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Editorial.

ESAU AND JACOB.

Esau and Jacob were born twin brothers, but they were as unlike in temperament, aptitude and character as though no kinship were possible. Doubtless, in the case of Esau, the law of heredity skipped two or three generations and reproduced in him a racial type long absorbed. This often occurs in the progress of families. Now and then we find a member of one family bearing no resemblance to any other member of the same household, and it is only proof that, in his case, there is the prevalence of a well known law to revert, even after the intervention of two or three generations, to some original ancestor. Esau had none of the well defined marks of the Jew in his habits or character. He possessed a wild, roving disposition, cared nothing for pride of family or worldly possession. He loved the fields and the forests, and delighted in the chase. To him the birthright meant nothing, and he disposed of it for a passing meal. He turned away from his kindred, and sought a wife, or wives, among the strange women of the land. His father and mother soon discovered that in him the integrity of the Hebrew race would soon be lost, and that divine promises to it would pass for naught. While they loved him, particularly his father, on account of his generous impulses and his frank manner of life, nevertheless parental attention was directed to the fact that Jacob, with all his prominent faults, was the hope of Jewish posterity. He was a realistic Jew in every tendency and endowment of his nature. He loved his home, his family and his race. He was a shrewd, cunning money-maker, and he knew how to take advantage of those with whom he had dealings. Put him down anywhere, and it was not long until he had a monopoly of the business in the community. Even when he lay down to sleep, near Bethel, and God appeared to him in the visions of the night, the first thing he did on awaking was to enter into an agreement with the Almighty, in which large advantages were to accrue to himself. Then, when he reached the far-away land of his father, and became identified with his uncle Laban, his Jewish instincts came to the front; but Laban was also a Jew, and in their cases it was Jew-meet-Jew. But the younger man outwitted the older, and it was not more than fourteen years until Jacob had married both of Laban's daughters and owned the largest end of the old man's estate. This brought about a family rupture, resulting in Jacob's return to Canaan. But before he could become the dominant progenitor of the Jewish race, God had to take him into special hand. So, on his return to the promised land, the angel met him at the brook Jabbok, and wrestled with him through one whole night, and when the morning dawned he ceased to be the old, mean, cunning Jacob, and was transformed into the new Israel. From thenceforth he had power with God and men. This was the real birth of the Hebrew nation. Therefore, the reason why God chose Jacob the younger over Esau the older is, that Ja-

cob had in him the elements out of which a great man and a wonderful nation could be made. But it took heroic grace to eliminate the bad and to develop the good in his character. Even grace can not make greatness out of some men, though it can make goodness in all men. But greatness and goodness are not interchangeable terms. Esau had good impulses mixed with much evil, but those permanent elements which go to make great, strong and all-dominating character were largely lacking in Esau. They inhered in Jacob. After God prevailed with him, his posterity became a mighty nation, in which kings, poets, artists, churchmen, and financiers were born. The posterity of Esau became the nomads of the desert, and their thought has never prevailed among the better portions of the world. Therefore, God always makes proper estimates of men. He gives all of them a chance to be saved and to develop, but he makes special selections when he has a great nation to build or an extraordinary mission to accomplish. This is why he chose Jacob in preference to Esau, as the progenitor of the Jewish race.

IT RAINS ON THE LAST ROUND.

How often at the session of the conference have we heard many of the preachers say in making their reports, "Bishop, I intended on the last round to finish my collections, but it rained and I failed to see my people." And when the brethren come to settle with the publisher of the Advocate they often furnish this excuse for their failure to collect accounts for their organ. Now there is but one way to prevent this failure which comes as the result of rain on the last round, and that is to begin now and never stop until the work is done, and then if it rains on the last round you will not fail to get your collections and to bring up the accounts for the Advocate. The man who waits till the last round on his work to attend to these matters will, in a measure if not wholly, fail in his reports at conference. Such important questions as these can not be left to the end of the year for settlement, but must be pressed on every round until they are complete. The present year bids fair to be one of great prosperity. The wheat yield is fine, grass is flourishing, the corn is luxuriant and the cotton is coming on with fair show for success. These crops will leave money in the country, and now is the time to ask the people to remember their obligations to the claims of the Church. Success can only be achieved by persistent effort, and the preacher who fails to put his efforts forth will come up behind at conference time. Therefore let us insist upon every pastor putting these claims now on the hearts of the people and keep them there until the amounts are contributed. We do not ask unreasonable things. These claims are placed upon a minimum basis and to come up short on them is to cause our work to suffer. Again we repeat, do not wait till the last round, lest the rain interfere with your method of home-run work. Be up and doing now and keep at it till the money is secured.

LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK.

There is no accomplishment more becoming to Christian character and conduct than that of true patience. By this we do not mean a namby-pamby submission to everything that comes along, but a quiet and unruffled state of mind in the presence of irritation and trying conditions. Life is largely made up of little worries and annoyances, and it is these petty things that wear us out. If great trials overtake us it is not so hard to look to God for strength and rely upon his strong arm to help us, but when the hundred and one things come up in the course of daily life in the home and in the place of business, we are liable to forget ourselves and indulge in fuming and fretting. These are the matters that try us beyond measure. When tigers attack us or when vultures swoop down upon us, we can muster all our strength and nerve all our courage to fight them off, but when the night comes and we want to sleep and mosquitoes sing around us and pierce us, then it is that we lose patience and fly into a passion. Now it is under just such circumstances as these that we need infinite Christian patience. Christ had this patience to perfection. He was never thrown off his guard by the mean little attacks of his foes, and when the great trials came he met them with triumphant resignation. We need to know him in his relation to all the little misunderstandings that he encountered and then we will have patience of the right sort. The mother needs this patience in dealing with her children, the father needs it in his numerous little business transactions, the teacher needs it in the duties of the school room and the pastor needs it in all his relations to his work. It is patience that sweetens life's experiences, that nerves one for great issues and that brings us out more than conqueror through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. When patience has her perfect work the way of life grows smooth, the burdens of the day become lighter, the toils of life easier and the battles and conflicts are more successfully fought. No other grace can take the place of patience. We need to cultivate it and grow into it as the days pass by. Patience is the secret of a really happy life. Without it we are like a ship tossed by the waves.

THE AGE OF GREAT PREACHERS.

We do not believe that the age of great preachers has passed in the Methodist Church, but the style and manner of preaching have radically changed. In the earlier days of the Church there were three classes of preachers, and their differences were marked and striking. There were the hortatory preachers. They were men of good natural gifts, possessed of a deep and rich experience, and they preached the power of the gospel out of their own conscious sense of divine pardon. One text suited their purpose as well as another; but, when they threw their souls into their impassioned appeals and supplemented their efforts with earnest prayer and spiritual songs, sinners

were moved and penitents were converted. Then there were the expository preachers. They took the great texts of the Scriptures and wrought out of them the fundamental doctrines of Methodism, and when they spoke they led the people upon the substantial of Bible truth. They indoctrinated the people. Whenever they appeared in the pulpit, they expounded the doctrines of the movement, the universality of the plan of salvation, justification by faith, repentance, regeneration, adoption, the witness of the Spirit, and the sanctification of believers. Such men were trained logicians, and they proved their statements by indisputable evidence, and thereby established the people in the essentials of theology. Some of them were masters in the field of polemics and great in their conceptions of truth. But there was still another class, and they were the orators. They were men of pure diction, well read in polite literature, adepts in the use of rhetoric, brilliant in imagination, poetic in temperament, gorgeous in fancy, and pictorial in style. Among this class were men who would rank favorably with the great orators in the forum and on the hustings. And God had use for all these men, the exhorter, the expounder and the orator. With their gifts consecrated they were giants in their day, and even now we look back at some of them, and they seem to tower above their fellows like mountain-peaks above the foothills of earth. We will never see their like again, for they were peculiar to the age and generation in which they lived. They were adapted to the needs of the Church under those conditions, and we owe them a debt not easily discharged. But the conditions have changed, and the style of ministry has also changed. We still have a place for the expounder of doctrines, but the day of the orator and the exhorter has passed. This is a teaching age, and the pulpit that does not impart instruction to the people is out of date and inefficient. We now have a simpler style of presenting truth. We want more directness, more condensation. The generality of the people are better educated, they think more for themselves, and it is the business of the preacher to convince and arouse to action. He needs to search for the truth, and, like the Saviour, open his mouth and teach the people. In matters of this character there is still room for the great preacher—great in thought, great in earnestness, great in the knowledge of the Scriptures, great in reaching men, great in life, and great in influence. We are willing to do justice to the men who have gone before us, but we have no sympathy with the idea that all the great preachers are dead, and that the present day is one of pulpit poverty. There has been a general leveling up of men, and there is not now between them the same sharp distinction that once existed. There is more of intellectual and literary equality, and no one of them stands out so conspicuously above his brethren as aforesaid. And this will become more and more apparent as the years advance. Therefore, let every man in the Methodist pulpit still strive to make everything possible out of the talents and gifts with which God has endowed him.

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AIM OF THE CHURCH.

It is important and even essential that every Christian should have a definite and correct view of the true aim of the Church. Men engaged in worldly pursuits know exactly what they are trying to do. Ask a farmer or any one of the men working on a farm what they hope to accomplish by all their toil, and without a moment's hesitation he will answer correctly: "In this field we are raising corn; in that field wheat; in another field clover." Ask the proprietor of a great factory or any employe in the establishment what all the labor and machinery are for, and he will give an immediate and correct answer: "We are making carpets, or watches, or sewing machines, or reapers." There is no uncertainty, no doubt. Go into a school where hundreds of young people meet together five days in the week, and ask any teacher or scholar what it is all for, and he will tell you that they are teaching the young to think. If it should be a school with a special purpose, the teacher or student will say, "We are making physicians, teachers, ministers, or soldiers here." In every case the answer is definite and correct.

How many members of a great Church can tell just what all the machinery and effort of the Church are for? Yet this is one thing which everyone who belongs to a Church should know perfectly. The aim of the Church is not to furnish entertainment. Many persons go to Church to be entertained, and if the entertainment is satisfactory they will go again, but if it is otherwise they are not attracted by what they have heard and seen. The Church should not be dull and stupid. The minister should not be indifferent to the desire for entertainment. He should do what he can to interest and attract even the worldly to the sanctuary by presenting the truth in the most forcible way. But entertainment must not be the aim of the sermon, the song, or the prayer. This is a secondary and incidental consideration.

It is not the aim of the Church to gratify the social longings of the people. Those who manage the affairs of the Church must not forget that men and women have social feelings. Many are driven from the Church by the coldness and indifference of its members. But the Church is not a social club, and all efforts to attract and hold the people by appealing to their social nature must be subservient to a higher end. It is not the aim of the Church to cultivate and improve the intellectual life of men. Some are so intellectual that they cannot enjoy a religious service unless it is of a high intellectual order. The Church does appeal to the intellect, quicken and stimulate the intellectual faculties, and improve the intellectual life of the community. But this also is incidental. The aim of the Church is higher.

The Church cannot afford to direct its energies toward the manufacture of political sentiment and the support of a political party. No doubt every true Church does influence the political movements of the country. It is a great blessing to the State. But the Church which lends or sells itself to a political party or leader, or becomes a political machine, is not a Church of God. Nor is it the aim of the Church to build up a strong and influential society founded on wealth, fashion, and culture. We have witnessed a deal of rivalry in this direction. Many laymen appear to think that the Church will be strengthened by adding to its membership as many rich men as possible, and that it is necessarily a weak Church if its members are all poor. Their ideal of a Church is a wealthy society. We do not disparage wealth. Those

who condemn men simply because they are wealthy are narrow and partisan in spirit. Some rich men are as humble, unselfish, pure, and honest as any that live. Some poor men are as worldly-minded, as proud and cruel as it is possible for men to be. The Church should not ask whether a man is rich or poor, but only remember that he is a man. In the Church the rich and poor should meet together, for the Lord is the Maker of them all.

The true aim of the Church is to make good men, women, and children. To bring men to God and lead them in the paths of righteousness, to train them in virtue and holiness, is the work of the Church. All else must bend to this. Men need nothing so much as a good, pure heart. They need education, culture, refinement, money, bread, and a thousand things. But they can do without all these. They cannot do without a pure heart and a right spirit. The world needs nothing so much as good men. It needs great men, educated men, rich men, men of genius, statesmen. But most of all it needs men with right hearts, men whose goodness is not merely outward but inward also. True men are needed everywhere and at all times. This is a great work. The farmer is doing a great work, but his work is to produce bodily food. Important as it is, it cannot be compared with the bread of life which nourishes the soul. The manufacturer is doing much for the world, but he is dealing with material things. The teacher is a great blessing, and the school is indispensable. But the school deals with the intellect and with science. The Church deals with the heart, the conscience, the affections, and the relation of the spirit of man to the Spirit of God.

If all ministers and all Christians would make everything in the Church bend to this one great purpose their labors would be lighter and the results would be grander. Set the heart right and all will be right. There will be little trouble about entertainment and social enjoyment and all the rest when the heart is right. Everything is in its order. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."—The Christian Advocate.

BE CONSISTENT.

You will not join a Church because of inconsistent Church members! Consistency, then, is the word you wish to emphasize. Very well. Here is the world of trade and commerce. To-morrow, merchants will adulterate their goods, traders will tamper with their weights, milkmen will water their milk, drapers will sell cotton for silk, clerks will steal money from the bank, and the whole kingdom of trade stands for hypocrisy and lies. Since you do not care to associate with hypocrites, withdraw from business, and pledge yourself never again to enter the kingdom of commerce. If inconsistent members keep you out of the Church, why do not inconsistent members keep you out of business? Here is the kingdom of law. To-morrow, lawyers will be tricksters. They will suborn witnesses. They will conceal evidence. They will deal in subtleties. But because some lawyers are unprofessional, will that compel you to stand aloof from the study of jurisprudence? Here is the kingdom of love and marriage. To-morrow some man will play false to his marriage vow, and some woman will profane the holiest sanctities, and those who have solemnly pledged themselves to the law of love will stand forth clothed with hypocrisy as with a garment. But does their inconsistency mean that you can never found your home, and that you can never

stand at a marriage altar, and never swear fealty in the name of an eternal friendship? Why, there are spots on the sun, but we need the sun for harvest. To be consistent, you must give up the Venus de Milo, because there is a flaw in the marble. We must pull down the Parthenon, because they are black stains on the columns. Now, something is wrong in the man who refuses allegiance to the Church because of inconsistency, but turns around and gives allegiance to a hundred other institutions, in the very face of greater inconsistencies.

The time has gone forever for men to plead the bigotry and bad lives of the unworthy disciples of a Master who confessedly is worthy. Peter and Judas were not Christian and misrepresented their Master. But in that hour of misrepresentation they ceased to be disciples and became hypocrites. Let all those who dislike hypocrisy leave immediately the company of Judas and Peter with his denial and join the rank of the other ten. We grant that there are men outside of the Church who are better than some in the Church. Now and then a youth appears in the realm of art who is blessed with such native genius that instinctively he understands the laws of drawing and perspective and the laws of harmonious color. And side by side with him is another youth who for years has been in the school under a great artist-master, and after long drill can scarcely equal his brother who is self-taught. But shall this gifted youth who has received so much from his parents and his God declaim against his father, or despise the school of art?

There are many poor pupils in schools and colleges, but when you find some youth who is far from being the ideal scholar, do not rail against the college and the university. The poorer the scholar the more necessary the maintenance of the school in which he studies. Not otherwise, if men in the Church are sinful and weak and full of error, it is the more necessary to strengthen the Church, that manhood later may be strengthened. Unconsciously, he who urges the inconsistency of Christians and rails against their errors, has forged a weapon that turns against himself.

How ungenerous are all these excuses, as well as how wicked! We live in God's world. He hath fitted up this world-house as no Prince has ever fitted up the halls of a palace. We breathe his air, are warmed by his summers, we feed upon his harvests, we are pilgrims who stoop and drink at his fountains. The angel of his providence goes before us to prepare life's way; the angel of his mercy follows after us to recover us from our transgressions. And how shall men meet such overflowing generosity save with instant obedience? What mark across the page or memory so black as the mark of ingratitude?—Newell Dwight Hillis.

THE GOOD MEDICINE OF A MERRY HEART.

We may get and take this good medicine of a merry heart by counting mercies. "It ain't so hard to be contented with the things we have," said the old woman dolefully, "it's being contented with the things we haven't that's so tryin'." "I don't know about that," said Uncle Silas; "when we begin to look at the things our neighbors have and we haven't, we always pick out just the things we want. They live in a nice house, we say, and we have only a little one. They have money, and we need to count every penny. They have an easy time and we have to work. We never say: 'They have the typhoid fever, but it did not come near us. They have a son in the insane asylum, but our brains are sound. Staggering feet go into their grand door, but nothing worse than tired ones come home to ours at night.' You see, when we begin to call Prov-

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idence to account for the things that don't come to us, it's only fair to take in all kinds of things."

