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Editorial.

"KEEP NONE BUT AMERICANS ON GUARD."

It is a little more than one year until members of the next Legislature will be elected, but the liquor men are already making their arrangements to put a majority of men in their favor in that body. They want to tamper with our local option laws, just as they tried to do in the late session of the Legislature through the specious methods of the Willacy Bill. About the first of August at the Worth Hotel, in Fort Worth, a conversation was overheard between two prominent antis in an adjoining room as to how the next Legislature is to be controlled. One of these gentlemen is a prominent banker at Brownwood, and the other a leading politician and an ex-Congressman from Galveston. They grew very confidential and intensely earnest as they matured and formulated their plans. They discussed three methods of operation: (1) They said the Daily News had for its correspondents in all the towns of the State a lot of reporters who are favorable to prohibition, and through them the prohibition movement is being presented in the form of news to the people. This must be changed, so as to have men report for the News who will suppress or keep back local option items. How this change is to be effected was not stated. Then, in the same connection, it was said that some plan must be devised by which the News is to be furnished with anti-prohibition matter, not as advertisements, but as news and reading matter. They admitted that the News would not take such matter as reading matter to be paid for at advertising rates. (2) Then they discussed how it was an easy task to get anti-prohibition stuff into the inside patented pages of the country papers. This could be done through the agencies that make up and furnish this matter. It is to be reading matter pure and simple. Now, by this plan, these two gentlemen developed a method for educating the people in favor of the continuance of the liquor business. (3) But the climax of their discussion was reached when they discussed their plan for "fixing" the next Legislature. They are to have a local committee formed in every town if possible, who are to agree on one good citizen whose views on the liquor traffic are not to be known, and not to be suspected. But quietly he is to be in sympathy with the proposed change in the local option laws. Then where two or three men are running in the same county for the nomination, this committee is to adroitly throw all the influence possible to the non-committed man on the subject of local option. And this committee is, furthermore, to control, as far as possible, the Chairman of the Democratic machinery. In substance this is the plan now being hatched out by a few leading politicians and liquor men to control the next Legislature. And the above is the substance of a two hours' discussion between two noted antis in the Fort Worth hotel, touching all these matters. The man who unwittingly heard this discussion is in every way reliable,

and stands ready to be qualified as to the truthfulness of his story and as to the names of the two leading men engaged in it. He was not eavesdropping, but was sitting quietly in an adjoining room to them, separated from them by a closed door and a transom. He could not help but hear them, and he noted down the principal points which they accurately went over. Now, as a matter of fact, we do not believe that any set of antis will ever be able to manage the elections at the primaries next summer; neither do we believe that, with the prevalence of local option, there will ever be a Legislature in Texas willing again to do the biddings of the liquor gang; neither do we believe the bulk of the newspapers in the State will be parties to the plan of the liquorites. Nevertheless, we do not want to take any chances. Begin early to sound every man and to make him commit himself beyond doubt as to his local option views whenever he becomes a candidate for the Legislature and then see to it that no man from a dry county is put into that body with any secret understanding with the liquor business. "Put none but Americans on guard" was the policy during the war of Revolution, and the policy is still a good one. But more of this anon.

A KEEN DISCERNER OF THE TIMES.

Many of the daily papers in the State are perched upon the fence, carefully watching the local-option wave now spreading over Texas; but editorially they are having but little to say. The Houston Post, however, is an exception to the rule. While an intense anti, nevertheless it is seeing visions and having dreams. Read the following, from its last Sunday edition:

Irrespective of the merits of the contest, there can be no denial of the fact that the prohibition sentiment is becoming significantly strong in the South. The New Voice, a prohibition journal with which certain Texas editors and others are well acquainted, prints a summary of the situation in six States, which shows that the movement has spread with marvelous rapidity, and that it now affects a remarkably large territory. The summary is as follows:

Texas—One hundred and thirty-six counties have total prohibition; sixty-two counties have partial prohibition, and forty-six counties have unrestricted sale of liquors.

Tennessee—Out of 5500 cities and towns in the State only eight have unrestricted sale of liquors. In only twelve of the ninety-six counties can whiskey be sold legally.

Kentucky—Forty-seven counties have total prohibition; fifty-four have partial prohibition, and eighteen have unrestricted sale of liquors.

Arkansas—Forty-four counties have total prohibition; two counties have partial prohibition, and twenty-nine have unrestricted sale.

Mississippi—Sixty-five counties out of seventy-five have prohibition, and out of 200 legislators all but a dozen or less have signified their approval of a referendum for State prohibition.

