary, Miss Addie Buchanan; Treasurer, Mrs. Lively Shear.

MRS. WALKER SAULSBERRY.

Salado.

Having been asked to write of our Auxiliary W. H. M. Society at Salado for the Woman's Department of the Advocate, I undertake to reply to the request, but hardly know what to write, for there are so few of us and we haven't done anything special this year.

We only have twelve paid up connectional members, with about seven as an average attendance at our devotional meetings, which are held once a month, and about five as a general average at our social or sewing meeting, which is also once a month. At the social meetings we piece or quilt quilts for our boxes that we send off in the winter and fall, unless we are making clothes to put in a box, and of course we talk, or some member reads from some good book, while the others sew.

At our devotional meetings we carry out as near as possible the program as laid down in "Our Homes." At our devotional meeting in June we were honored by the presence of our District Secretary, whose visit we enjoyed very much. We are very few in number, but the amount of our work last year in dollars and cents was near \$100. Some very spiritual meetings we have at our devotional services. We don't have teas and entertainments like a great many, but dip down in our pockets and get the desired amount. Most generally we deny ourselves and give. But we are a faithful little twelve who try to do our part well. We love our pastor, Bro. Armstrong, and are ever ready to give him a helping hand. We are trying to use the talents God has given us.

MRS. L. M. CROCKETT, Cor. Sec.

Three Forks.

Three Forks Auxiliary W. H. M. Society was organized by Mrs. A. C. Buchanan, District Secretary, June 1, with eleven members. Mrs. John A. Wallace, President; Mrs. C. B. Elliott, First Vice-President; Miss Maggie Wallace, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. R. G. Ferguson, Treasurer. Our dues are paid.

We gave an ice cream supper and made \$24. We have a nice little church and the first thing we do is going to be insuring it, and then beautifying it within and help on our parsonage, which is being built at Holland. We like our pastor, Bro. C. S. Cameron. He strengthens us with his prayers and his faith in us. The sick and needy find willing and sympathetic assistance.

MISS MAGGIE WALLACE, Cor. Sec.

Troy.

The Auxiliary W. H. M. Society at Troy was organized in the summer of 1901. Our present officers are: President, Mrs. Rose Evans; First Vice-President, Mrs. S. B. Sawyers; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. M. Dickey; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Tom Crawford; Recording Secretary, Miss Bes-

sie Pendleton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Letitia Hassler.

To show you what we are doing, I will give you an itemized statement of our finances for the year ending February 28, 1903:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Membership dues (\$17.20), Contingent fees (1.85), By picnic (56.90), By oyster supper (27.30), By open meeting (1.00), On cards (1.99), Week of Prayer (3.85), From mite box (2.85), Associate membership dues (1.20), Bal. on quit (10.00), Rec'd during 1902 (2.00).

Total \$136.70

Disbursements— Membership dues \$17.20, P'd. on parsonage 70.00, P'd. preacher's salary 10.00, P'd. pews 10.00, For Reading Course 4.75, For printing minutes annual meeting 1.00. Total \$113.65

Our society is weak in numbers, but strong in faith and prayer. We have held on to God, believing his promise, "that where a few have met in his name, there he will be in the midst to own and bless." We have prospered. God has blessed the labor of our hands, and to-day we stand a united band of women, whose hearts are enlisted in God's work. Only twenty strong, yet we feel we have wrought well. But when we survey the field we realize we have only made a beginning. We see the great possibilities that we may accomplish, and we are inspired to greater zeal and renewed energy in this great work.

But, sisters of the H. M. Society, our work does not end with the building of parsonages. That should be only a part of it; but, further, it should be the desire of every H. M. S. to organize around each pastor a band of faithful women filled with zealous determination to do their part to bring their country to Christ. There must be no idlers in Zion. What an amount of work for the Master is possible for the "Marys" and "Marthas" of our day if they were only interested in this great work! God bless the good women of the Church and give them pure hearts, active minds and ready hands to do this great work.

MRS. LETITIA D. HASSLER, Cor. Sec.

Bartlett.