Count your mercies. There was a dear, serene old lady. Somehow a sweet and beautiful light kept falling on her face. The lines of care and irritation could not be found in it. A woman given to fretfulness and almost annoyed at such steady placidity, asked her the secret of her content. "My dear, I keep a pleasure book," she said. Speech went on about it, and at last the pleasure book was shown. It was filled with items like these: "Saw a beautiful lily in a window." "Talked to a bright, happy girl." "Received a kind letter from a dear friend." "Enjoyed a beautiful sunset." "Husband brought some roses home to me." "My boy out to-day for the first time after the croup." "Have you found pleasure for every day?" wistfully asked the fretful woman. "Yes, for every day, even the sad ones," was the low-toned answer. Ah, yes, keep up a pleasure book; count up your mercies; so you can get and take this good medicine of a merry heart.

But, after all, the best way to get and take this good medicine of a merry heart is by the cherishing of a steady faith in God. I have read how Pastor Herne carved over the lintel of his house the motto: "God is overhead. All's well."—Wayland Hoyt.

BIBLE STUDY.

Why should not everybody, especially every Church member, belong to the Sunday-school? Surely no one can lay claim to sufficient knowledge of the Bible. Even the most scholarly men of the age are constantly studying the Old Book, and are ever finding something new in it. In spite of the sensation produced by several recent works of fiction, the Bible is more discussed to-day than any other book, and the interest in it is of the interest kind. Such a book ought to be studied regularly by every person. We are convinced that by joining the Sunday-school and making use of the best helps in Bible study, the best results can be secured. Good helps are cheap, for one thing. Then the study of certain portions of the Bible every week will tend to regular and systematic habits of nourishing the soul with the very food that it most needs.—The Observer.

THE GREAT MASTER.

"I am my own master!" cried a young man, proudly, when a friend tried to persuade him from an enterprise which he had on hand; "I am my own master!"

"Did you ever consider what a responsible post that is?" asked his friend.

"Responsible—is it?"

"A master must lay out the work which he wants done and see that it is done right. He should try to secure the best ends by the best means. He must keep on the lookout against obstacles and accidents, and watch that everything goes straight, or else he must fail."

"Well."

"To be master of yourself you have your conscience to keep clear,

your heart to cultivate, your temper to govern, your will to direct, and your judgment to instruct. You are master over a hard lot, and if you don't master them, they will master you."

"That is so," said the young man. "Now, I could undertake no such thing," said his friend. "I should fail, sure, if I did. Saul wanted to be his own master and failed. Herod did. Judas did. No man is fit for it. 'One is my master, even Christ.' I work under his direction. He is regular, and where he is master all goes right."—Exchange.

WHAT THOMAS MISSED.

Will disciples who don't go to prayer-meetings please read John 20:19-29? Here an account is given of the first Christian prayer and conference meeting.

The ratio of attendance was much greater than is usual now, as all the disciples—Judas having gone to his own place—were present, except Thomas. He was absent, and apparently not excused. Perhaps it rained, or possibly he had an important business engagement; he may not have felt very well, or after a tiresome day may have felt very well, or after a tiresome day may not have felt very well, or after a tiresome day may have felt the need of physical relaxation. At any rate, he was absent; and he missed a great deal.

In the first place, he missed seeing Jesus. For the Master came to that first prayer-meeting, and spoke at it.

In the second place, Thomas missed the mysterious gift of the Holy Ghost, which those present received from the Savior.

In the third place, he lost his faith in Christianity. When the disciples next met him he had blossomed out into a full-fledged agnostic. He flatly refused to accept their united testimony, and declared that nothing short of full scientific proof could ever convince him of the resurrection. What a price to pay for neglecting to go to one prayer-meeting!

But it is substantially what the Christian of nowadays loses if he absents himself from the more intimate meetings of Christ's disciples. He, too, misses the vision of Jesus, the anction of the Spirit, and the assurance of faith. Church Economist.

WHEN YOU ARE ALL BOUND UP

and are suffering from indigestion, lack of appetite, foul breath, headache, dyspepsia, catarrh of the stomach, kidney and liver complaints you need a tonic laxative, something that will move the bowels quickly, easily and without leaving harmful effects behind. Never use a purgative or cathartic. They weaken the bowels and system and make the disease worse. Use instead Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine. It tones, builds up, gives new strength and vigor, not alone to the bowels but to the whole being. Only one small dose a day will cure any case, from the lightest to the worst. That means cure, not simply relief only. Most obstinate cases yield gently and easily and the cure is permanent. Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine is not a patent medicine. A list of ingredients is in every package with explanation of their action. Write us for a free sample bottle. Vernal Remedy Co., 40 Seneca Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Secular News Items.

STATE ITEMS.

Narcotics voted last week to extend the corporate limits to two miles square and increased the population to about 5,000.

A vicious squirrel entered the house of P. A. Gorman, who lives near the business part of Waco, a short time ago and bit two or three of his children. It was fought back by them, but in the fight two of the children were bitten. Physicians have been called in and are giving the bites of the squirrel the proper attention.

Treasure hunters are said to be again digging up Treasure Hill, fifteen miles southwest of Hillsboro. For the past fifteen years holes have been dug there at intervals. Tradition says large quantities of gold and silver were holed there by early settlers, who were exterminated by the Indians and the treasure lost.

The cruiser Galveston, which was under construction when the Triggs shipyard, Richmond, Va., went into the hands of a receiver, was successfully launched last week. Miss Ella Searcy, of Galveston, acted as sponsor. The only government official present was Assistant Naval Constructor Groesbeck.

The story went out from New York to the effect that Valer Jones, who figured so conspicuously in the Rice-Patrick sensation in that city, had disappeared completely created but little interest here. Jones is in Galveston, where he has been for some months past. He was heard from to-day.

Governor Lanham has appointed J. T. Johnston of Independence, Jefferson Johnson of Austin, A. D. Mebane of Lockhart, C. C. Hooper of Taylor and R. R. McDade of Hempstead on the board to pass on the merits of remedies for the destruction of the boll weevil submitted in competition for the reward of \$50,000 offered by the State. The Governor has called a meeting of the board to be held in Austin at 10 o'clock Wednesday, August 5.

Three hundred pounds of dynamite exploded at the Portland Cement Works, three miles west of Dallas, last week. People for the time thought it was an earthquake. Houses in the city were badly shaken up, but nobody was hurt.

Texas has over 11,000 miles of railroad in operation, besides private logging and electric lines.

Mr. J. B. Mathis, living near Mexia, had some boys at work in his cotton last week picking off the boll weevil, and they got 12,000 of them and burned them. Mr. Mathis says he will continue the experiment in other parts of his field, as he thinks he has struck the best and cheapest way to get rid of the pest. He pays 10 cents per 100 for the work.

A horrible case of a mother killing her four-year-old babe by mashing its head with an ax was brought to light in New Laredo, Mex., by the Chief of Police. The dead body was found concealed in a pile of brush near the house where the woman lived, and after her arrest she confessed to having committed the crime.

Plans are on foot to build a railroad from Nacogdoches out to the oil fields. The distance is sixteen miles. Several years ago the right of way for a projected railroad was cut to a point within five miles distance of the oil wells and this right of way can now be utilized.

Whitesboro was thrown into quite a degree of excitement one day this week by the finding of a paper purporting to be a set of resolutions of an anti-white man's club. Among other things the resolutions set forth a plan to revenge the wrongs of the colored race by poisoning certain wells of the neighborhood and by outraging white women. Some action will be taken by the citizens to try to ferret out the author of the document.

NEWS IN GENERAL.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons last week, Gerald Balfour, President of the Board of Trade, said that 500 cotton factories in Lancashire were working on short time and 350,000 operatives were affected. This was due to the difficulty in securing raw cotton. The question of cotton growing in the British empire in order to create a supply outside that of the Southern States of America was receiving careful consideration and the Board of Trade was prepared to give any practicable help to those interested in the matter.

About 3,000,000 wage earners will be represented by the American Federation of Labor Convention at Boston, Mass., in November.

For the first time in his life Governor Bates, with the Transit Commission, walked under water from East Boston, last Thursday, through the tunnel which has been constructed 90 feet below the level of tide-water. The

journey over required just thirty-five minutes. Governor Bates says that he found the trip through the tunnel both enjoyable and interesting, and declares that the substantial completion of this great engineering work marks an epoch of the greatest importance to the city, meaning as much to Boston as to the island wards.

All Chinese now employed at Cumberland, R. C., are to be excluded from those mines forthwith. It is the intention of the government to enforce immediately the coal mines' regulation act excluding Chinese from working underground in coal mines.

Much dissatisfaction is expressed by musicians of New York City over the action of the Musical Mutual Protective union in voting to ally itself with the Federation of Musicians, which practically amounts to an alliance with the American Federation of Labor.

Captain Hemphill, commanding the U. S. sloop "Kearsarge," has been ordered to take that vessel on a 2500 mile run across the Atlantic at the highest speed possible at ordinary draft. Keen interest is felt in naval circles in the result of this transatlantic test of the cruising powers of the "Kearsarge," which, judging from the past record of that ship, bid fair to rival those of the famous "Oregon." The "Kearsarge" is following the great circle course from Portsmouth, England, to Frenchman's Bay, Maine, where she is expected to arrive about July 27.

A Chicago man who heard Congressman "Bob" Cousins deliver a speech in Des Moines recently, is prepared to affirm that the Iowa man has Milestian blood in his veins. This conclusion was reached after the Congressman indulged in this wonderful oratorical flight: "It is the wall of American protection upon which the feet of industry and labor leaped out of the panic and disaster of 1896, waving the flag of employment and prosperity and independence in the face of all the world."

A dispatch to the New York Herald on Friday says: All records have been surpassed by the list of candidates who have passed both the mental and physical examinations for admission to the Naval Academy. The new class numbers 201 cadets. Thirty-one of the cadets are from New York. Twenty-four cadets entered from Pennsylvania, 16 from Illinois, 11 from Ohio, 11 from Michigan, 9 from Virginia, 7 from Indiana, 6 from Massachusetts, 6 from New Jersey, 8 from South Carolina, 1 from California, 2 from Missouri and 7 at large.

Virginia negroes are trying to raise \$20,000, with which to pay for the services of John S. Wise and John G. Carlisle in their contest over the validity of the suffrage sections of the new Virginia Constitution.

Ox-tail soup, now regarded as a national English dish, was first made by the very poor of Huguenot refugees from France, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, because ox tails then had no market value.

The debts of most Southern States diminish slowly, but the debts of Southern cities are generally considerable. New Orleans owes \$18,000,000, Louisville \$8,000,000, Kansas City \$6,000,000, Memphis \$3,200,000, Atlanta \$3,200,000 and Nashville \$3,500,000.

Prof. Thompson, who is a statistician of reputation, has discovered that in the City of New York each family of five persons consumes on an average four eggs a day. In Chicago, if it is accepted that the city has reached a population of 2,000,000, the ratio of egg consuming is higher, and every person in the city manages to consume one whole egg each day in the year.

Premier Balfour last week refused to give the House of Commons facilities for a full general debate on Mr. Chamberlain's proposed fiscal changes, on the ground that no useful purpose would be served by an abstract discussion addressed to no particular motion. He was willing, however, to provide for such a debate if Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, would precipitate it by bringing in a vote of censure on the government, which the astute Sir Henry is at present careful not to do.

A pair of woman's shoes, requiring 57 distinct operations and the use of 42 machines and 100 pieces, was recently made at Lynn, in order to establish a record for rapid shoe-making, in thirteen minutes.

Ambassador Choate and Thomas Humphrey Ward last week unveiled busts of Emerson and Martineau at the Passmore Edwards Settlement in London. Mr. Choate paid a glowing tribute to the work and genius of Emerson.

The Chicago Journal has compiled a list of counties, towns and cities in the United States which have adopted prohibition. From this list it appears that thirty millions of people are living in this country under prohibition.

Paul Herman, of Rutherford, New Jersey, will print the money order blanks for the government. His bid

saves \$45,000 to the department in four years. It was sought by his competitors, the present contractors, Messrs. Wyroop, Hollenbeck, Crawford Company to discredit him, charging he was a "straw bidder," but he established his claim and got the contract. They formerly employed Herman, who is quite competent. The work will amount to about \$350,000 for the coming fiscal year.

The courts of Australia have been called upon to settle the curious question whether New Zealand is legally a British possession. The question arises over the contention that in the 20s, when French and British ships were contending for priority of claim, a formality in the proclamation of British sovereignty was overlooked.

Among the graduates of Columbia University this year was Marcelino Hartley Dodge. He is reputed to be worth \$25,000,000. He has just announced that his business in life will be to improve the condition of the poor. The outcome of his announcement will be noted with interest.

At the national Christian Science convention held in Boston it was announced that the organization was growing rapidly, membership of the mother Church now being 32,000 and the number of branch Churches 596, a gain of 19 per cent in a year.

Kansas Freemasons have ordered that no person who rents buildings for use in selling liquor, or who in any way aids the traffic, may either become a Mason or remain a Mason in that State. This is not a bit too strict treatment of such a business by such an organization.

The Philippine Government began on Monday the circulation of the new currency authorized at the last session of Congress.

The Pacific Commercial Cable Company intends to lay a cable from Manila to Shanghai, and surveys for the work will soon be begun.

Thirty-six thousand carpenters and painters employed in the building trades in New York, who have been on strike, have signed an arbitration agreement and decided to return at once to work.

A committee appointed to select a site for the new capital of the Federated Australian States has recommended Tumut, New South Wales. Tumut is situated in a rich agricultural district, 264 miles southwest of Sydney.

The Czar of Russia has ordered the abolition of the barbaric punishments of former times, including castigation with cudgels and cat-o-nine-tails, chaining to the car, and shaving the head. These harsh forms of punishment are to be replaced by pronouncement of the term of imprisonment or by solitary confinement up to one hundred days.

The Government has derived a revenue amounting to \$200,000 clear profit from three years' sales of the stamp-books which were introduced by Third Assistant Madden. The Department pays one-third of a cent for the books, and they sell for a cent over and above the cost of the stamps contained in them. This device to prevent stamps from sticking together is especially popular in the South and West.

The Associated Press learns in London that Japan is not satisfied with the assurances Russia has given the United States in regard to Manchuria and has been actively urging Great Britain to join her in a more energetic attitude towards Russia. Great Britain thus far has been disinclined to take any action, but Japan is persistent in urging the immediate evacuation of and the restoration of the status quo of New Chwang and that a number of ports be opened to the commerce of the world.

The Supreme Court of Law in Vienna has decided to have all documents type-written, as it was found that the bad hand-writing of the clerks hindered the speedy transaction of legal work.

The largest factory of chemicals in the world is said to be the aniline and soda establishment of Baden. The works employ 148 scientific chemists, 75 technical engineers, 305 clerks and more than 6,000 workmen.

At Avellino, near Naples, a young girl of 19 threw herself from a third floor window into the street. She fell upon a workman and was not seriously injured, declaring afterward that she had been impelled to the act by a hypnotist.

The nitrate of soda, the important element of fertilizers, in sight in the recently discovered deposits in the Mojave Desert, California, is said to be more than 20,000,000 tons. Hitherto the only nitrate beds known were those on the rainless coast of Chile.

The Christian name of Peter has never been fashionable among monarchs, England, for example, has never had a monarch baptized as Peter, and in other countries the Peters have been unlucky. Peter, or

Pedro I Emperor of Brazil, abdicated after an uneasy reign, and his son Pedro II, was driven to Europe by a revolution, and died in Paris in 1891. Pedro the Cruel, of Castile and Leon was slain by his brother in single combat; Peter the Great of Russia was guilty of frightful excesses; his grandson, Peter II, reigned only three years and died of small-pox at the age of 15. Peter III was dethroned and strangled by conspirators; Peter I of Serbia has already a brutal massacre behind him.

Arthur Barclay, the newly elected president of Liberia, is of pure African stock, born in Jamaica, where his parents emigrated to the African Republic when he was a child. He has already held several Government positions there, among them those of post-master general and secretary of the treasury.

Paris is to have a statue of Byron, from the chisel of M. Jean de Carpey, who has made notable monuments of Baudelaire, Sainte-Beuve and Alfred de Vigny. His new work is a commission from the Byron committee, initiated by Sir Edmund Gosson and M. Jules Claretie, and including the Duchesse d'Uzes, the Duchesse de Rohan, the Comtesse de Noyes, the Comtesse Grefouille, Mme Sarah Bernhardt, M. Mount-Sully, M. Edmond Rostand, M. Sardou, M. Anatole France, M. Francois Coppée, M. Sully-Prudhomme and Sir Henry Irving.

One of the features of the late German elections which give the Prussians much uneasiness is the increase in the Polish vote as such. In 1871 the vote was 176,350. This year it was 344,000, and the Polish membership increased from fourteen of the last Reichstag to sixteen. The actual increase of votes given to Polish candidates at this election over the last was 88,000. This is very significant of the solidarity of the Poles. Moreover, it is an open secret that for political reasons many Poles were ordered by their national leaders to vote for Clerical candidates, and in Westphalia and Rhennish Prussia for Social Democrats.

The annual complaint of English musicians comes from London. It is that an English musician has no chance to get work in competition with foreigners. There are three hundred orchestral bands in London during the season, and practically all of them are made up of aliens. The one chance an Englishman has of steady employment is to disguise himself and pretend to be a German or a Belgian. One band of sixteen wears foreign uniforms, trims beards in foreign style and speaks only in foreign monosyllables, but every one is an Englishman, forced to the subterfuge by the necessity of making a living.