Georgia—One hundred and three counties out of 137 have prohibition.

Since these figures were compiled it is likely that prohibition has been voted on and carried in several Texas counties. New elections are constantly being provided for, and in many sections of the State the feeling is intense. Future developments cannot fail to be highly interesting, and that they will be closely watched goes without saying.

To be the salt of the earth is to have saving qualities in one's life and character. Without this quality, character has no power to preserve society.

THE PREVALENCE OF THE REVIVAL SPIRIT.

There has not been a time in Texas during the past score of years when the spirit of the old-time revival was so prevalent as today. Nearly all our charges have been blessed with great spiritual meetings. Every issue of the Advocate gives account of them. Hundreds of conversions and accessions are recorded, and the good work is still going on. And this is rather phenomenal. As a rule, prosperous crop years and great revivals do not go hand in hand. They ought to be simultaneous, but the facts almost invariably show the contrary to be true. When people are prosperous, they seem to forget God, or at least they grow worldly-minded, and a dearth of religious interest follows. Three years ago we had the most prolific crops ever known in Texas, but we had no increase in our membership. The people were too busy taking care of their prosperity to give much extra attention to Church work. But it is different at the present time. The condition of the country is very promising. The corn crop is one of the finest ever known. Wheat was good, oats fair, and the cotton will be abundant, notwithstanding the murmurings of the people about worms and the like. Cattle are in fine condition, and money is within reach of all the industrious classes. Everywhere we look there is enterprise in progress. Yet the spirit of the revival is abroad through the land. It is not confined to our Church, but all the Church organizations are active. The secular papers contain weekly accounts of successful meetings, and the work of the Church is really remarkable. Not only is the revival abroad, but the spirit of church-building is also wonderfully active. The writer of these lines has dedicated seven new church structures within the past few months, and numbers of others have been reported in these columns. Surely, we ought to show a marked increase in all departments of our work when the reports of the preachers are made at the conference sessions. And along with the work of the Church is the steady progress of local option. County after county has registered its vote against the bar-room, and the wave is rolling on. Surely we have great reason for gratitude to God for his goodness to us this year. And we ought to continue to do great things for his kingdom among men. We are having royal opportunities, and our energies need to be increased a hundred fold.

LIQUOR ADVOCATES TRYING TO MISLEAD THE PUBLIC.

The liquor men are hard pushed, and in their efforts to induce people to continue them in the business they are flooding the counties in which local option elections are pending with leaflets and pamphlets decrying prohibition. They take up the question as it exists in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Kansas and other portions of the country where prohibition has been or is being tried. They even go back as far as 1886, and show how it failed in Atlanta, Ga. Then they get statements from

all sorts of men living in those places, who write circulars showing the evil effect of the local option or prohibition laws in those States and towns. All these date back several years ago. But our people had just as well understand that this is a specious subterfuge. Take those States which adopted a prohibitory amendment several years ago, and the law is only a success in such portions of those States as have public sentiment sufficient to enforce it. Take Maine, and outside of a few of the large cities, prohibition is effective, and the same is true in Kansas. But in a few of the large centers of population, where the sentiment is in favor of bar-rooms, and the law is not enforced. These comparatively few places are made by these circulars to represent the whole of said States. Then take Atlanta. Twenty years ago, when local option was adopted, everything was done by the liquor element to bring it into dispute. So it failed at the next election; but the City Council adopted the strictest measures for the regulation of the traffic, and these regulations are rigidly observed. But what has all this got to do with local option in Texas? Why, not one solitary thing! We are not trying to adopt State prohibition; but we are making use of our efficient local option laws to rid ourselves of the liquor and beer business. These laws do not try to force prohibition on any community outside of the county whose popular vote adopts it. And the same vote that puts it in force in a given county also puts sentiment behind the local officers for its enforcement. Therefore, we do not have to run up into Kansas, or Maine, or Vermont, to find out what there is in local option. We have the facts right here at home, where local option is in force. Just write to McKinney, Waxahachie, Denton, Greenville, Tyler, and a score of other towns in local option counties, and find out from these places within our own State as to the efficiency of prohibition. The liquor men do not want you to get these facts from your home counties, but prefer to divert your attention to those distant States, whose conditions have nothing to do with local option as we have it in Texas. We know the local option towns and counties in Texas, and the law is enforced in them just as effectively as any other law on the statute books. The anti people in those counties will testify that prohibition prohibits, and instead of hurting the towns, it actually builds up business, to say nothing of the moral improvement of the people. Everything is favorable to local option in our Texas counties, where it has been voted in by public sentiment; and no county within the past few years has voted liquor back after having tried local option for two years. Therefore we trust that our preachers and local option workers will not be misled by these foreign documents, but will confine their attention to the actual condition of things in the dry counties of Texas.