Number in auxiliary fifteen; average attendance, nine. As to our work, I will say that we are striving most earnestly to seat our church, which will cost \$500. So all of our efforts are in that line now. We decided upon this the first of March and since that time have raised \$50. Besides this we have assisted the needy of our town. We have a plan for the summer by which we hope to increase the amount on hand.

MRS. J. P. HAIRSTON, Cor. Sec.

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Use Horsford's Acid Phosphate. It allays the nervousness and disordered digestion caused by excessive use of Tea, Coffee or Alcoholic drinks. Puts the stomach in an active and healthy condition. Try it.

Camp-Meeting.

The Pleasant Grove Camp-meeting will begin July 24 and continue ten days. Rev. A. P. Lowrey, of Waco, will do the preaching. The public cordially invited to attend. We would be glad to have with us as many of the preachers as can be present.

S. B. BEALL, P. C. Kyle, Texas.

AN AWFUL SUFFERER.

If there is any disease which is awful in its effects upon the sufferer, that disease is Asthma. Suffocating, gasping for air, and sitting up, perhaps for weeks, in an agony of despair, weary, worn and helpless, such is the life of one who is afflicted with Asthma. An explorer on the Congo River, in darkest Africa, discovered the wonderful Kola Plant, which has proved an unfading cure for Asthma, Hay-fever, and allied spasmodic diseases. And now all over Europe physicians are endorsing and prescribing the Kola Plant as the only sure, constitutional cure for these diseases. There are three thousand recorded cures within three months. So sure are the importers of Kola of the fact that it can not fail to cure, that they are sending out large trial cases free, to any sufferer from Asthma or Hay-fever who makes the request. For the benefit of our readers who may be afflicted, we cheerfully give the address of the Importing Company, who have given this boon to humanity. Address: Kola Importing Co., 1182 Broadway, New York, and they will send you a Large Trial Case free, by mail, and prepaid. It costs you nothing and you should surely try it.

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.

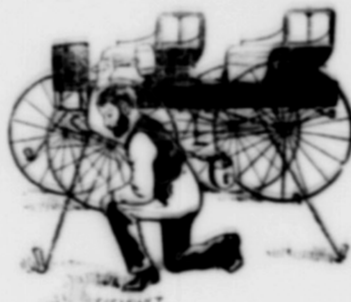
L. BLAYLOCK, Dallas, Texas.

A DYING SOLDIER WANTED TO BE BAPTIZED.

The article by Vere V. Hunt in the Texas Christian Advocate of July 2 reminds me of the following battlefield incident at Guntown, Miss., June 11, 1864: A terrible battle was fought that day between Forrest's Cavalry and the Union Army under General Sturgis, resulting in the utter rout of the Federal forces. To the rear, in a field hospital, lay a young Confederate soldier boy mortally wounded. The surgeon told him he had but a few hours to live. He was the only son of a Presbyterian family, yet wayward and wicked. Amid the awful carnage around him, with death so near, he cried mightily to God for mercy, and soon found peace by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. He called for a chaplain, saying he wanted to be baptized, and die in the Church. Several chaplains were on the ground ministering to the wounded and dying. Two different preachers (immersionists) came to see him, but assured him that they could do nothing for him. Because of his dying condition they could not baptize (immerse) him and receive him into the Church. A Cumberland Presbyterian minister, Chaplain of a Tennessee Regiment, came upon the scene. The dying soldier told him that God for Christ's sake had pardoned his sins; that now he was dying, would soon be gone, and that he wanted the news to go to his good mother that had prayed for him so long that he died for his country in the faith—in the Church—and would meet her in heaven. He complained bitterly at the other preachers for refusing to take him into the Church because they could not immerse him. This chaplain, kneeling by his side, administered to him the vows of the Church and baptized him with water poured from a canteen. Baptism can thus be administered at any time, any where under all circumstances, in a lady's parlor, at the dying couch, or in the field hospital amid the carnage of war. This example, and there are others, is an unanswerable argument that God designed that this ordinance of his Church should be administered by affusion. J. N. HUNTER, Wylie, Texas.

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