Captain Lyrick, superintendent of the Connor Creek mine, was forced to open the company's safe by robbers who took \$50,000 and escaped into the Idaho desert. A posse is in pursuit.

P. M. Arthur, Grand Chief Engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, dropped dead at a banquet in Winnipeg, Minn., on the night of the 14th inst. Mr. Arthur had just risen to speak, and said, "It may be my parting words to many of you," and fell back dead.

Judge Ryan of St. Louis has passed sentence on five former members of the House of Delegates, four of whom were convicted of bribery and one of perjury in connection with municipal franchise deals. Following are those sentenced: John A. Sheridan, bribery in connection with Suburban Street Railway deal, five years; Edward Albright, bribery, Suburban deal, five years; Jerry J. Hannizza, bribery, Suburban deal, five years; Louis Decker, perjury, Suburban deal, four years; Emil Hartman, bribery, city lighting bill, six years. All filed appeal bonds in the sum of \$10,000 each.

Thirteen notorious criminals escaped the 26th inst. from Folsom prison, Sacramento, Cal., by using the overpowered officers of the prison as shields to protect them from bullets until they had fled into the mountains. During the struggle in the prison, Wm. L. Colter, a guard, was stabbed to death by the convicts. C. J. Cochran was probably fatally stabbed in the back, and W. C. Palmer was severely lacerated about the head.

There are fully 500,000 locomotives in this country. The Pennsylvania Road builds 100 locomotives a year. There are probably 200,000 passenger, baggage, express, parlor, sleeping and mail cars. The cost of a standard freight car is \$750 with wooden underwork, and \$1,000 for steel underframe. The standard car is 26 feet long, 8 by 8 1/2 inside measure. The capacity is from 60,000 to 100,000 pounds. The life is from ten to twelve years. The cost of a standard locomotive is \$10,000 to \$12,000; weight on wheels, 170,000 pounds; tank capacity 6,000 gallons and coal bin ten to twenty tons capacity.

According to the annual statement of navigation and shipping for 1902, issued recently, 329 sailing vessels and

660 steamers were added to, and 438 sailing vessels and 342 steamers deducted from the register during the year. The net increase in tonnage was 447,167 tons, and the total number of vessels on the register was 29,258, with a net tonnage of 10,054,770. This is an increase of two vessels on the previous year. The total number of vessels registered in the whole British Empire is 25,781, thus giving 15,522 vessels belonging to the colonies. The net tonnage of the Empire is 11,566,745. One thousand two hundred and ninety-five vessels, totaling 800,374 tons, were built in the United Kingdom during the year.

The youngest of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was Edward Rutledge, of South Carolina, who was but 27 years of age. The oldest was Benjamin Franklin, who had already entered his 79th year. As was not unnatural in such an assemblage, lawyers largely predominated. Thirty of the delegates belonged to the legal profession, five were physicians, seven farmers or planters, eight merchants and two mechanics. Roger Sherman of Connecticut, was a shoemaker; John Witherspoon, of New Jersey, was a clergyman; Benjamin Franklin, of Pennsylvania, was a printer and book-seller; Abraham Clark, of New Jersey, was a surveyor.

Lieut. Dan Godfrey, the famous English bandmaster, who died in London a few days ago, was the son of one bandmaster and the father of several. By virtue of long service and inherent talent he had come to be regarded as the head of all military musical organizations in Great Britain. For more than forty years he wielded the baton at State functions where the band of the Grenadier Foot Guards was called into requisition. He owed his appointment as bandmaster of that organization to Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria, his commission as honorary Lieutenant being the first of the kind conferred.

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President Loubet received a warm welcome from King Edward on his arrival in London on Monday. An impressive array of British warships at Dover saluted the first President of the French Republic who has ever represented France as a guest of the British Court, when the cruiser "Guichen," with the distinguished guest on board, was sighted in the offing. The London populace shared in the enthusiasm of the occasion, and English dignitaries are vying with one another in the effort to make President Loubet's stay pleasant and memorable.

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J. J. Morgan, July 28: midst of a great revival last Sunday. Bro. L. S. conducts the music. Team. We are having every service—about 15. The services are largely what we expect great things mean it.

Marysville

L. F. Palmer, July Quarterly Conference charge was held at St. 18. The presiding elder and it was felt very bad second time he has fast. Finances were short support of the ministry is starting with but hope I trust to be able to report next week. Conference is to meet. The fourth quarter is here to be done if we come a record.

Frankford

D. J. Martin, July closed a protracted meeting's duration at Frankford Circuit. Three bright conversions baptized and seven infants to God in holy baptism received into the Church was greatly revived. B. Denton, preached four for us. The farmers were at the time thrashing out cotton and other congregations were gone on Sunday. Everything the meeting did great five or thirty young gave their hand to the ing been greatly benefited meeting and expressed better lives and to see of their souls. This was close of the meeting.

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PAUL'S SHIPWRECK.

By Miss Josephine Griffin.

"God give us men, a time like this demands. Great hearts, strong minds, true faith and ready hands."

This prayer of a modern writer could be appropriately applied to the case of St. Paul, with Paul as a veritable answer to prayer.

We feel that we can hear him as he stands pleading for safety before that blood-thirsty mob that will persist in accusing him falsely for Christ's sake. Courts of inferior rank have tried him, and now he cries: "I appeal to Caesar!"

This plea must be granted, for Paul is a Roman citizen, and no lower court can try him after his appeal to Caesar.

Paul, once the bitter persecutor of the Christians, is now a Christian bitterly persecuted. This illustrious prisoner, bound in chains, goes forth to Rome, where he will bear witness for "Him who loved us and gave himself for us." He appeals to Caesar!

They set sail from Caesarea to take that long and perilous voyage across the Mediterranean Sea. Paul, the learned Jew, stands forth a unique character. "Hark! is it Paul speaking? 'Happy if with my latest breath I may but gasp his name, Preach him to all and cry in death, Behold, beloved the Lamb!'"

We may say with Mr. Carlisle: "His Maker had given him great endowments. He must come to the front; he could not be hidden; he must attract attention; he must be examined, criticized and labeled."

They sail on, on, on; the "fated ship" has a previous cargo. Jesus Christ, the "pilot over life's tempestuous sea," is at the helm, and no voice but his can calm the ocean wild, no power can stay the angry waves. They at last reach the Island Crete, where Paul's advice to spend the winter is disregarded, and the ship sails on to meet its doom. There between a storm-tossed sea and a lowering threatening heaven they toil on with not a cloud to guide them by day nor a pillar of fire by night—all way of escape is apparently cut off—all! Ah, no! There is yet a way not only to mortal life, but also immortal, and this way is the eternal Son of God.

Paul stands in his Godlike bearing and demonstrates the power of an "unknown God" through human instrumentality. He is a revelation of Christ's love for man. We may call Paul the "valm angel of the whirlwind," as he stands there the personification of self-possession and cries: "The Lord said to me, 'Fear not, Paul, for God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.'" This implicit faith in God saved him and the crew.

"God give us men, a time like this demands. Great hearts, strong minds, true faith and ready hands."

God gave Paul, whose heart was too great to glory, save in the cross of Christ, whose mind excelled in the strength of depth, who could say with Job: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him," whose hands did with their might what they found to do. Paul labored not in vain, for he held up Christ and him crucified; he carried the glad news of salvation to lost men and women, so as this shining star nears the zenith of glory he cries exultantly: "I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

WESLEY'S LAST HOURS.

On Thursday, February 24, 1791, Mr. Wesley paid his last visit to that lovely place and family Mr. Wolff's, at Balaam, which I have often heard him speak of with pleasure and much affection. Here Mr. Rogers said he was cheerful, and seemed nearly as well as usual, till Friday, about breakfast time, when he seemed very heavy.

About eleven o'clock Mrs. Wolff brought him home. I was struck with his manner of getting out of the coach, and going into the house, but more so as he went upstairs and when he sat down in the chair, I ran for some refreshment, but before I could get anything for him he had sent Mr. R— out of the room, and desired not to be interrupted for half an hour by any one, adding, not even if Joseph Bradford came.

Mr. Bradford came a few minutes after, and as soon as the limited time was expired, went into the room; immediately after he came out and desired me to call some wine with spices and carry it to Mr. Wesley; he drank a little and seemed sleepy. He lay most of the day, with a quick pulse, burning fever and extremely sleep.

Monday the 28th, his weakness increased apace, and his friends in general being greatly alarmed, Dr. White-

head was desirous they should call in another physician. Mr. Bradford mentioned his desire to our Honored Father, which he absolutely refused, saying, "Dr. Whitehead knows my condition better than any one; I am perfectly satisfied, and will not have any one else." He slept most of the day; spoke but little; yet that little testified how much his whole heart was taken up in the case of the Churches, the glory of God, and the things pertaining to that kingdom to which he was hastening. Once in a low, but very distinct manner he said, "There is no way into the holiest but by the blood of Jesus." Had he had strength at the time, it seemed as if he would have said more.

Tuesday, March 1, after a very restless night (though, when asked whether he was in pain, he generally answered "No," and never complained through his whole illness, except once, when he said that he felt a pain in his breast, when he drew his breath), he began singing:

"All glory to God in the sky, And peace upon earth be restor'd."

Having sung two verses his strength failed, but after lying still awhile he called on Mr. Bradford to give him a pen and ink; he brought them, but the right hand had well-nigh forgot its cunning, and those active fingers which had been the blessed instruments of spiritual consolation and pleasing instruction to thousands, could no longer perform their office. Some time after, he said to me, "I want to write;" I brought him a pen and ink, and on putting the pen into his hand, and holding the paper before him, he said, "I cannot," I replied, "Let me write for you, sir; tell me what you would say." "Nothing," returned he, "but that God is with us." In the forenoon he said, "I will get up." While his things were getting ready, he broke out in a manner which, considering his extreme weakness, astonished us all, in these blessed words:

"I'll praise my Maker while I've breath, And when my voice is lost in death, Praise shall employ my nobler powers; My days of praise shall ne'er be past, While life and thought, and being last, Or immortality endures."

Which were also the last words which our reverend and dear Father ever gave out in the City Road Chapel, viz. on Tuesday evening before preaching from, "We through the Spirit wait," etc.

When he got into his chair we saw him change for death; but he regarded less of his dying frame, said, with a weak voice, "Lord, thou givest strength to those that can speak, and to those that cannot; speak, Lord, to all our hearts, and let them know that thou looses tongues." He then sang:

"To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Who sweetly all agree."

Here his voice failed him and after gasping for breath, he said, "Now we have done—all go." We were obliged to lay him down on the bed from which he rose no more; but after lying still, and sleeping a little he called me to him and said, "Betsy, son Mr. Bradford, etc., pray and praise." We knelt down, and true to our hearts were filled with the divine presence; the room seemed to be filled with God.

The next pleasing awful scene was the great exertion he made to order to make Mr. B— (who had not left the room) understand that he fervently desired a sermon he had written on the Love of God should be scattered abroad, and given away to everybody. Something else he wished to say, but, alas! his speech failed; and those lips which used to feed many were no longer able (except when particular strength was given) to convey their accustomed sounds.

A little after, Mr. Horton coming in, we hoped that if he had anything of moment on his mind, which he wished to communicate, he would again try to tell us what it was, and that either Mr. Horton, or some of those who were most used to hear our dear Father's dying voice would be able to interpret his meaning; but though he strove to speak, we were still unsuccessful; finding we could not understand what he said, he paused a little, and then with all the remaining strength he had, cried out, "The best of all is, God is with us;"—and then, as if to assert the faithfulness of our promise-keeping Jehovah, and comfort the hearts of his weeping friends, lifting up his dying arm in token of victory, and raising his feeble voice with a holy triumph not to be expressed, again repeated the heart-reviving words, "The best of all is, God is with us!"

On Wednesday morning we found

the closing scene drew near. Mr. Bradford, his faithful friend, and most affectionate son, prayed with him, and the last word he was heard to articulate was, "Farewell!" A few minutes before ten, while Miss Wesley, Mr. Horton, Mr. Brackenbury, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Dr. Whitehead, Mr. Broadbent, Mr. Whitefield, Mr. Bradford, and E. R. were kneeling around his bed, according to his often expressed desire, without a lingering groan, this man of God gathered up his feet in the presence of his brethren!

AN ENGINEER'S STORY.

"Yes, indeed, we have some queer little incidents happen to us," said the engineer, as he piled his oil-can about and under his machine. "Queer thing happened to me about a year ago. You'd think I'm queer for a rough man like me to cry for ten minutes, and nobody hurt, either, would you? Well, I did, and I can almost cry everytime I think of it. I was running along one afternoon pretty lively when I approached a little village where the track cuts through the streets. I slacked up a little, but was still making good speed, when suddenly, about twenty rods ahead of me, a little girl, not more than three years old, toddled on to the track. You can't even imagine my feelings. There was no way to save her. It was impossible to stop, or even slack much, at that distance, as the train was heavy and the grade descending. In ten seconds it would have been all over; and after reversing and applying the brake, I shut my eyes. I didn't want to see any more. As we slowed down my fireman stuck his head out of the cab window to see what I'd stopped for, when he laughed and shouted at me: 'Jim, look here!' I looked, and there was a big, black Newfoundland dog holding the little girl in his mouth, leisurely walking toward the house where she evidently belonged. She was kicking and crying, so that I knew she wasn't hurt, and the dog had saved her. My fireman thought it funny, and kept laughing, but I cried like a woman. I just couldn't help it. I had a little girl of my own at home."—Chicago Herald.

TRY TO MAKE EACH DAY BEAUTIFUL.

We should always fill the hours with the sweetest things. To be patient and cheerful is not always easy. We are sure of it, and then to be lonely, but we at last can always be pleasant if we make up our minds that we will. We don't always do as we should. We should learn to be gentle and patient, especially in seasons of ill health, irritations and troubles, and soften them by prayer and a sense of our own shortcomings and errors. We should not expect too much from others, but remember that we should forbear and forgive, as we often desire forbearance and forgiveness ourselves. Learn to speak in a gentle tone of voice, and say kind and pleasant things whenever opportunity offers. We should study the character of each, and sympathize with all in their trouble, however small. Beware of meddling and tale-bearers. Always be gentle and firm. We should always try to make each day beautiful. God loves bright faces and happy hearts. He made lives able to enjoy; he provided beauties, pleasures, affections to be enjoyed. A father would be disappointed when he had brought home some pleasant gift to his child if the child should turn away from it, even so must God be disappointed when we refuse to be glad in all that he has provided. Oh, may we each day enjoy the sweet blessings that God has provided for us in this life, and not be grieving over our troubles and sorrows.

Oh, look away to Jesus. When sorrow presses sore, And when temptations gather thick, Keep looking all the more. 'Tis looking unto Jesus turns darkness unto light. Looking unto Jesus makes it right, all right. LUDE WEST, Kennard, Texas.

YOU CAN'T FOOL US.

"You can't fool us!" I turned to learn the cause of their evident derision, and saw, walking along with a very important air a little fellow carrying what appeared to be a large book under his arm.

"There's nothing inside of it," the boys continued to shout. "You can't fool us!"

I looked close, and, sure enough, the little chap had nothing but the cover of the book. He started off with a guilty expression on his face, as if ashamed of being discovered in the act of deception, for his evident purpose had been to impress his young friends with his superior literary attainments.

May I be permitted to say what passed through my mind as I went on my way?

I fancied I could see that same boy, after a few years, cheating in the

sports which all boys love to play, and his lessons in school have not been prepared with painstaking care, yet he manages to pass. Can any of you boys tell how he does it? But his friends can not respect him, and they sneeringly remark, "You can't fool us!"

Some years later I see him applying for a position, but to his surprise a young fellow much inferior in personal appearance, and lacking that "I know it all" air, is given the preference.

"All on the surface there," thinks the man in the office, as he watches this applicant saunter off.

Boys, will you listen? I am not going to preach, so don't be alarmed; but I want to say a few words straight from my heart.

You can't fool the world. Always you will be judged at your real value. You may try to appear wiser than you really are, or you may brag ever so loudly of your capabilities, but if there is nothing inside the cover people will very soon find it out.

Our good English word, "character," is derived from the Greek, meaning to engrave, to cut into furrows. Now, then, a good strong character does not come to one haphazard. The honest purpose, and lofty ideal, must be furrowed in and engraved indelibly on heart and brain. Every wrong impulse resisted, and every decision made for the right, leaves an impression which goes far toward the building of character.

"Build it well, whatever you do; Build it straight and strong and true; Build it clean and high and broad; Build it for the eye of God."

—American Boy.

FRANKLIN'S GREAT TRIUMPH.