To be a peacemaker is to seek peace and pursue it. Peace is the counterpart of strife and disturbance. It is the harmony of one soul with all other souls.

BISHOPS OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Four are supernumeraries. Of these Keener is the senior. He is a graduate of Wesleyan, was there in the days of Wilbur Fisk. He is the son of Christian Keener, who sent William Taylor to California. He was a fellow-student of our late President Merrick, was one of the college boys full of fun. Though raised on the border, he is an intense Southerner. Lives in New Orleans, is a great reader and a sunny old man.

Granbery is a graduate of "Randolph-Macon." Most of his life was given to the pastorate. He was a Chaplain in the Confederate army, and had an eye shot out. He is a clear thinker, and was perhaps the greatest teacher of theology "Vanderbilt" has ever had.

Hargrove was also a Chaplain in the Confederate army, of the regiment of which Senator John T. Morgan was Colonel. He graduated at University of Alabama, and comes of pure Southern stock. The Tennessee Conference, away back in the '30's, in the session at McKendree Church, Nashville, refused to elect his grandfather to local deacon's orders because he was a slaveholder. The Bishop was an ideal presiding elder, and is still a powerful preacher. He asked to be supernumerary because he was hard of hearing. He is President of the Board of Trustees of "Vanderbilt," and gives much of his time to its interests. He is one of the finest illustrations of a Southern gentleman; hospitable, courteous and generous. He lives in an elegant home, surrounded with spacious grounds, and ornamented by great variety of flowers and beautiful trees. He has his own Jersey cow, rides behind a pair of blooded horses, and entertains his friends in the manner of the good old ante-bellum days. His wife is the mother of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and has given much time and strength to that work.

Fitzgerald graduated in a printing office, but became a master of belles-lettres. He has perhaps written more than any of the Bishops, is always bright, genial and broad. He went to California as a missionary in 1855, and remained until 1878. He did more than any other man to plant Southern Methodism on the Pacific coast. An Italian, on the streets of San Francisco, was asked about his religion. He replied: "Me no Catholic. Mr. Fitzgerald, he baptized me Southern Methodist Democrat several years ago."

Wilson is the senior effective Bishop. He is a son of Norval Wilson, the great preacher. He is not a graduate, but attended the Columbian University. Like our Fitzgerald, he began life in practice of law; but he is a great Biblical scholar, familiar with both Hebrew and Greek. He is like our Foster, a great thinker, and argues questions as few can, rising, at times, to sweeping flights of eloquence.

Duncan was born in Virginia, is a son of a professor of old "Randolph-Macon," but he graduated at Wofford College, South Carolina. He was a chaplain in the Confederate army. He is incisive, sometimes sarcastic, and the wisest man that ever presided over a Conference. He is popular with all classes. So generous, that "tis said some years he gives away all his salary; but fortunately he has a private fortune to draw on. His wife is also wealthy, and shares with her husband in works of charity.

Galloway is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He was in the pastorate several years, and was editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate when elected Bishop. At his best he is the greatest of living pulpit orators. Like Beecher, Simpson, Newman and others, he is not always at his best. It takes a great occasion to bring him to the fullness of his powers. He was made a Bishop at the age of thirty-six.

Hendrix is a graduate of "Wesleyan" and of the Union Theological Seminary at New York. Has lived on the border all his life, looks, talks and acts like a Northerner. He is very dignified. I never knew him to laugh or crack a joke. He is clear, logical and impressive in speech. Is a large, handsome man, wears a gold cross on his breast, like some of us Northern Methodists. He and his wife have fortunes, and are known for their liberality. He became Bishop at the age of

thirty-nine. He is as popular in the North, where he is known, as any of our Bishops, and is more like our Vincent than any of the others.

Key is an elegant Southern gentleman, a graduate of "Emory," of Georgia, the son of Caleb Key, a great preacher of his time. All his life he was a pastor and presiding elder in the South Georgia Conference, until made a Bishop. He then moved to Texas. I saw him at the Tennessee Conference, when the Barbee-Smith difficulty was under discussion, and I never saw a cooler or more careful presiding officer. He is past seventy, yet fresh and vigorous as an ordinary man of fifty. He never worries. Like our Joyce and Mallahan, he often gets his conferences to shouting, and starts a revival. He would be more popular in the North than in the South, for he does not like tobacco, and he urges the younger preachers, when they are ordained, to desist from its use. He is very hospitable and genial. His wife is one of the ablest women I ever met. She is president of the North Texas College, and would not resign when she married the Bishop. She built the institution from a little affair, loaded with debt, to a large, prosperous college.