When the treaty of Paris, which established peace between the United States and England, had been finally signed and sealed, Franklin turned to the English commissioners:

"Gentlemen," he said, "I observed you cast an eye upon this old, spotted velvet suit I wear. Let me tell you what I would have you tell England. Once, years ago, when these differences we have just concluded lay still in the seed, I bore a petition to your English privy council. I was laughed and jeered at, if you will, as an outlander and a savage of no rights, by the grave chief justice and his associates. They put forward a Scotch cur, one Wedderburn, to mouth and worry me. I was helpless, with no friend save my conscience. On that, my day of heaviest burden, I was garbed in these spotted velvet clothes. I will not pretend I was unmoved, and in my hate and rancor of the moment I made a mental vow that this raiment worn in the hour of my humiliation, I would yet wear in the hour of British humiliation and defeat. From that day to this I have laid these garments by; and now, please God, I keep my vow and put them on."—Alfred Henry Lewis, in Everybody's Magazine.

"MAKE YOURSELF WANTED."

In an address reported in the American papers, Secretary Shaw tells an incident that puts in half a dozen words the secret of business success. A young clerk in a store, he said, asked for an increase of salary. The proprietor gave it to him. A little later the clerk asked for another rise. At first the owner was indignant; then, after thinking the matter over, he sent for the clerk.

"Young man," he said, "what you need is not more money, but more usefulness." Then he pointed out to him countless ways in which he might have done something for the company and had missed his opportunity—times when he had been careless or indifferent or ignorant.

"Every time," he concluded, "that a customer comes in and asks for you personally, it counts for you and counts for the store. Your business is to make yourself wanted."

It is the secret of success in business: is it not also the secret of success in every place in life? In the home, in the Church, in the school, everywhere, the one whose work is thorough and cheerful and enthusiastic is the one who is making the most of his life. "Make yourself wanted" and you will soon know the joy of solid success.—Youth.

It is better to carry ourselves so that God may smile and the world frown upon us, than to carry ourselves so that the world should smile and God frown upon us.—Selected.

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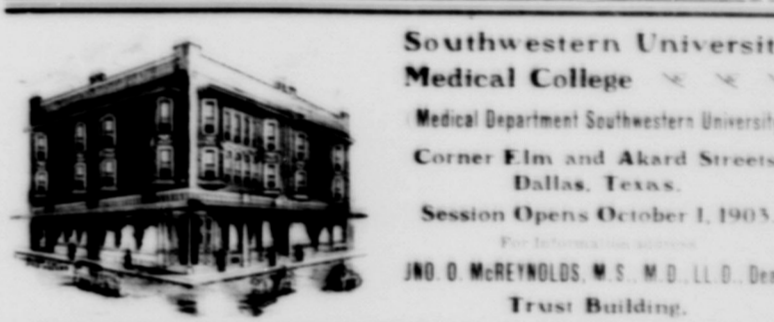
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AT MINERAL WELLS.

We preached last Sunday morning for Rev. C. V. Oswalt and his people at Mineral Wells. Since we were there one year ago, the Church auditorium has been beautifully papered and handsome polished oak pews have been put in, also an improved organ. So that they now have one of the neatest and most attractive churches in this part of the country. The audience completely filled the building and we had an interesting service. While there we were delightfully entertained at the Exchange Hotel. There are a great many people at the wells from all over the State for rest and for the benefit of the waters.

THE CAMPAIGN OPENED IN COOKE COUNTY.

A local option election has been ordered in Cooke County to take place the 18th of August. In obedience to a telephone message we went to Gainesville last Thursday and that night addressed a great mass-meeting on the courthouse square. It was an orderly gathering and paid close attention to the remarks made. Rev. J. F. Pierce, Judge C. L. Potter, Capt. C. R. Smith, Judge Hall and others, made short addresses. The campaign was inaugurated with enthusiasm and great hope is entertained that this time local option will triumph. As yet the anti have had no public meetings. In this part of the State it is a hard matter to get reputable speakers to represent them, and so they play the role of still hunters. The prohibitionists are going into the field with a well organized plan, and they mean to win if possible. The movement to have the election was instigated by laymen, but the ministers are in perfect accord and all the forces are a unit to put the bar rooms down. The anti are frightened, but they will leave no stone unturned to win.

The girl who is pious, sensible and skilled in domestic industry is a fortune to the man who gets her, regardless of her possessions.

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EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

Prejudice controls more people than reason.

Skins tacked on the side of the house point to a good coon dog.

Some men have a knack for appearing busy, but they never do anything.

Just as soon as a man becomes possessed of a fortune the world calls him great.

To most young men there is something very attractive about an heiress, however homely may be her face and manners.

The young man who drinks or gambles may be bright and pre-possessing in his exterior, but just out in his future misery, failure and dishonor are in waiting for him.

The boy who has but little respect for his mother and who avoids her company will wake up some of these days to the fact that he ignored and trifled with his best earthly friend.

It is with the heart that man believes unto righteousness, but along with it the exercise of a little common sense will not disparage his religion in the esteem of most thoughtful people.

NORTHERN OUTRAGE AND BARBARITY.

Race riot is rampant at the North. Since the horrible lynching at Evansville awhile back there have been several outbreaks at different points on account of disturbance with the negroes; but last Saturday the epidemic broke out afresh. Near Danville, Ill., a negro committed a nameless offense and fled, but the officers soon had him in charge. For fear of a mob they rushed him to the jail, but the enraged farmers and miners followed in hot pursuit. When they reached Danville one of the mob became involved in a difficulty with another negro by the name of Mayfield, who made an offensive remark about the purposes of the angry gathering. They all turned after him and as he fled he fled into the mob and killed a man. This was the signal for great excitement, and soon the cursing men had the frightened man in their possession. He was strung up to a telephone post and watched till life was extinct. Then the mob formed and again started to the jail. A half an hour later the maddened throng returned to the scene of the hanging, took down the body, carried it to the public square and burned it. While the lifeless body was roasting on the coals men took out their pocket knives and hacked it to pieces so as to make it disappear the faster. Then they again took up their march to jail. By this time the Sheriff had gotten things in readiness to receive them. As they rushed upon the building and were battering down the door he fired into them, killed one and wounded several others. This turned pandemonium loose, and it looked like death and destruction would follow. Women joined in the fray and efforts were made to get the Sheriff, but he held them off till toward daylight, when they sullenly dispersed without securing the negro who had committed the outrage. But the worst of conditions prevailed, and at any moment the negroes are likely to be attacked. During the disturbance many of them were beaten and otherwise punished. And all this beyond Mason and Dixon's line and in the State of Abraham Lincoln! Who ever heard of ladies joining a mob down South? And who ever knew of a Southern mob taking the dead body of a negro and cutting it into pieces and throwing them into the fire? Those Northern people guilty of this savagery are worse than brutes. What would they do if they lived in the South where we have negroes by the million? Down this way the mob only seeks to kill the wretch who lays his hands upon women, but they do not trouble the innocent and law-abiding negroes. But up North they are not satisfied with hanging and burning guilty negroes, but they turn upon in-

nocent ones and beat and drive them out of the country. Such people and their leaders are not in a position any more to deliver pious lectures to Southern people on the race question. In their repeated attacks upon negroes and their brutal lynchings they have sunken far below the inhumanity of the original North American Indians. After all the best friends whom the law-abiding and industrious negroes have in this country are in the South. White people down this way never have trouble with negroes simply because they are negroes. And the better element of the negro population is not held responsible with us for the violent deeds of the bad members of their race. The bad one who commits a nameless offense is put out of the way, but the others who attend to their business and try to live right are not disturbed. But not so up North. They hate the negro up there simply because he is a negro, and on the least provocation they set upon them as a race and drive them out of the country.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW.

The Homiletic Review is a monthly periodical gotten out in New York and purports to reflect the theological, the religious and the sermonic literature of Europe and America. It has no decided views of its own on any of these questions, but opens its pages to an expression of opinion to all who have a word to utter on any phase of these subjects. For instance, the last number has an open controversy concerning the validity of the book of Daniel, a higher critic taking one side and a lower critic the other. Then all the vagaries of the German schools also find their way into the columns of this periodical, and men who want to pose as national preachers have their sermons quoted. The fact is, it contains the good, the bad and the indifferent in all matters of religion and theology. And in order to meet the demands of all, it has a department in which sermonic helps are fixed up in packages and arranged in order so that a lazy preacher can find a synopsis of sermons already prepared for us. It even furnishes a series of texts, two or three pages of illustrations and prayer-meeting talks, together with the sayings of any number of prominent men, and every week this bundle of pre-arranged matter is sent out to the preachers of the country. It furthermore contains advertisements of the large lists of books gotten out by this company, some of them good and others of them the veriest trash, but they are presented in such way as to attract the attention of the ministry. Some time ago they brought out a "Homiletic Commentary," advertised it all over the continent, got hundreds of preachers to buy it, and when it was delivered it was not worth shelf room in the library of the commonest tyro. We can not, therefore, advise young preachers to take and read this periodical. Some of its contents are qualified to unsettle their minds on many evangelical questions, to cultivate in them a tendency to plagiarism and to fill up their book cases with specimens of cheap and evanescent literature. While now and then they bring out a good book, yet take their output as a whole and it is a sort of salmagundi fixed up for all sorts of mental appetites. These are a few of our objections to the Homiletic Review.

A FEW HOURS IN TERRELL.

Last Tuesday we ran over to Terrell, in compliance with a telephone message to take part in a local option mass-meeting. They are arranging over there for an election to take place early in September, and the object of this meeting was to organize and get things in readiness for the fray. A large crowd of people from the entire county made up an interesting audience, and the enthusiasm was marked. Bro. Dial, of the Greenville Banner, and Mrs. Curtis, of Sherman, made short addresses. We held the audience in a speech of one hour, and the attention was uninterrupted from beginning to end. Our pastors from all

over the county were present and are taking much stock in the preliminary work. The local option element believe that when the election is held prohibition will win in the county. At this meeting they perfected a strong organization and no effort will be withheld to make the campaign a great success.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Sometimes in the heat and turmoil of work and worry, we grow restive and become dissatisfied with the results of our labors. But those who are looking on, either as spectators or rivals, get a clear insight into the results of our work than we have our selves. Therefore it is well enough to let others estimate our doings and then we can thank God and take courage. Apropos to this we take the following from a letter by Rev. G. W. Daniels, pastor of the Washington Street Baptist Church in this city, which letter appeared in the last issue of the Baptist Standard:

No people have made so marked an impression for good upon the world, in so short a time, as have the Methodists.

Their founder was born just 200 year ago. Simple in life, fervent in prayer, serious in thought, diligent in efforts to instruct and console, and living by rule, the term "Methodist" was attached to John and Charles Wesley as a nickname by their fellow students at Oxford. Circumstances and providence forced the Methodists out of the Episcopal Church into a separate organization. Depending on the Holy Spirit, and on fire with zeal, the Methodists have carried the gospel to and fro until to-day they number 200,000 in Texas and 7,000,000 in the world. When a new settlement opens, the Methodists are among the first on the ground, and Methodist Churches dot every county. They are 1700 years younger than the Baptists and 2,000,000 stronger numerically. They have furnished three presidents of the republic, Grant, Hayes and McKinley. They have the largest and richest denominational university in the South—Vanderbilt. They have more or larger churches in every city in Texas than the Baptists. These are solemn facts that we must face like wise men. Why is this so?

One explanation is to be found in the fact that they have gone after all the people, high and low, rich and poor. They reach presidents and paupers alike. Circuit riders carry the message of the cross to remote and neglected districts. They have been thoroughly evangelical and evangelistic. They go after the people and get them.

Another explanation of their strength is the practice of the principle that the strong must help the weak. They see a field that needs a strong man. The man is sent and supported by other churches. Here is a place that needs a churchhouse and is not able to build. The Methodists get behind the enterprise and it moves. They have a church building fund which gives a large donation and furnishes a loan on liberal terms.

Again, the Methodists so wisely distribute their forces as to use their members to the best possible advantage. Take the cities of Texas as an illustration. In Houston, Austin and San Antonio they are much stronger than our people. In Galveston they have two churches to our one. In Dallas Baptists have had a golden opportunity. Methodism was languid and we had the right of way. The Bishops saw the importance of Dallas. They sent their best preachers to this field and advised the members to distribute and strengthen all the churches. The members took up the question and voluntarily decided to divide their forces. One hundred went to the First Church to North Dallas and seventy-five to East Dallas at one time. They were splendid people who lived in territory contiguous to those churches. As a result, new life came to the mother church. Here congregations increased and she received more than she dismissed. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." The Methodists have already paid for the most desirable lots in North and East Dallas and are erecting splendid churchhouses on them. Their net increase in Dallas has been 575 since November. They are the most wide awake people in this city. Already they have an advantage over us. We missed our opportunity and must now struggle against many difficulties, with perhaps only one churchhouse that is equal to the needs and is really self-supporting. Again we say, the unwisdom of Baptists is monumental.

All of this is written not to discourage but to arouse our people; not to make us sadder but wiser. May heaven give our Baptist people the

foresight of the Catholics, the loyalty of the Presbyterians, and the push and progress of the Methodists. We have more truth than any other people, and have done less with it. While we are boasting, we let others come in and take the field. Shall we not all endeavor to boast less and work more; to avoid the error and adopt the excellencies of others; be wise in our day and generation, and help to make the Baptists the strongest people in every community in Texas and in the world? Dallas, Texas.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

The Advocate had a delightful visit this week from Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson, of Granbury.

Rev. J. J. Clark, of Terrell, is adding Rev. R. F. Bryant, of Oak Lawn, this week in a revival service.

We met Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Hendrix, of Ladonia, the other day on the train near Pilot Point. They had been visiting their children at that place and also at Gainesville.

Prof. F. E. Butler, of Whitewright, made the Advocate a delightful visit this week. He has a fine school in his home town and it has done well the past term.

Last week we had a very pleasant call from Rev. Foster Pierce, of Gainesville. His people are arranging to give him a vacation, but he wants to wait until after the local option election before going. He is doing well at Denton Street.

Mrs. Louisa Adams, the mother of Rev. J. M. Adams, of the Texas Conference, died the 17th of this month near Thornton. She was eighty years of age and an earnest, Christian woman.

We had a pleasant call last week from Rev. E. R. Edwards, of Cooper. He reports that his meeting closed last Sunday, after having been in progress a month. It was well attended, the preaching was strong and earnest and good results followed.

Rev. R. M. Leaton, the veteran of the West Texas Conference, is supplying the work of Bro. Nath Thompson during his absence on a visit to his old home in Georgia. It may be the good people of that charge will prefer to substitute to the original by the time Bro. Thompson returns.

Rev. T. J. Beckham, of Pilot Point, closed a debate last Saturday night with Dr. Hall, the noted Baptist polemic. Those who heard the controversy say that Brother Beckham handled his part of the debate with great skill and that all the Methodists are perfectly satisfied with the result of the work.

In a private note from Rev. B. W. Allen, from Rockdale, he tells us of the serious illness of his father, Rev. Fred Allen, of the Texas Conference. He is a veteran member of that body and we trust he will recover and soon take his place again with his brethren. We have no better man than Brother Allen.

Miss Mamie Clark was married recently to Mr. J. C. Parey. The happy event took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. I. W. Clark, of Oak Cliff. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Clark, brother to the bride. The Advocate extends congratulations to all parties and we wish the happy young couple a safe voyage through the sea of life.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES.

The students of Emory and Henry College are supporting a pupil in Korea.

The Holston Home Mission Society has sent two native Chinese as missionaries back to China.

Since the year 1870 the Church of England has spent nearly \$29,000,000 on elementary education.

Mr. John Early, who has been connected with the Publishing House for the past fifteen years, has resigned his position to engage in business for himself.

Rev. M. F. Lipscomb, D. D., Secretary and Treasurer of Randolph-Macon College, has resigned and will re-enter pastoral work in the Virginia Conference.

Rev. G. H. Ray and his good people of Chickasha are expecting to begin in the near future the erection of a new church building to cost \$25,000. The

Church now numbers 800 and are a live people.

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Rev. W. D. Stout, our pastor of Marietta Mission, was drowned while in a creek bathing, on last Friday. He was received on trial at the last ses- sion of the Annual Conference, and was a humble, consecrated pastor, and the entire conference will be grieved to hear of his early death.

PERSONAL.

Rev. F. L. Allen, a much loved su- perannuate in Rockdale, is very sick. He has been in feeble health for three years, and for three weeks has been quite sick with a carbuncle on his face. Kind friends whom he has served in the capacity of pastor and presiding elder, are doing all that can be done to help him bear his suffer- ing. Although he has the most fright- ful carbuncle I ever saw, he never complains. He asks the prayers of the brethren, "not that I might not suffer, nor that I might get well, but that God will give me grace to bear the thorn while it pierces."

IRA M. BRYCE

Rockdale, Texas.

BOOK NOTICE.

We are in receipt of a volume en- titled "Mission of the Holy Spirit," written by Rev. J. W. Keithly, of Cape Girardeau, Mo. It is a very studious investigation of such subjects as "Who is the Holy Spirit?" "The Direct Influence of the Spirit," "The Dispen- sation of the Spirit," "Sin of Blas- phemy Against the Spirit," "Born of the Spirit," and kindred themes. The book is worthy of a close reading and its influence will be for good.

REV. P. L. SMITH.

The death of Bro. P. L. Smith was a sad shock to me, as I had not heard of his afflictions. He was very dear to me. We have been very intimately associated together for twenty years. He was an exemplary Christian gentle- man, a true friend, a fine gospel preacher. O, how I shall miss him at conference! God bless his dear wife and daughter. May the sustaining grace of God be their stay and support in this dark hour of bereave- ment. While our sympathy goes out to them, how weak and insufficient to comfort hearts so lacerated and torn. This has been a year of great fatality in the ranks of our North Texas Brotherhood—Bros. Angell, Langston and Smith. Very few of the minis- ters of the conference of 1877, when I entered it, survive to-day. We will all very soon have passed away. Oth- ers fill our places. Though we leave the field, we leave a foundation wor- thy for our successors to build upon.

W. F. CLARK.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

"The golden chain that binds our hearts in Christian love is broken, only to be linked where there is no breaking."

Died, July 10, 1903, Rev. D. L. Cain, our pastor. His illness was brief, only lasting about ten days. His patient, submissive spirit was manifest throughout his sickness. He leaves a widow, two small children, an aged mother, a sister and several brothers to mourn their loss. So young, so useful; in the prime of life, he calmly yielded to the Savior's will. He was our pastor one and a half years, and had endeared himself to all who knew him.

Resolved, 1. That we as a Church, Epworth League, W. H. M. Society and Sabbath-school, will sadly miss his loving presence, yet he has left a worthy example for us to follow.

2. That we submissively bow to His will, knowing that He doeth all things well.

3. That our sincere sympathy be extended to the bereaved ones. We com- mend them to Him who is able to comfort in the deepest distress.

4. A copy of these resolutions be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate, and a copy be sent to the sorrowing families.

H. L. JOHNSON, NED CHEATHAM, MOLLIE P. HUMPHRIES, Committee.

Edgewood, Texas.

AN ASTOUNDING DISCOVERY.

New York Advocate: The murder of the boy whose death was charged to the Jews and which was the immediate cause of the mas- sacre at Kishineff has been discovered. He is a gardner, and has confessed that he and the boy's uncle committed the crime. By the adoption of severe measures the Russian government has indicated a genuine disposition to punish adequately the perpetrator of that massacre. The charge that the goverment fomented the riot has never been proved, nor does there ap- pear any foundation for it.

THE VALUE OF A SMILE.

Nashville Advocate: We must be allowed to insist once more on the value of the smile as an asset in business. The warm days of summer are trying and it is often more congenial to one's feelings to frown than to smile. Yet all the more for that should every business man exact of his clerks and of himself the habit of transacting affairs even in dog days with a smiling face. It is a tonic in the formation of character, for one thing. And as an agency for conciliating and attracting the public it ranks next to rigid conscientious- ness in giving value received.

HUNGRY FOR FELLOWSHIP.

Methodist Protestant: We are quite sure that some people go to the Church to find a compani- onship for which their hearts are long- ing. They can have a certain kind in the world, but it does not quite satisfy them, and their hunger (shall we call it heart hunger?) drives them to the Church. Now when such an one comes it should cause joy and gladness in the Church, just as a re- penting sinner causes joy among the angels of God. Does it? Is the Church so interested that this start of the man is a new Church life will gladden and inspire him with its wel- come? Sometime ago a man resolved in his heart to lead a better life. He turned his back upon the saloon and sought a church—which he had not attended for twenty years. After so long an absence, it was a herculean task to go to the place of worship and take a seat with the congregation. Nevertheless, he took up his cross and went. As he entered an usher nodded to him, with a look that seemed (to the stranger) to say, "Who are you anyhow?" Two or three persons ven- tured to bestow upon him a mechani- cal bow, but that was all! The man's own reflection was, "Well, this is a pretty stiff and stylish place; too much so for the likes of me." He yearned for fellowship; but received it not; hungry for hearty, brotherly greeting, he was given only decorous recogni- tion.

INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH PAPER.

Baptist Standard: The only Methodist Cranfill that I know of is my cousin, Sam Cranfill, who lives at Cranfill's Gap, in Bosque County, Texas. Cranfill's Gap was named for his father, Uncle George Cranfill, who settled in that section of Bosque County when it was a fron- tier wild. I do not know the date, but it must have been prior to or about the time that Texas was admitted into the Union in 1845. Uncle George Cranfill, who was my grandfather's brother, was a Hardshell Baptist. The fact is that a great many of the an- cesters of the present generation of Baptists were Hardshells or Primitive, as they were pleased to call them- selves. During the early boyhood of my cousin Sam Cranfill, before his father had left Kentucky, there chanc- ed to come to his father's house one night that world-renowned, but erratic traveling Methodist preacher, Lorenzo Dow. He was one of the most re- markable men of his day, and at ano- ther time it would not be out of place to recount for you some of his won- derful eccentricities and admirable qualities. Lorenzo Dow only spent one night in my uncle's home, but out of courtesy to him my uncle subscribed for a Methodist paper that he repre- sented. That paper made Sam Cran- fill a Methodist. As a little boy he read it, pondered it, studied it, and be- lieved in it, and its influence has changed the religious life of an entire branch of our family.

METHODIST UNION IN ENGLAND.

Zion's Herald: Three of the seven Methodist de- nominations in Great Britain have been conferring upon the vital subject of ecclesiastical coalescence, and en- couraging progress has been made in that direction. The Methodist New Connection, with 207 ministers, 1171 lay preachers, and 43,000 members; the United Methodist Free Churches, numbering almost a round 100,000, including 450 preachers; and the Bible Christians, 30,000 in number, are the bodies which have been in conference. A communication has been sent to the parent body—the Wesleyan Methodist

Church—to the Primitive Methodists, and to the Independent Methodists, asking them to appoint members of a joint committee to consider the whole subject in all its bearings, and express- ing the hope that in the near future a United Methodist Church of England may be constituted.

Our readers may recall the fact that in one of his addresses in New Eng- land our Wesleyan visitor, Rev. George Jackson, of Edinburgh, recently de- clared that one obstacle in the way of the reunion of Methodism in Great Britain was the attitude of some of the conservatives in the parent body. Let us hope that they may see their way clear to co-operate in the direc- tion indicated by this committee, and in the direction also suggested by the Methodist Ecumenical Conference held in London in September, 1901. Were Methodism to be consolidated, we should have in Great Britain, includ- ing the membership in mission sta- tions, a great, well-equipped, finally organized denomination with a million and a quarter members, over six thousand pastors, and a host of 50,000 lay preachers. A main barrier in the way of reunion for years was found in the policy of the parent body in regard to the laity; but now that laymen are admitted to the conference, that obstacle is removed.

THE NEW HYMN BOOK.

Alabama Advocate: The Wesleyan Church, the mother Church of Methodism in Great Britain, like the Methodist Episcopal Church, North and South, in this country, is now fully committed to the prepara- tion of a new hymn book, not mere revision of the present hymnal, says the British correspondent of the Pitts- burg Christian Advocate. The five hundred and thirty-nine hymns of Wesley's collection will be scattered throughout the book. Many good min- isters and laymen are grieved at the idea of "breaking up John Wesley's hymn book," published in 1780.

NORTH TEXAS BROTHERHOOD.

The very extraordinary death rate of this year among our members calls for the highest degree of loyalty on part of the survivors. Let us hope every one of us will prove equal to the demands of the sad situation. This will never occur again, in all probability. It is a moral obligation that we owe to the families of our ascended breth- ren and to the Brotherhood that we pay all liabilities accruing while we are protected as members. Think of it in the light of your having fallen yourself and do as you would have your loved ones done by the rest of the members. The order is Adk- ison, Angell, Smith, Langston. S. C. RIDDLE, Sec'y.

A CARD OF THANKS.

The very pleasant reception tendered us at the parsonage on the evening of the 21st inst. by the Young Ladies' Society of the First Methodist Church and other partial friends on the fifti- eth anniversary of our marriage will ever be a joyous memory with us be- cause of the overpowering evidence of the good will and affection so manifestly entertained for us by the hundreds of friends who did us the honor to call and extend congratulations and sub- stantial tokens of their appreciation. On that occasion our hearts were so full of tender and grateful emotions we could not find words to adequately ex- press our feelings and hence avail our- selves of this medium to convey to one and all who were present our heartiest acknowledgment, and hope that each one may live until their "golden wed- ding," so they may realize the happi- ness we experienced on that "beautiful occasion."

W. WHITE, F. W. WHITE.

Dallas, Texas.

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CAMP-MEETING.

The White Rock Camp-meeting be- gins on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August. Campers are expected to move in on Thursday. Let all of them do this if they possi- bly can. Come, praying and believ- ing that we will have a great meet- ing. Our preachers are cordially in- vited to attend and assist in the meet- ing.

D. J. MARTIN.

ALEXANDER COLLEGIATE INSTI- TUTE.

The memorandum book, in which I have written for some two years the addresses of parties given by preach- ers and others, has been lost. I can not furnish catalogues promised with- out these addresses. Will A. C. I. friends furnish them again? The loss is a real, a vital one. Help me re- pair it, please.

E. R. WILLIAMS, Jacksonville, Texas.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

I was not so far abroad lately—being in East Dallas—tramping and riding over a territory where I had not been since 1873. Then it was all "raw" prairie and small post oak lands, with only a shanty here and there. Now it is densely populated, several steam railroads and the splendidly equipped South Belt line of electric cars traverse it every few minutes, and there is a very fine boulevard drive that connects the outskirts with the downtown streets. This is the most popular drive- way in Dallas. As Dr. Rankin visited Clark's Chapel last week and gave it a deservedly good editorial write-up, I will have to rewrite what I had pre- pared, and tell some things he didn't, for I was taking in this charge with the pastor, Rev. W. F. Clark. He is the liveliest 71-year-old man in Meth- odism. He assisted in organizing and starting every Southern Methodist Church in Dallas except Lamar—First Church now—and Floyd Street Church, even being the first Methodist to open up in Oak Cliff. Hence how appropriate the tribute to his labors and how merited the honor when the people named his last and most promising ef- fort Clark's Chapel. And the members out there are workers and loyal. Such members as J. W. Manly and family, E. M. Edwards and wife—veritable dynamo—Wilder Homea and wife and daughter, Miss Anna a noble young Christian leader; W. H. Brooks and wife, C. A. McClendon and H. F. Mack- intosh—two consecrated drummers and their wives—all the above brethren officials—and Mrs. Jessie E. Smith and Mrs. M. C. Ragsdale are such as will build up a Church. They have the best situated lawn in Dallas, lighted with nearly fifty electric lights, for their Church social affairs. The delightful one I attended shows they know how to conduct one, too. I never preached to a more attentive and responsive au- dience than the two that faced me at Clark's Chapel. WM. A. BOWEN.

AN APPEAL.

To the Ministers and Laity of the North Texas Conference in Behalf of the Memory of Rev. J. L. Angell.

Dear Brethren—This man of God entered the itinerant ministry in Texas in 1851, when such service involved hardship, privation and heroic self sacrifice. Yet in the spirit of St. Paul, who said: "None of these things move me," this noble man endured all these things that he might "win Christ" and win souls to Christ. With unmur- muring, uncomplaining spirit he traveled large, hard circuits, undergoing severe exposure and hard labor in the service of the Church and his Lord. He con- tinued in this work for forty-eight years, contributing (who can tell how much?) to the establishment of our Church in North and East Texas and preparing the way for the better and easier times we now enjoy. Do we not owe a debt of gratitude to him and his co-laborers of those early days of Texas Methodism? Bro. Angell's life, as we well know, was one of great pri- vation and his declining years, we fear, unattended by the outward ma- terial comforts necessary to smooth his way and cheer his heart. I have not learned the circumstances surrounding his death, but I suppose he was buried in the community where he lived, south of Greenville some miles, with nothing permanent to mark his grave. And how many of our old pioneers sleep thus in unmarked and neglected graves, to our shame! Pardon me, brethren, but in writing the notice of Bro. Angell's life and death, these re- flections rushed in upon me and filled me with unspeakable sadness. "While I mused" I determined to make this appeal. Let us make up a sum suffi- cient to put up a modest stone to rescue his resting place from utter obscurity. Limited in means, I will start it with \$5. Let those who wish to help in this matter communicate with me or with Bro. O. S. Thomas, at Greenville, who will, I have no doubt, look after the matter. And while on this subject I would suggest the creation of a fund to be called "The Itinerant Preachers Memorial Fund," or something of that kind, to be created and kept up by annual contributions, so that we may have something always on hand to mark suitably the graves of our fallen fel- low-laborers. Who of us would not be willing to pay a small sum annually to keep up such a fund? I make this suggestion for the brethren to think about, hoping that it may lead to an organization with proper officers to look after this important matter. Let us hallow the memory of our depart- ed heroes by properly marking their tombs.

M. H. NEELY.

A PROTEST AND ELSE.

H. G. H.

In the Advocate (and copied by the Nashville) a correspondent tells of a visit to a preacher's house where "all the furniture they had was a bed, a stove, some dishes and chairs, not even a looking glass." Now we do not deny the correctness of the above statement, but here follows another one right

Eczema

How it reddens the skin, itches, oozes, dries and scales! Some people call it better, milk crust or salt rheum. The suffering from it is sometimes intense; local applications are resorted to—they mitigate, but cannot cure. It proceeds from humors inherited or ac- quired and persists until these have been removed.

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after it. "We have more than 1000 just such preachers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South" and the in- ference is that they are too poor (or rather no account) to furnish their wives with looking glasses. Is there a mission in the Church, South, where the people are too mean and stingy to furnish their preacher's wife with a looking glass? And 1000 preachers who would allow their wives to stay on such a mission? And a whole College of Bishops who would send these 1000 preachers to such missions? Come, now; that won't do.

In reading to-day of the death of Rev. J. W. Hinton, of South Georgia Conference I am reminded of the fact that I heard him preach in Millde- ville, Ga., fifty years ago; and then, standing on the same spot where Bishop McKendree ordained the great Stephen Olin, he invited mourners. When Hinton was a very young preacher he was on Talbotton Circuit. Near the county seat he held a camp- meeting. At that camp-meeting a lit- tle dark-skinned Mexican boy was con- verted at the mourners' bench. That same Mexican boy was for a number of years a preacher in the West Texas Conference and afterwards presiding elder in the Mexican Border Mission Conference.

We've had with us for several days near Seguin the noted Pollycarp Rodriguez, old Mexican preacher of West Texas and Mexico, attending J. A. Phillips' camp-meeting. We had the honor of a call from him. He was or- dained by Bishop Linus Parker in Seguin twenty years ago. He is 74 years old, hale and vigorous. He was a guide on the far-distant Texas frontier for Robert E. Lee when that famous man was a Colonel in the United States Army in the same regiment with Al- bert Sidney Johnston. A life of Poly- carp Rodriguez would make deeply interesting reading.

It may not be out of place these days, when John Wesley's name is being mentioned from pulpit and platform, to name the fact that Abel Stevens, in his three-volume history of Methodism, gives exceedingly scant notice of John Wesley's stay in Georgia, just about as scant notice of that part of Wesley's career as McTyre, in his "History of Methodism" gives of Methodism in Texas. But Stevens does give copious notes of George Whitefield's career in this country of his traffic in negro slavery and notes also Charles Wes- ley's visit to Boston. If I mistake not, Lady Huntington placed money in George Whitefield's hands for the pur- pose of buying a few negro slaves and placing them at his orphan asylum near Savannah as servants. The negro question was mightily tangled up with Englishmen, Dutchmen, Yankees and Southern people less than an hundred and fifty years ago—and the question seems mixed somewhat to this good day.

I made a talk yesterday after preach- ing of about two minutes length and received seven subscribers for the Ad- vocate. GUS BARNES, Waco, Texas.

Texas Farmer, Dallas, Texas, edited by "Farmer" Shaw is pulling for circula- tion. Send 25 cents to Texas Farmer Pub. Co., Dallas, Texas. Texas Farmer will be sent you one whole year for that small amount. The regular yearly price is 75c, and this 25-cent offer is merely to give readers a whole year to make up their minds as to the merits of the paper. (See ad in this issue.)

The most striking sermon is usually the one that hits the man who is not there.—Ram's Horn.

The Sunday-School Department

Third Quarter, Lesson 6, August 9.

DAVID AND GOLIATH
I Sam. 17: 38-49.

Golden Text: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"—Rom. 8: 31.

Topical Outline: I. David's Preparation. (Verses 38-49.) II. The War of Words. (Verses 41-47.) III. The Death of Goliath. (Verses 48, 49.)

Time: The Oxford Bible puts it 1063 B. C.

Places: The valley of Elah, about fifteen miles southeast of Jerusalem, on the border of Philistia.

Dr. J. H. Carlisle, in Sunday-School Magazine:

The history of the Philistines is closely and painfully joined to that of the chosen people. These corrupt people were as thorns in the sides of the Israelites for centuries. And it is striking to notice that they still live in the common name Palestine, given to the Holy Land. They were always ready to take advantage of any trouble in the land of Israel, and strike those whom they regarded as invaders of their native land. Saul's affliction may have given them occasion for this inroad in large numbers. They may not have had a king with them, but they brought a chieftain who, in bodily stature and strength was more than a match for Israel's tall monarch.