Candler is a graduate of "Emory," was made a presiding elder at twenty-four and a Bishop at forty-one. With the exception of two years as assistant editor of the Advocate at Nashville, he has spent all of his life in Georgia. The ten years next preceding his election to the episcopacy he was the President of Emory College. He is the most popular preacher of all the Bishops among the Southern people. He is entertaining, vigorous, original. Keeps people awake in the hot summer time. In his style he reminds me much of our great Fowler. He makes points and does not hesitate to use slang if he can make a point clearer thereby.

Morrison was born in Tennessee, but has spent most of his life in Kentucky. He has always been a popular preacher. As a money raiser he belongs to the same class with our great McCabe. He made his fame in raising \$120,000 to clear the Missionary Society of debt. Like our Warren, he is a tall, handsome man, with most gracious manners.

Hoss is, like our Hamilton, the best all-around man of all. Good any place you put him. His father was a Union man, and was put in prison because he opposed secession. He sent his son up to the "Ohio Wesleyan," where he spent three years of his college course, but his senior year was put in at "Emory and Henry." He was at our great Ohio College in the most impressive years of his life, and he took somewhat of the strength of Merrick, the eloquence of McCabe, the scholarship of Williams and the wit of Whitlock. He was contemporary with Forker, Fairbanks, Pattison, Gumsalus, Woolley, Lucecock, Robinson and Duncan in the days of the orators. When he stepped into the episcopacy he was perhaps the most experienced man ever elected. He spent several years in the pastorate, three of them in California. Three years he was professor in Martha Washington College and two years President. Four years he was Vice President of "Emory and Henry College," and was elected President, but declined, to accept the chair of Ecclesiastical History at "Vanderbilt," which he occupied for five years. Then he was twelve years editor of the Christian Advocate at Nashville. Brave as a lion, yet gentle as a lamb, great as an editor, great as a debater, the leader on the floor of the General Conference, no wonder he was elected Bishop on the first ballot and by the largest vote ever given in the history of the Church. He is as gracious in all his manners as any man I ever knew. A man who has been a presiding elder seventeen years says he never sat in Cabinet with so courteous a Bishop.

Smith is the son of a preacher, a graduate of "Wofford" College and was for several a professor in the college and later a professor at Vanderbilt. But his throne is the pastorate. It was said that his sermons averaged the highest of any preacher in Southern Methodism. He draws from poetry, history and philosophy; explains Bible doctrine with clearness, speaks with unctious and makes a fine impression. Epworth, at Norfolk, is a monument to his ability to get money. He is spiritual and up to date. Broad in his views. His speech carried the proposition to establish the order of deacons at the late General Conference, and he thinks we did a good thing in

removing the time-limit. He will make a great Bishop. He has a smile for every one, he possesses a big heart, devotion to God's work, and fine executive powers. There is no princelier knight among them all.

As a body they take a high average, and are all worthy of the great office.—Rev. Edward Thompson, D. D., LL.D., of the M. E. Church, in Western Christian Advocate.

THE TEXT THAT WAS NOT USED.

At the recent session of our Summer Institute at Vanderbilt University I was prevented by bodily weakness from filling the engagement made for me to preside on the last day. The subject to be considered was "The Outlook for Methodism and Its Needs." As a motto for the occasion I had selected these words from I Thessalonians v. 21: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." The thoughtful reader will, I trust, find it to be appropriate and suggestive. I expected a lively and profitable time in the discussion of it. I had a word to say—a word which is still in my heart—and if the good will and good judgment of our editor coincided in its favor, I will say it here and now.

Many things might be considered under this head: "The Needs of Methodism." Permit me to speak only of one that seems to me to be of special importance—namely, the revival of the class-meeting.

There should be little need of talking on this subject. During our biennial year we talked and talked and talked—and we are still at it. Now let us get to doing some of the things we have agreed on. Especially let us see if we can rehabilitate the class-meeting in spirit at least, if not in form.