It may be well to read the whole chapter to the class, especially of boys. It will be listened to with interest. It is life-like. The story is told in natural, artless style. Goliath is the hero of the hour. The element of prize fighting, that still disgraces our civilization, is a survival of the old primitive, hostile temper. Goliath fell on the field of honor, to which he went so full of pride and confidence. The dueling ground has often witnessed scenes something similar. "Come and see me nick a young Scotchman," said an expert duelist to a friend. But the result of the meeting was very different.

The chance appointments of life are a strange network, with connections which we do not plan and cannot control. The soldiers of Israel are exposed daily to insolent threats and challenges. This seems likely to go on indefinitely. A father, too old for service in the field, has three sons in the camp. He wants to hear from them. His young messenger son must not go empty-handed. The bill of fare that was sent is interesting, throwing light on the simple taste of those days. A few hours walk took David, now about 20 years of age, to the tent of his brothers. He found them with their fellow-soldiers on a ridge. On an opposite ridge, perhaps a mile away, with a deep valley between, were the Philistines in battle array. The young shepherd took in the scene with interest. All was new to him. He saw and heard the audacious boasting as he went through his usual performance in the valley while two armies looked down on him. One heard his defiant speeches with pride and confidence; the other listened with fear and alarm. David asked some plain questions about the state of things. For this he was harshly rebuked by his brothers. The young shepherd, on a kind mission to his brothers, was cruelly treated as Joseph had been before him. But the young visitor held his temper. He was sent for to headquarters. Saul was not in a mood to overlook any offer of help in such a crisis. He was no doubt surprised, almost amused, to see a young man in shepherd's dress who was not at all alarmed by this strange state of affairs. When questioned about his record as a fighter he could tell of scenes in the pasture that showed his temper and his blood. He had met with boasts as terrible as the giant. David goes at once to the heart of the matter, and in his sincere way, free from cant, tells that in his pasture, when in extreme danger, Jehovah, Israel's Lord, had wrought a great deliverance for him, teaching "his hands to war and his fingers to fight." On this he relied, and he was willing to meet Goliath and settle this great question. Poor Saul was touched by his earnest faith, and gave him a kindly benediction while consenting to his request. That is an interesting incident where Saul put his armor on the young warrior. David politely consented to be harnessed. But it was a mistake. This has given the world an expressive proverb for unsuitable equipments—"David in Saul's armor." Young workmen are apt to mistake their tools. A young lawyer imitating Daniel Webster's majestic looks and ponderous words will not impress favorably a sensible Judge or jury. A young preacher trying to follow Bishop Bascombe or Bishop Phillips Brooks will be left far in the rear. David must be left to choose his own weapons, however trifling and insufficient they may seem to others, to Saul.

or to Goliath? His usual staff and his little sling must answer his purpose. With us, the sling is only a rather dangerous weapon in the playground. Our boys do not acquire skill in gulfing the smooth stones which they hurt from the little leather strap. But in the East the sling is a more dignified and deadly weapon of defense.

The giant makes his usual appearance and repeats his eloquent challenge, confidently offering to let the whole issue of the campaign and the question of mastery rest on this single combat. These wordy quarrels and abuses were common in that day. David hurled back the threat about giving the carcass to the birds and wild beasts. But he prefixed it with some solemn words that must have sounded strangely to the great boaster in the valley below. He brought in the Lord of hosts as a party in the solemn appeal to arms. He was to be a spectator, an umpire, the final decisive agent, the great First Cause determining all smaller second causes.

The two opposing hillside had a strange object lesson before them when the warrior giant, in complete panoply, with his shield bearer before him, started toward David, who ran to meet him. Goliath must have been greatly tempted to sneer or smile at his harmless-looking foe. Quick work will his good sword or javelin make with the daring young fellow when he gets near him. Just there was the foolish boaster's great mistake. David could throw a stone farther than Goliath's strong arm could hurl a spear. In David's skillful hand, with David's trusting, prayerful heart behind it, a stone from the brook may be as deadly as the ball from a modern pistol or rifle. A second stone from his sling was not needed. The work was instantly, fully done. The terrible giant warrior, with his heavy spear, his metallic helmet and greaves, lay dead on the field, with his sharp sword in a stiff, lifeless hand.

EVE.

(A paper written for and read at a recent meeting of the W. C. T. U. of Haskell.)

"And the Lord God said: It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an helpmeet for him. . . . And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took out one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof. . . . And of the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman."

In one respect at least Eve enjoys a distinction which is unique in the history of the world—this distinction is that of being the first woman. No one dares to dispute her honor in that particular; and through sixty centuries her name has been spoken, sometimes in praise, sometimes in condemnation, and sometimes merely as an answer to the question, "Who was the first woman?" until we feel it is safe to say that the name of no other woman has been so frequently framed by human lips.

The Bible tells us that Eve was created as an helpmeet for Adam; and as they were models for all generations which were to follow them, we naturally infer that woman's sphere is to be a helpmeet for her husband; and though, like Eve, she has sometimes erred, still in the main it may be said of her—"she hath done what she could." Eve was a free moral agent, and the one sin of eating the forbidden fruit entailed upon all future generations the burden of woe, whose origin is traceable to her weakness. Then if one weakness, one sin of commission be thus visited upon the whole world, how much more are we, the women of to-day, with the accumulated experience of six thousand years, together with the light of Christianity for twenty centuries, to blame for our many, many sins of both omission and commission? Our influence widens and widens until multiplied millions may look upon us with censure or point at us with the finger of scorn.

"Eve offered unto Adam and he did eat!" O, incalculable, almost infinite, power of woman's hand! Adam had not the strength to resist the entreaties of the charming Eve, and this power of woman's hand has been transmitted to generation after generation, and is as great in the woman of the twentieth century as it was in the hand of Eve.

Man is called the stronger sex, yet how often, as in the case of our first parents, do we find him yielding to the temptations held out by the hand of woman. When this influence is wielded for good, then humanity is uplifted and the world is made better; but if for evil, the millennium is postponed and demons dance in glee.

The glass of wine offered by a maiden's jeweled fingers is a more potent factor in destroying the soul of the young man who drinks it than is the same glass forced to his lips by ruffian hands, and at the pistol's point.

Eve must have been a beautiful woman. Indeed she was in every way perfect. God was pleased with his work, because there was in it no fault of form or feature; and the fair Eve of Milton's creation, as she gazed with pardonable pride in the mirrors furnished by the waters of Paradise, is

the same Eve that Genesis tells us was created from the rib of Adam.

Then beautiful Eve, O Mother Eve, while we may lightly speak of your curiosity, we humbly confess that our own faults have been legion, and that we have not profited as we should by the experiences of those who have gone before us; and that (since we, too, are free moral agents) whatever sins we may commit we only add to their number by laying them all at your door.

STEVENS' THEOLOGY.

Having read carefully the book entitled, "The Theology of the New Testament," by Professor G. B. Stevens, D. D. of Yale University, I feel constrained to say that I do not believe that it ought to be in any course of study intended for the preachers of Southern Methodism, for the reason that it contains some things that are contrary to the teachings of Methodism, and as I believe contrary to the word of God. A few of which I will mention:

1. It teaches that the Sermon on the Mount is patchwork, "a collection of sayings uttered at various times and places (p. 69). That some of these sayings were uttered by our Lord more than once, I doubt not. But if they were not all uttered on the same occasion, the statements of Matthew at the beginning and at the close of the sermon are not true. This is a serious matter, as it brings into question the truthfulness of the historian.

2. It teaches that Paul is in error when he says, "By man sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men." (Rom. 5: 12). Dr. Stevens occupies a full page and a half in an effort to excuse Paul for this mistake(?), and even then does not quite excuse him (pp. 251, 2).

3. It teaches that the description of the first human pair, their temptation and fall must be regarded not as history, but as legendary (p. 350). One of our preachers, writing to me in defense of this position, says: "Suppose that Adam and Eve and Eden are parabolical representations of the beginning of our race, do we suffer any loss? Is the story of the prodigal son any the less true or beautiful because it is a parable?" But there is another question which ought always to be asked in such a connection as this, namely, Is the story of the second Adam, his birth, his life, his death, his resurrection and the redemption of our race through him, any the less true, or beautiful because it is a legend, a parable, or a figure? If the story of the first Adam is a legend, what about the story of the second Adam? Is that a legend also? "By man (Adam) came death, by man (Christ) came also the resurrection of the dead." If one of these was a myth, the other was a myth also. If I believed that the story of Adam is a parable, I would believe also that the story of Christ is a parable.

4. It teaches that Jesus "taught nothing concerning the nature, functions or actions of angels or demons" including the devil.

5. It teaches that Matthew 25: 31-46 is a parable, and means only "a principle of the Divine judgment." This passage contains sixteen verses, beginning with the words: "But when the Son of man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations," etc., and closes with the words: "These shall go away into eternal punishment; but the righteous into eternal life." Is this a result of scientific study? Is it higher criticism—the criticism of interpretation? Whatever it may be it is destructive. One of the easiest ways for an interpreter to get rid of a passage that lies in his way is to call it a parable, or figurative. Many years ago I determined not to regard any saying of Jesus or Paul or any writer of the New Testament as a parable, or a metaphor, unless I knew beyond a doubt it was one. I believe this rule has helped me to a clearer, more satisfactory knowledge of the real meaning of the New Testament writings than I could have reached in any other way.

6. It teaches that our blessed Savior during the interval between his crucifixion and resurrection went and preached to "the spirits in prison," and offered them salvation. By "the spirits in prison" it means "the dead in general." (pp. 396-10). It was on this view of 1 Pet. 3: 19, 20 that Canon Farrar built his doctrine of a second probation. If this view is true, it ought to be preached; and if it were preached, how many of our race would postpone repentance and take the second chance, imagining that it will be far better than the first? Or rather, how few would not do so? Doctor Stevens, in a later work, entitled, "The Teachings of Jesus," teaches that the context and the parallels do not favor the idea that the figures of the undying worm and the unquenchable fire in gehenna are meant to describe final destiny. Then what do they describe? And what does da

scribe final destiny? He adds: "The doctrine of endless punishment and of the fixity of destiny at death can not be legitimately built on the word, 'eternal,'" because that word is too indefinite in meaning (p. 186). Now it is well known that the term, "eternal life," in the New Testament frequently includes in it the idea of endless existence. For example, in such passages as, "Should not perish, but have eternal life." If they shall not perish, they will live forever. The righteous after the resurrection shall die no more. If they shall die no more, of course they shall have endless life. Thus our Lord protects and guards the term eternal life by using it as the correlative of the imperishable and the undying. The word, "eternal," when applied to the future state of the righteous, never means less than endless as to duration. This is admitted by Dr. Stevens. He says: "This blessed life which is realized in fellowship with God is eternal, not merely in the sense of imperishable or endless, but in the higher sense of the true God-like life." If the word eternal implies endlessness in the second member of Mat. 25: 46, it does so in the first member. It is "eternal punishment," "eternal life." This is the logic of the case. How it does trouble some of the modern interpreters, who say it is, "con, or age, punishment"—"con, or age, life," but as an age may be long or short, the con of punishment may be limited, while the con life is endless. Mr. Stevens, as we have seen, says the whole passage (Mat. 25: 31-46) is a parable and means only "a principle of judgment." And he tries to weaken the word eternal when applied to the final destiny of unrighteous men. In some way, it seems, the first part of verse 46 must be got rid of. Absorb it in a parable, weaken its strongest word, nullify it in some way, for it is "pessimistic." But, after all, it stands there as the statement of the Son of God. And, so far as I know or believe, no shadow has ever been cast on its origin or genuineness. And the New Testament is full of the idea that all men who "die in their sins" can never come where Christ is, can never enter the kingdom of God, or get to heaven. To be kept out of heaven forever would be an "eternal punishment."

I will close by saying that I rejoice in the success of the "Summer Biblical Institute." I think it has come to stay; and that it promises much for the ministry of our Church. And as far as I have the opportunity of doing so, I advise the preachers to attend its sessions, especially the younger ones.

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"THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH ME."
(Dedicated to Methodist Preachers.)

Why do I wander, far away from my home,
O'er mountain and dale, weary and alone,
Like a sheep that has strayed away from the fold,
Weary and sore, oft hungry and cold,
Tweeter better, methinks, with loved ones to be,
But "the love of Christ constraineth me."

Why endure disappointments, crosses,
And loss?
Am I indeed "a soldier of the cross?"
Will the harvest be meager, or an hundred fold?
"The hour, I am sure, has never been told."
So on I'll go, with a heart light and free,
Since "the love of Christ constraineth me."

They who endure, as a soldier brave,
Shall the victory gain o'er death and the grave.
By faith shall see the prize from afar,
As the lone night-wanderer, the polar star,
So in labors more abundant, O let me be,
Since "the love of Christ constraineth me."

We should never hesitate, or falter, in the discharge of duty; so that when we have come to the end of life's journey, we may, like St. Paul, be able to say: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also, that love his appearing."—2 Tim. 4: 7, 8.

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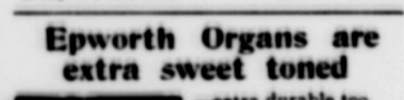
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 The fairest, sweetest flowers that blow;
 Kiss her and leave her—your heart's delight—
 In dreamless peace; she will sleep to-night!"
 "A shadowy gleam of life-light lies
 Around the lids of her slumberous eyes,
 And her lips are closed, as in fond delay,
 Of the loving words she had meant to say."
 But her gentle heart forgot to beat,
 And from dainty head to dainty feet
 She is strangely quiet, cold and white;
 The fever is gone! She will sleep to-night!"
 "Put by her work and her empty chair;
 Fold up the garments she used to wear;
 Let down the curtains and close the door,
 She will need the garish light no more;
 For the task assigned her under the sun
 Is finished now, and the guardian won;
 Tenderly kiss her; put out the light
 And leave her alone. She will sleep to-night!"
 "O blessed sleep, that will not break
 For tears nor prayers nor love's sweet sake!
 O perfect rest that knows no pain,
 No throbs, no thrill of heart or brain!
 O life sublime, beyond all speech,
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 "There will be no dark valley when Jesus comes." So we see by this old man's journey that the way for us to meet death is to cling to our Bibles, the sword of the Spirit, and secret prayer, the divine medium through which we speak to God and receive our daily strength. We must simply cling to the above and have "faith in God" to meet death without fear. There is no other way for us to meet death, fearing no evil, only in the above mentioned. But here goes the poor sinner. He will have to cross the dark stream without one star of hope to guide him on his lonely voyage. O wretched man! the sinner of sin will hurl you across tempestuous seas and will land you into a starless eternity. It makes no difference whether our forms be sleeping in the graves among the illustrious dead or amidst the shoals of the briny deep we will arise at the sounding of the last trumpet, when that mighty angel shall cry out, "Time shall be no longer; the great day of his wrath is come. Who shall be able to stand?" Let us remember, if our robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, we will not only be able to cross the stream of death without fear, but will march onward to that celestial city whose builder and maker is God. Our few brief years below will soon be to an end, and we will pass out, prepared or unprepared to weep and mourn or to sing and shout throughout the countless millions of years of eternity. O weary pilgrims! do not despair, for in due season you shall reap, if you faint not. Your final reward will be the entrance to a home of endless joy and God shall wipe all tears from your eyes, and there you shall eat of the luscious fruit of the tree of life, and drink from that perennial stream which flows from the throne of God.
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The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Corsicana Church, was organized Oct. 9, 1880, by Bishop Pierce, who was that day made a life member of the society by the payment of \$20 raised by the women.

During all these years there have been a few faithful women who endeavored to meet all the demands made upon them and keep this department of the Church work actively before the women. We have not worked without discouragement. Our monthly meetings are not always well attended and too many of our women are indifferent to their duty toward the heathen who are imploring Christians to give them the gospel.

We have forty-four members and seven life members; support one Bible woman in Mexico, named Rosetta Talley, for our sainted Sister Talley now in heaven. Our life members are Bishop Pierce, Miss Williams, Mrs. Rosetta Talley, Mrs. Jane Beaton, Mrs. Lizzie Gulch, Mrs. A. V. Winkler and Mrs. H. A. Gordon.

Our members pay their dues promptly and most of them are interested in the work. We raised for all purposes last year \$152.80. Last year at the annual meeting of the Conference Society we had the honor of being the banner society in the North-west Texas Conference, financially as well as for subscriptions to Woman's Missionary Advocate. In our literary department we are studying "Lux Christi," a history of missions in India. The perplexing question with us now is, How can we get our people to read more missionary literature and thus inspire them with more zeal and love for the cause?

The officers of this society are: Mrs. A. C. Johnson, President; Mrs. P. M. Lea, First Vice-President; Mrs. S. W. Johnson, Second Vice-President; Mrs. J. W. David, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. W. Gibbs, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. M. Tatum, Treasurer; Miss Minnie McMillan, Agent for W. M. Advocate. MRS. M. S. READ, Corsicana, Texas. Dist. Sec.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary cause of the Sherman District is flourishing. We are having a slow but continued growth and are not building any foreign auxiliaries or wrecks of Home Mission auxiliaries or vice versa. As far as is practicable we are working the same women into both, thus avoiding the wrangling and jealousies that are so objectionable to Christ and the Church.

The last week in June I attended the Sherman District Conference at Collinsville. Bro. J. A. Stafford, our presiding elder, very courteously gave me all the time I wanted and he and the brethren listened sympathetically while I presented our cause of "Christ for the world, the world for Christ." Their kindness will long be one of the pleasant memories. While there my home was with Mrs. F. P. Varley, Treasurer of our Home Mission Society, North Texas Conference, and Corresponding Secretary of the local auxiliary, W. F. M. Society, one of God's elect women. There is an ideal Christian home and I enjoyed every minute of my stay.

The 8th and 9th of June I attended the W. H. Mission District meeting at Whitesboro. I was entertained at the elegant home of Mrs. John Marshall. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Varley, Treasurer, and Mrs. Archer, Secretary of Conference Society. It was a success in every way. The twelve auxiliaries of the district were represented by two or more women from each. The reports showed that fine work had been done in every department.

Mrs. Johnson, of Mission Home, and Miss Haskin, of Settlement Home, Dallas, were present, veritable home missionaries, and were quite an inspiration. When I see and hear such consecrated women talk of their work and realize the hardships of it, even though they are surrounded by Churches and Christian sympathy, I wonder how our foreign missionaries ever endure the life without this support. God help us to both give and pray for those who bear our burdens, at home and abroad.

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The gala occasion enjoyed on the evening of the 21st of this month, at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church of Dallas, when the members and friends were invited to meet Capt. and Mrs. Wm. White, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding—their "golden wedding"—was an occasion full of brightness and cheer. The young ladies of the Church took charge of the decorations and refreshments—in fact, they were the originators of the happy thought which developed into the happy occasion—and the parlors and dining room of the parsonage were made to glow with lovely flowers, while the beaming faces of the young ladies and girls gave added brightness to the scene. Many were the friends, old and young, who came to greet this honored couple, many of them having been associated for years with the two in Church work. Capt. White having been for years a trustee and steward in the Church, and Mrs. White having been for a number of years President of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church, since merged into the Woman's Home Mission Society, and also Recording Secretary of the auxiliary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church for about same period of time. This faithful worker has been unable for several years to take the active part in such work that she once did, but her heart, and that of her husband, still goes out in loving interest for all that goes to widen the influence of her Church for good in the world. It was indeed a pleasure to one and all who attended the celebration of their "golden wedding," to thus meet and greet these two true and tried friends of the First Methodist Church in Dallas, which has for over a quarter of a century claimed them as members. The editor of this department, who has been co-worker and associate officer with Mrs. White in all the years of her membership in the two organizations before mentioned, would hereby extend to her in behalf of other co-workers sisterly greeting in grateful recognition of the gracious Providence which has been around and about her and her husband through all the years of their wedded life, bringing them to their golden anniversary in blessing, and for a special message to them would refer them to the words of benediction found in the sacred Word, Numbers 6:24, 25, 26.

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

Our annual meeting draws near. What have we done in regard to this subject of "tithing"? I have written many letters and have received some few in reply. Especially let the District Secretaries and Second Vice-Presidents of auxiliaries give their immediate attention. I should be glad to attend the district meetings and where possible meet with any auxiliary needing a little encouragement along this line. Call on me if I can serve you. I have attended three district meetings and in this way have been enabled to bring the work before many of the auxiliaries. Without your help I can do nothing. Let us honor him with our substance. "As we sow, so shall we reap." Asking your prayerful consideration, and trusting that at your next meeting you will press this subject and let me know the number and the names of those who tithe. I am earnestly,

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of wisdom, Elijah and Elisha of prophecy, Hezekiah of kingly management and financiering, David the sweet gift of poetry, Daniel undaunted courage, Steven the capacity for martyrdom, Lydia was only "a seller of purple and fine linen," but she had the lovely gift of womanly hospitality and the disciples went from her home comforted.

Doreas could not entertain perhaps, or even talk well, but her busy hands made home garments for the poor. You may not be able to preach; you may not have the priceless gift of language; perhaps you can never think of just the right thing to say to an erring brother, but you can do him some sweet kindness as he passes by, and with his heart all mellowed by this act, he will be ready to receive the good, Christian words that perhaps the next one he meets can say to him. We must not weary of our little work because we do not see its results. We must often "weave blindly. We may not see how the right side looks. We can only weave and wait." Ruth lived and worked in her simple life gleaning the handfuls of grain dropped by the harvesters, a labor made beautiful only by her womanly constancy to affection, yet she began the line from which sprang our Savior. The woman of Samaria did not dream, as she sauntered with her water pot to the well, that she was in the pathway to do much in life, yet when she returned to the city she started the glad invitation that has rung down the ages, "Come and see the Christ." The Syrophenician woman was neither a Lydia nor a Doreas, only a loving, earnest mother, yet the story of her and her child, and unconquerable faith in Jesus, have given perseverance and courage to pleading sinners for eighteen centuries. We in this beautiful, gospel-enlightened century are worse than the "barren fig tree." If we stand before our Heavenly Father empty-handed, I don't like that hymn beginning, "Oh to be nothing; nothing; only to lie at his feet!" But I do like the ring of "Onward, upward, doing, and daring, all for Him who died for thee!"

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

July 23.—W. J. Lemons, sub. C. R. Gray, subs. M. L. Moody, sub. J. J. Shaw, sub. R. A. Hall, sub.

July 24.—W. W. Horner, sub. S. S. McKenney, sub. H. R. Taylor, sub.

July 25.—J. E. Blaylock, sub. S. S. McKenney, sub. H. R. Taylor, sub. July 27.—J. A. Wyatt, subs. T. M. Kirk, sub. J. P. Lowry, sub. J. C. Carr, sub. J. T. Trice, sub. C. A. Evans, sub. Eugene T. Bates, sub has attention.

July 28.—J. A. Wyatt, sub. T. J. Beckham, sub. C. W. Dennis, sub. H. B. Laney, sub. W. B. Martin, sub. Walter Douglass, subs. J. R. Henson, sub. J. E. Morgan, sub.

July 29.—Gus Barnes, subs; good work. J. M. Wynne, subs. T. W. Ellis, subs. J. W. Tincher, sub. H. R. Taylor, subs. S. N. Allen, sub. R. B. Moreland, subs.

The passenger department of the Southern Pacific announces the following important changes in its schedule:

Trains Nos. 7 and 8 now running between New Orleans and San Francisco, will, on and after July 25th, run between New Orleans and San Antonio on present schedule.

West of San Antonio, on and after July 25th, these trains will run as follows: No. 7 leaves San Antonio 8 a. m., arrives Eagle Pass 2 p. m.

No. 8 leaves Eagle Pass at 12 m., arrives San Antonio 4 p. m., handling all local business between Spofford and San Antonio except for such passengers that No. 9 may have west of Spofford for points east, that train will stop to let off such passengers.

Passengers on No. 9 for points between Spofford and San Antonio will be transferred to No. 7 at San Antonio.

No. 9 will leave Del Rio at the same time as at present and arrive at El Paso at 6 a. m. instead of 7 a. m.

No. 7 and 8 will handle the St. Louis-Mexico sleeper.

Nos. 11 and 12 between Flatonia and San Antonio will be operated on the present schedule from July 26th until August 1st; on and after that date (August 1st) these trains will be discontinued and the St. Louis-Mexico sleeper and the St. Louis-California sleeper will be delivered to the Southern Pacific by the M., K. & T. at San Antonio instead of at Flatonia as at present.

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REV. P. L. SMITH.

Rev. Pleasant Lovick Smith was born in Pleasantville, Hunt County, Texas, December 19, 1860. His parents were Rev. J. Clark Smith and Indiana Elizabeth Smith. His father, Rev. J. Clark Smith was a charter member of the North Texas Conference, and died at Terrell, Texas, in 1889, and his ashes sleep in that city. Reared in a religious home and under the influence of religious parents, dedicated to God by baptism in infancy, our brother early received religious impressions and soon in life realized the responsibility of his relationship to God; so we find him at the early age of 15 surrendering his life and all to God. He was converted at Carrollton, Hopkins County, Texas, in August 1875. A few years later he entered Southwestern University, Georgetown, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1880, taking the A. B. degree. Of his college life, one of his classmates writes: "He was a good and faithful student, especially fond of Latin and Greek, the vocabularies of which he had better than any boy in school. He was universally liked, and I do not think he had an enemy in school, and I never know of him having any trouble with either professor or student. He was always faithful in his religious life; was a regular attendant on the young men's prayer-meeting, where I have often heard him give his religious experience. He had his trials and temptations, as do all Christians, but I never heard anything that indicated a weakening of his purpose to dedicate his life to God and his services. He was always active in revival meetings and exercised an influence for good. He often talked to me privately about his religious life and trials, but there was a steadfastness of purpose in all that he said."

While he was in college he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Georgetown Station, Northwest Texas Conference. In the autumn of the next year following his graduation (1881), he was admitted on trial into the North Texas Conference. He successfully passed his examination on the course of study prescribed and was admitted into full connection in the same conference in 1882 at McKinney, Texas, being at that time ordained deacon by Bishop Linus Parker. Two years later, having passed his examination with credit, he was ordained elder by Bishop R. K. Hargrove. In the fall of 1882 he transferred to the Florida Conference, but on account of climatic conditions there his health failed, and he only remained six months, retransferring to the North Texas Conference, in whose bounds he lived and labored until called to his reward.

In June, 1884, he was happily married to Miss Laura Weathersee, and from this union one child was born—Mrs. Mattie Minton. His wife and daughter both survive him, the latter having last year (1902) lost her husband only a month after her marriage.

In the North Texas Conference he served the following charges: Trinity, Denton, Leonard, Leeburg, Queen City, Mt. Pleasant, Nevada, Weston and Cochran and Caruth Circuits, Trinity, Oak Cliff, Pilot Point, Van Alstyne, Wolfe City, Whitesboro and Henrietta Stations. For several years Bro. Smith had suffered with a chronic stomach trouble, and when attacked with a malignant case of typhoid fever, this old trouble became aggravated, and after a short and severe illness, during which he suffered much, he fell on sleep on Wednesday, July 8, 1902, at Henrietta, Texas, dying about 6:30 in the afternoon. His remains, accompanied by friends from Henrietta, were carried to Pilot Point for interment, and on Thursday afternoon, after a sermon by his presiding elder, Rev. F. O. Miller, he was laid to rest. Several of his brethren in the ministry were present and took part in the service, and all bore witness to the uprightness and integrity of his life and character.

A man's life, and not the incidents of death, ought to be the basis from which we draw our conclusions as to his future, and tried by the standard of his life we have no fears as to where we shall seek to find our brother; and yet it is gratifying to know that his death was singularly triumphant and happy. Conscious as he was almost to the last moment, and realizing fully his condition, his expressions of faith and hope were clear, bright and assuring. With perfect calmness he gave instructions as to

his burial and other matters, and after repeating verses of several hymns he bade those around him farewell, and with praise on his lips went home to God.

While by nature Bro. Smith was rather reticent, yet to those who knew him well he was a delightful companion, sociable, interesting, helpful in his conversation. His conversation was not marred by anything unclean, but was wholesome, helpful and instructive. His natural reticence was at times the cause of his not being fully appreciated always for his real worth.

As a preacher he was clear, straightforward and thoughtful. He never loaded his ideas down with a superabundance of words. His thought was always good and always clearly expressed. He always gave his hearers something to take home with them, something suggestive, something to think about, something helpful.

For nearly twenty-two years now he has gone in out among us. During that time there has never been a suggestion against the purity and integrity of his life and character. The answer to the call of his name has always been "nothing against him." Now that he has gone from among us to his reward we feel sure that his reward will meet the approval of his God and Master and that he has already entered into the reward promised to the faithful.

ROBT. GIBBS MOOD.

ACTON.—Edgar Acton was born April 19, 1872, and died at San Angelo, Texas, April 16, 1902. His remains were shipped to this place, the home of the family, where he was laid to rest in the Confederate Cemetery April 18, 1902. A little over a year ago his mother passed away, and just eight months before his death a sister. It seems that the hand of affliction has fallen heavily on this home. Yet they are at home with Jesus, and every one knows where they are. Bro. Edgar was a true and loyal member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. No one ever knew him to do or say anything that was ungentlemanly or unchristian. He was a model young man, and held in highest esteem by all the young people of Alvin. He leaves a father, several brothers and sisters to mourn his death. One brother and one sister are faithful and devoted members of our Church.

G. W. DAVIS.

TATE.—Miss Goldia B. Tate was born October 17, 1882, and died at her home in Marble Falls, Texas, July 5, 1903. Goldia professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life and until death lived a consistent and useful Christian life. For three weeks she wrestled with typhoid fever, but bore her sufferings patiently and sweetly, never murmuring nor complaining, until an ailment Heavenly Father saw best to call her home. She was a dutiful daughter, an affectionate sister, and tenderly devoted to her grandmother, who had the care of her in her early childhood. She was left without a mother at the tender age of 2 years. Goldia was modest and sweet-spirited, ever willing to sacrifice pleasure or even comfort to add pleasure to loved ones—so quiet, so patient and loving to everybody with whom she was associated. Teachers and classmates all delight to talk of her pure, gentle life. Those who knew her best loved her most. She will be sadly missed in the home, in the Sunday-school and League and in the community. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. May God comfort and sustain them in this sore affliction.

HER SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER.

HARRIS.—Cullen G. Harris, after an illness of several months, was taken up to his final reward May 18, 1903. He was born in Alabama November 9, 1826, but spent most of his life in Mississippi. He was married to Miss Hester Wilson January 19, 1845. Up to the time of his death he had been a

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R. B. YOUNG, P. C.

MAGGARD.—David Maggard was born in Wythe County, Va., August 3, 1817; was united in marriage with Miss Pernetta Garr, of Alabama, in 1844. Seven children were born of this union. He joined the M. E. Church, South, soon after his marriage, where he served as class-leader, Sunday-school superintendent and steward, as the Church saw fit to lay upon him these responsible duties; moved to Texas soon after the Civil War and settled in Navarro County. His wife dying in 1887, he was married the second time to Mrs. M. A. E. Todd, who with seven of his children survive him. He died June 15, 1902, at his old home in Cryer Creek, where he had been so long known and loved, surrounded by his wife and five of his children. He was, in many respects, a model man. Active and successful in business, he did not forget the claim that God and the Church had upon him, but consecrating himself and all that he had to God, he was a blessing to all with whom he came in touch. A man of strong individuality, he moulded public sentiment to a remarkable degree. The people honored him for his integrity and loved him for his great, warm heart. The Church never had a more faithful or loyal servant. If his place was vacant at the Sabbath-school or Church service, we all knew it was impossible for him to come. Many a struggling preacher has known what a friend he was in time of need. A richer, fuller Christian life would be hard to find. A great concourse of people met at the church, where, after a sermon, he was laid to rest by the Masons in the old Cryer Creek Cemetery. May God bless his memory and comfort those who sorrow.

JAS. M. WYNNE.

WRIGHT.—Bro. D. J. Wright was born in Alabama March 7, 1841, and died at Morgan Mills, Texas, July 13, 1902. He joined the Methodist Church, South, thirty-six years ago, and since that time has been a faithful member of the same. For some time he had been conscious that a mortal disease had hold upon him, and he spoke often of the future. The nearer the end the dearer the friends that were good and true. His death was only a passing gently over the river into the land of sunshine and flowers. Bro. Wright leaves a wife, two grandchildren, of whom he had the care, and a large number of relatives to mourn their loss. The pastor, assisted by Rev. W. H. Terry, of Stephenville, the Masonic fraternity of Morgan Mills and Stephenville, laid him to rest at the East Cemetery of Stephenville. It has been many years since one died in this part of the country who was so sincerely mourned. He had a kind, loving word for every one. To be in his home was to go away with sunshine in the soul. On down the years to come his influence will live for good.

MATTHEW C. DICKSON, P. C. Morgan Mills.

WARD.—Mrs. Joe S. Ward (nee Adams) was born January 17, 1876, at Round Rock, Texas; was married to W. D. M. Ward at Colony, January 15, 1891. She was converted and joined the Missionary Baptist Church at 14 years of age, and remained a faithful member of that Church until God called her home June 10, 1903. Sister Ward suffered patiently for several months with consumption, and when she learned that she must die she was calm and seemed ready to go. Her little 3-year-old boy, Seth, seemed to be her last earthly thought, as the name of this little one was the last word spoken by her. May the Father of mercies comfort the sorrowing husband and loved ones, and guide, guard and direct the footsteps of the motherless baby into the true and noble paths of righteousness, is the prayer of their pastor, E. A. POTTS, West Point, Texas.

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CHENAULT.—Mrs. Maggie E. Chenault (nee Wells) was born in Marshall County, Tenn., Oct. 19, 1857. In early childhood she gave her heart and life to God, and from that day to the close of her life on earth she lived an exemplary Christian life. On Dec. 21, 1885, she was married to W. M. Chenault, who, with his three motherless boys, now mourn their sad loss. But they "sorrow not without hope," for if faithful to the end they know they will overtake her in the home of the good. Sister Maggie was not a demonstrative Christian, but what is far better, she lived her religion in her home every day. No one could be in her company without feeling better by the association. She seemed to have partaken largely of the divine nature, and though frail and delicate, yet she was always cheerful, bright and happy. She was indeed a true, good wife, and an affectionate mother. For eighteen long, weary months she lingered with consumption, but she never murmured nor complained. She wanted to get well that she might raise her boys, but she was resigned to the will of God. Everything was done that loving hearts could devise and loving hands could do, to prolong her precious life, but God ordered otherwise, and on June 3, 1902, at her home, near Lawrence, Texas, she calmly fell on sleep without a groan or a struggle, and went home to rest. Her body now sleeps in Forney Cemetery to await the resurrection of the good. She leaves a husband, three boys and one sister in Texas, one sister and many friends in Tennessee. May they all meet in heaven at last.