The class-meeting comes under the head of the things we have proved. Up to date no word has been spoken against it. The shortcomings of individual class leaders have been criticized, and justly. Class leaders, like other servants of the Church, were of different sorts—some good, some otherwise. The institution itself has had a blessed history. If there was any one thing in our Methodism that I was sure we would hold fast, it was the class-meeting. But it appears that we did not have as fast a hold on it as we thought. Almost everybody said it was a good thing when properly conducted—some of these meaning perhaps that it was good for other folks. Those who never had a hold on the class-meeting could never let it go. But there have been those scattered here and there through the Church who know what the class-meeting is, who love it, and are disposed to hold it fast. To this class the writer of this paper belongs. His convictions are strong, his interest lively and abiding.

In general terms it may be confidently affirmed that if we as Methodists desire above all things to "spread scriptural holiness over these lands," and to conserve the acquisitions we make on that line, the class-meeting, properly conducted, is the most effective agency we can employ for the attainment of these gracious results. The fundamental idea of the class-meeting is the conservation of the spiritual life of the Church, to build up our people in experimental religion. Only God knows how many men there are in the Church waiting for a call to the class leadership, whose growth in grace and in the knowledge of heavenly things would be an astonishment even to themselves after they had entered upon the discharge of its duties. And who could undertake to say how many thousands of our Church members, men and women, after having been enrolled in the class-meeting membership and led to feel an interest in its exercises, would quickly find their Christian lives blooming in new beauty and blessedness. Among our young people there is a great multitude who under wise leadership in the class-meeting would be saved from going into forbidden paths, and be led to turn away from the trashy and filthy stuff that solicits their reading instead of the Bible, that word which is a light to their path and a lamp to their feet. And there are—let me whisper it kindly in the ears of the faithful—there are I won't say how many of our preachers who, coming into their pulpits from the class-meeting, fresh from fellowship with God and communion with his people, would therefore be no more troubled by the so-called higher criticism, or any other form of modern unbelief or conceitedness, than were the apostles of the primitive Church after they had been touched with the tongue of fire.

Pardon the suggestion of another gracious result that would follow the restoration of the class-meeting. It would, I think, have a tendency to check the multiplication of new societies within the Church—societies for this, that, and the other special purposes. What we now need is not more machinery, but more power.

The tendency in a backslidden or backsliding Church is naturally in the direction of formalism. Ritualism

runs riot whenever and wherever religion runs low. We have a form of sound words in our ritual as it now stands; it covers the ground and meets our needs. Let us hold it fast. Dead forms suit a dead Church. A dying Church naturally seeks sedatives when it has lost its life and power.

The conclusion of the whole matter: My brethren, let us take fresh hold and hold fast the class-meeting. Every pastor in the Church can take a fresh start on this line this very week—and every one ought so to do. For he is pledged thereto by his disciplinary vows in the present tense, imperative mood. A great hope stirs my soul in the belief that this thing will be done. A great joy floods my spirit in the certainty that in so doing God will bless us, and that right early.—Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, in Nashville Advocate.

SOCIAL EVILS VS. INTEMPERANCE.

Seeing so much in your paper in regard to saloons, prohibition and intemperance, we thought that a few suggestions on the social evils of the present day and generation would not be out of place. We often wonder why the religious world does not commence a crusade against divorce which are corrupting the more refined feelings of our homes and nation, and yet you rarely ever see any minister of our Great Master who will get up in the pulpit and reprove his congregation against the evils of breaking up that connubial tie on which rests the foundation of virtue and pure homes, of aural laws that have sustained all nations of the world while they were kept intact. Now, if you doubt that we are right in this matter, look at our court records, and then compare them with the most corrupt nation of people, viz., France, whose name, in a moral sense, is a stench to public decency, and the time was in the good old days of my youth that a divorcee was not recognized in good, clean society circles, hence so few separations twenty-five years ago.

Now, Mr. Editor, one evil is as bad as the other, and as we have traveled to some extent and observed some of the causes which have brought around this state of affairs, we suggest, viz: Fine, fashionable dressing, money-making in its dire extremes, 'proud, stiff-neck vanity, or having the best advantage of parading wealth in the most public places, thereby causing the vain striving of the poorer classes to affiliate and associate with those of unbounded affluence, seeking a life of ease and luxury, whose very principle is devoid of any religious virtue according to the teachings of the Master, and yet how many young women and men you see annul their marital vows to Him in heaven in this greatly improved age of the world (?). Why not make war on the intemperance of morals of a class of fashionable people who have fashionable club rooms where they play all games that tend to make gamblers, drunkards, and disgrace to a rising generation of people, hence the degeneration of the more remorseful and refined conscientious light which have in the past made religion the government of the masses, and not the classes.