ROBT. M. CHENAULT, Higbyville, Tenn.

EVANS.—Sister Linda May Evans was born March 12, 1870, at Smithfield, Texas. She was converted in early life and joined the Methodist Church, where she lived a faithful member until the day of her death. Every one who knew her felt the sweet influence of her Christian character. During her illness she bore her sufferings with that Christian fortitude that had always characterized her life. Her patience, love and charity, all her good deeds, cheery words and smiles will be remembered always. She leaves six children, two having preceded her to the better world. May all the family be guided in paths of usefulness on earth and finally be gathered around the great white throne.

J. A. WALKUP.

TYSON.—Bro. J. W. Tyson was born in Kentucky, December 18, 1829, and died near Alvin, Texas, June 8, 1902. He was converted at Otter Creek Camp-ground, Missouri, and united with the M. E. Church, South, in 1848. He did faithful service in the Church as steward, class leader and Sunday-school superintendent for about twenty years. His health failing, he was compelled to retire from active service, but he ever remained faithful to the vows of his Church. He came to the coast country of Texas in 1894 on account of his health. His devoted wife preceded him to the other world just three years. Since then all his serious thoughts were in heaven. He longed, yet patiently waited, for the day when they should meet to part no more. While I was sitting by his bedside a few weeks before he died he said to me: "I have seen many sore afflictions, and been subject to temptation, but was never lured across the line. I have always felt that angels were about me, guarding and guiding me. Praise the Lord for his goodness! I await his bidding. All is well." A son and two daughters survive him. G. W. DAVIS.



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THE JOINT HYMNAL COMMISSION.

The Joint Hymnal Commission had its second session at Plymouth, Mass., July 9-14. Every one of the twenty-two members was present excepting President H. N. Snyder, of the Southern Commission, who was detained at home by sickness. The weather was warm, notwithstanding our latitude, but that did not lessen the energy and fidelity with which the commission worked. Sessions were held for three and a half hours in the morning, two and a half in the afternoon and then occasionally an hour or so at night. Discussions were vigorous and pointed, but never lengthy and wasteful. There was the utmost freedom of speech, but also a very commendable self-restraint. All formal and sentimental fraternities were supplanted by genuine brotherly love. The points of the compass never at any time figured in the differences of opinion. While very few sessions were unanimous, yet the concordant spirit was perfect.

The commission in its first sitting in Nashville decided that 800 hymns should be the limit of the book. There was no disposition at this meeting to reconsider that action. Every pastor knows that a book of that size may contain all the hymns that are used in any service. Already 625 hymns have been selected. Arrangements were made by which the remainder may be chosen at the next meeting without extended discussion. Committees on arrangement, index, text and tunes have been appointed. The results of their labors will be acted upon in the open commission. The members are determined that the book shall be "singable." After the committee has made its recommendation every tune will be sung and acted upon separately by the commission. The commission can sing. A finer chorus could scarcely be found.

Much work yet remains to be done. It is hoped that the next meeting, which will be held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 30, 1903, will be sufficient to complete the work, but of that no one can be sure. The Churches need not expect the new book before September, 1904. In fact, those having the matter in hand will do well to provide it by that time. The commission is to be congratulated in having such men for chairmen as Bishop Goodsell and Bishop Hoss. They are ready men on any occasion. At the dinner given by the Northern Commission at the Miles Standish Hotel in Duxbury and at the closing devotional services on Plymouth Rock both men made splendid speeches. There is readiness shown by all members of the commission, which is exceedingly refreshing. These faithful men are anxious to do most efficient service for all Methodism. Let the Church support them by sincere prayer. JOHN M. MOORE.

JACKSONVILLE MATTERS.

I have been mentally threatening to assault the Advocate with a letter for some time, a thing I seldom do. It seems to me worth while to write, and I trust it will be worth while for others to read.

The Moral Situation.

The census of 1900 gave us a population of 1568. We now have probably 2500, or even more. The Church membership is about 1150, white and black. Our Methodist membership is about 400. We reported at conference 250. Bro. Greathouse has received 58 or 60 since he came. Has dismissed a few by certificate. I think the spiritual life of the Church is perhaps more satisfactory than at any period since the writer came seven years ago. Our Church is too small at times to hold the congregations that attend worship. But few, if any, Methodist preachers in Texas will do more acceptable pulpit work from Sunday to Sunday than B. H. Greathouse.

In spite of our rapid material growth prohibition has taken root, and for several years has been growing stronger and stronger with our people. Ask those who have been to jail, those now there, those probably on the way there, or to the United States Penitentiary, if prohibition prohibits. Look at the growth of Jacksonville and see how it kills a thriving town!

The enrollment in our various schools last year was about 925, counting 100 boarders. This enrollment is, in round numbers, one-third of our present population, the usual enrollment being I am informed, about one-fifth.

In Church membership, in school enrollment, in strength of prohibition sentiment and enforcement of the law, I believe it would be difficult to duplicate us, especially when one considers the extraordinary material development. It must be remembered that in addition to our fruit and vegetable industries, which have added hundreds of thousands to the community wealth, the T. and N. O. Railroad has been built through Jacksonville within the past two years. All the foregoing facts constitute together a rather unusual condition of affairs.

Alexander Collegiate Institute.

When the present administration took charge in 1896 the registration the

first day was 43. Last fall the first day's enrollment was 101. The number in beginners' Latin the past session was 62. About the same in second English, nearly the same in Ancient History, and so on.

Our enrollment in 1899-00 was 97; the past session, 184. The student body was the best we have yet had, I think. And we are operating simply as a fitting school, not as a "college" or "university." God speed the day when these sham colleges and universities, as such, shall die in Texas, and genuinely honest institutions take their places!

But I am digressing. Is not such a place as Jacksonville peculiarly fitted to care for boys and girls at school away from home?

E. R. WILLIAMS, Alexander Collegiate Institute.

MEXICO LETTER.

I have just been reading in Go Forward a letter from Bro. Andrea Ozuna, of Saltillo, Mexico, concerning the revival meetings recently held in the Methodist Church at Saltillo. Bro. Ozuna expresses a wish that some of our Methodist people of the United States could have been there to see what this love, labors and prayers are doing for our work in Mexico.

Well, I for one was there during two of these interesting, awakening, soul-stirring night services. Not only the students of Colégio Ingles were there in goodly numbers, but the entire house was full of orderly people, and all seemed intensely interested in the subject that had brought them together. I never saw better attention at any Church anywhere. Bro. Paz was all himself, and a great deal more, for he had the Master with him in his mighty work with that willing congregation.

I wish I could have been there at the love feast on Sunday afternoon; but on the day before I had to go to San Luis Potosi, and thus missed the crowning exercises of the occasion. But I enjoyed for two nights one of the most precious revivals that I ever knew. I enjoyed the beaming presence of the Master as it shone out over that assembly. I enjoyed the hearty singing, so full of the melody of worship. I enjoyed the shining countenances of so many earnest worshippers. I enjoyed the earnestness and the precious talk of our brother, Paz, as he entreated the people to lay hold of the gospel. I enjoyed all of the evidences of general harmony that appeared there in every way that we know of among ourselves when everybody present wants a successful meeting, and then I enjoyed hearing so many of the girls so willingly lead in public prayer, and then I thanked God that I could be there to hear and see for myself what he was doing among these people, and while I was looking over that earnest congregation, listening to the singing so full of worship and praise, watching the earnest enquirers and the crowd of new recruits that were just enlisting for Zion's war, I prayed with all the earnestness of my being for these people and for the Master's work among them.

I wish that more of our American Methodists could see for themselves—on missionary ground—something of the progress of our missionary work in Mexico. It would awaken their interest, enliven their prayers, loosen their purse-strings, and make of them more earnest co-laborers in the Master's business. I am so glad that I have a boy in the Mexican mission work. G. ONDERDONK.

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DANGER SIGNAL, No. 1.—THE SABBATH.

I do not think I have been in the habit of looking at things in a pessimistic way; possibly I am too much the opposite. However, there are some things at work which threaten to overthrow our Christian civilization which I would like to touch up just a little. My brethren of the ministry, just look about and see the wholesale Sabbath desecration going on. Don't you think it is high time to sound the danger signal from every quarter? If we lie still and let our Christian Sabbath gradually pass out, then the devil will have a down hill pull on us sure. A blind man can see that his Satanic Majesty is putting in his work with telling effect.

The papers report that only last Sunday at least 5000 excursionists were turned in on the city of Galveston. Almost every Sunday the railroads are offering special inducements to Sabbath desecration by putting down the rate very low to some base ball game or other attraction. These corporations—railroad companies of course—are made up of individuals, and if the devil don't get such individuals I see no use in having a devil. In the face of such inducements to sin is the time for Sunday-school scholars and Church members to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but de-

liver us from very cheap Sunday excursions." But, alas! alas! Some Church members even do not withstand the temptation, but off they go with the other Sabbath desecrators to the neglect of God's house and to the utter extinguishing of the last flickering spark of their own spiritual life. When the railroad companies tumble into the bottomless pit the Sunday excursionists will not be far behind. It is well understood that the pulpit and press are to be moulders of public sentiment. As to the secular press, the railroad companies are in a fair way to control that. How many papers do you know of that will utter a sentence against this stupendous evil of Sunday excursions? And why? They advertise for the railroads and publish the Sunday excursions, and of course it would not be consistent for the editors to touch up the evil. Besides to do so would mean the cutting off their mileage. I know of a paper which refused to publish Sunday excursions. The matter was reported by the local agent to the G. P. A., and the next time the editor called for mileage he did not get it. Such must be the fate of editors who dare to express their scruples about the wickedness of Sunday excursions. My brethren of the ministry, the battle is left to you; but if you will thunder from your pulpit all over our commonwealth something will happen yet. However, when we make the fight that should be made there is a strong probability that half fare permits will be called in, but I trust that no minister will fail to do his duty on that account. If he does he is not composed of the stuff that a gospel minister should be made of. To your guns, every follower of my Lord, and never cease firing until the great evil of Sunday excursions shall cease for lack of patronage.

C. G. SHUTT, Dawson, Texas.

LOCAL OPTION A SUCCESS.

We have tried local option near two months. No serious violation of the law yet. The County Attorney and some local officers complain of the few arrests made. The drunken negro and that other worthless fellow are not so conspicuous as formerly. The merchants say their business is considerably improved. Houses go up as rapidly as ever. Three good dwellings are now in process of erection on this and adjacent blocks. Everybody is well pleased with the results of our local option election. We are bettered.

I. ALEXANDER, Longview, Texas.

MARRIAGES.

Stewart-McWilliams.—At the residence of the bride's father, in McDade, Texas, July 7, 1903. Mr. Will Stewart and Miss Ola McWilliams, Rev. J. T. Farriss officiating.

McLenore-Keas.—At the Methodist Church in Bosqueville, Texas, July 15, 1903. Mr. Guy McLenore and Miss Lena Keas, Rev. R. F. Dunn officiating.

Davis-Todd.—At the parsonage in Ben Wheeler, Texas, July 18, 1903. Mr. G. L. Davis, of Ben Wheeler, and Miss Lela Todd, of Timponso, Texas, Rev. A. A. Kidd officiating.

Hicks-Newman.—In Manvil, Texas, July 15, 1903. Mr. John T. Hicks and Mrs. Fannie Newman, Rev. G. W. Davis officiating.

Wenker-Wilson.—At the residence of Col. and Mrs. R. H. Griffin, the bride's parents, in Alvin, Texas, June 24, 1903. Mr. John E. Wenker and Mrs. Sallie Wilson, Rev. G. W. Davis officiating.

Davis-Scott.—At the residence of J. H. Lowmore, near Dawson, Texas, June 25, 1903. Mr. J. Wiley Davis and Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, Rev. J. H. Lowmore officiating.

Francis-Graham.—At the bride's residence, near Harris Chapel, July 16, 1903. Mr. J. L. Francis and Mrs. Kate Graham, Rev. C. W. Perkins officiating.

Doneho-Rhudy.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Culleoka, Texas, July 13, 1903. Mr. J. M. Doneho and Miss Sarah E. Rhudy, Rev. Wm. A. Edwards officiating.

Thomas-Richards.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. T. D. Richards, July 5, 1903. Mr. H. R. Thomas and Miss Carey Richards, all of Burleson County, Texas, Rev. W. E. McClellan officiating.

Flowers—Ogeltree.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Redwood, Texas, June 20, 1903. Mr. Robert Flowers, of Prairie Lea, Texas, and Miss Mary Ogeltree, Rev. C. W. Perkins officiating.

Josey-Woodell.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Mallard Prairie Church, Henderson County, Texas, July 19, 1903. Mr. Wade Josey and Miss Doss Woodell, Rev. A. Nolan officiating.

Moore-Tucker.—Rev. Jas. W. Moore, pastor Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. Linnie G. Tucker, Rev. B. Harris officiating.

Murphy-Love.—At the residence of

Mrs. Sallie Flournoy, San Augustine, Texas, May 21, 1903. Mr. C. P. Murphy, Jr., and Miss Ruby Love, Rev. F. O. Favre officiating.

Williams-Foster.—At the Foster Hotel, San Augustine, Texas, June 19, 1903. Mr. W. M. Williams, of Conroe, and Miss Sue L. Foster, of San Augustine, Rev. F. O. Favre officiating.

Jeanes-Slocum.—At the Hammon's Hotel, San Augustine, Texas, July 5, 1903. Mr. A. H. Jeanes and Miss Tira Slocum, both of Bronson, Texas, Rev. F. O. Favre officiating.

Derden-Ish.—In Athens, Texas, June 28, 1903, at 8 p. m., Mr. James H. Derden to Miss Jack Ish, Rev. C. B. Garrett officiating.

Janes-Frick.—On Sunday afternoon, May 31, 1903, at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. A. J. Frick, of Trinity, Texas. Mr. W. C. Janes, of Lovelady, and Miss Estelle Frick were united in matrimony, Rev. J. W. Mills officiating. These are most excellent people, and another Methodist home is established.

Campbell-Mann.—On Tuesday afternoon, June 23, 1903, in Lovelady, Texas. Mr. J. A. Campbell and Mrs. Lura E. Mann were united in marriage. Rev. J. W. Mills officiating. Mrs. Mann was a Methodist of peculiar worth. In Bro. McKinney's Church in Houston she has been very useful. Now she joins Bro. Campbell, also a Methodist, and the two will be valuable co-workers in their home Church at Howard Avenue, Palestine.

RICE KITCHEN AT ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR.

As of interest to the rice industry, Prof. S. A. Knapp, President of the Rice Association of America; Mr. S. Locke Breaux, of New Orleans, its first Vice-President; and Mr. John Green, of Crowley, one of its directors, have just left to go to St. Louis to select a site and get started the proposition of a rice kitchen.

The enterprise will be put on such footing as will redound to the credit of Texas and Louisiana and the great rice belt along the line of the Southern Pacific, and it is safe to say that there is no one thing that could be undertaken by the association that will do more good in the way of advertising rice and increasing its consumption than by a rice kitchen. A building will be erected which will be a credit to the association and the interests it represents, and so far as the money part of it is concerned, no expense will be spared.

By a happy coincidence, Prof. Wm. C. Struble, the State Commissioner of Louisiana, is also going to St. Louis, and having been through the "mill" in the matter of sites, his assistance and advice, both of which he has cheerfully tendered, will not only lighten the labors of the committee, but, we believe, will tend to a perfection of detail that would otherwise not obtain.

It is easier to be forgotten than to forget.—Ram's Horn.

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G. C. RANKIN, D. C. Vol. XLIX. Editor THE SUNDAY One of the difficulties of the Church is the presence of our Christian Sunday. The beer garden and in all our centers, in many instances, employes to labor on Sunday, seeking elements of make it a sort of the Sunday excursion grade it and to nearly all the other this species of Sundaying all classes into. Not only the world people fall into this day and reducing it are sorry to say they long to the difference join with the prom demoralizing excursion. The individual people to thus dissent to unhallowed uses, what alarming. They day and put their a minimum figure, wary and prevail in the Gulf. And hum well on Sunday to it is that we are practically slip away from us, a tired gone, unless a of the people on this of the times is toward—that is, the sort of continent of Europe, our State Sunday, religious sanctity, the rights of people. Hence, a great many ing to regard it as ment, while others a lar advantages possi it under foot, from and pleasure-seekers. These are the forces the real purpose an Sunday, and we be strength with which and that is the Christy must array the against these encroa day. The pulpits of consciences of the public sentiment aggr dations of the Sabbath if the religious phase rescued from the se spirit and the search be long until the day lar uses, just like an Thousands of workin Sunday, and if the checked, even the robbed of the holid