S. H. OLIVER.

TWO GOOD MEETINGS.

On Friday before the second Sunday in August I took the southbound M. K. & T. for Lorena to assist Rev. J. W. Fort in a meeting of ten days at Bruceville. It was a hard fight from the beginning to the end. There never was a time when we felt that we had passed the rapids. We had to stem the tide against the world, the flesh, the devil and Abe Mulkey, who was holding a meeting some seven miles away at Moody. We heard good reports from Abe's meeting and was hoping all the time that the surplus of religious zeal and enthusiasm would fall in on us. But it never materialized. If Abe had any surplus he reserved it all to put under that magnificent collection he took on the last Sunday of his meeting. There were many in the Church at Bruceville who enjoyed the meeting and sometimes the shout of victory was heard, but we never reached the point where we could capture the host of sinners for God. Yet there are some good, faithful souls there; some that are the very salt of the earth. We spent the time in the home of J. W. Ridgill, whose name, together with those of his wife and mother-in-law, is but the synonym of all that is good and pure. Their lives are a living demonstration of the principles of the Sermon on the Mount. Then there are the Rosses, the Mosses, the Burwells, the Coxes, the Taylors, the Langfords, the Miles, the Wilsons and the faithful Miss Fields.

Bro. Fort has done a good work on the Lorena Circuit and will be on hand at the annual gathering with a full report.

We left on Monday after third Sunday for Holland, to assist Rev. C. S. Cameron in a meeting there. Notwithstanding that Abe had been there in February and held a fine meeting,

and that many of the members were opposed to holding another meeting now, yet the Lord gave us a great victory, and some declared it was "the best meeting Holland ever had." We closed out the fifth Sunday night with a great triumph for the Church.

Cameron is wide-awake and full of zeal, one of the most effective men with whom I have labored in a meeting. Religiously he has the best regulated home I have been in since I was a boy, my own not excepted. He not only has family prayers, but each one of the children (six in number), except the little girls, are expected to and do read a portion of the scriptures and repair to their private places to commune with God in secret prayer. The two oldest boys, 16 and 18 years old, are not religious after a form, but are deeply spiritual and as obedient as the smallest child. The mother, an invalid, demonstrates in her daily life the power of God's grace to make even a poor sick woman, frequently racked with pain, tender, kind, gentle and cheerful. In a word, it is a most beautiful Christian home, not only in name, but in deed and truth. May their number increase. Cameron has done a fine year's work. In fact, he is one of those preachers who will bring things to pass wherever you put him. He has some fine people. They stand with him in every good word and work. Bro. Brown and family, though they live four miles out, never missed, I believe, but one service in the fourteen days, though we, some of the time, had three services a day. God bless the Christian people of Holland and community. Many of them are kind and generous and sincerely religious. I do not think that there was a Christian, however, of any denomination, who attended the meeting at all with any degree of regularity, that did not receive a blessing and promise to lead a more consistent Christ life.

We begin at Gordon, September 6, for a two weeks' run. We crave an interest in the prayers of the Church.
G. S. WYATT.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

A visit to Lancaster was like going among the memories of youth brought to vividness by the scent of pine and roses and May apples. I knew many of its earlier settlers in my "gossling" age. It is one of the first settlements in Dallas County—the cemetery showing it is linked to three centuries. The inscription on the Rawlins' grave stone—carved on bois d'arc and as sound to-day as fifty-five years ago—reads: "Born in North Carolina 1776; died in Lancaster 1848!" And the younger Rawlins still live there. Methodism used to be very strong and the leading religious force there. We are only second, if not third, now; but under the strong preaching and indefatigable labors of our pastor, Rev. J. W. Clifton, we are forging to the front. Bro. Clifton is giving them "strong meat," and he is visiting the members and doing a long-needed work in "digging up" a large number of "trunk members" who have been in and around there for years hiding their certificates in their trunks. We found a number of such and they would say: "No preacher visited us." How many try to thus excuse themselves. Sister Randell and daughter, Mrs. S. L., have recently moved to Lancaster from Dallas and will be a strong acquisition to our Church. Bro. Clifton is to be congratulated on his official board at Lancaster and at Hutchins. Both places will virtually build new modern churches this fall and improve the parsonage. We had a glorious meeting, of which Bro. Clifton will write, and got nearly thirty new subscribers to the Advocate. WM. A. BOWEN.

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT, LINE UPON LINE, HERE A LITTLE AND THERE A LITTLE.

There was, as well as I remember, an editorial in the Advocate not many weeks since, headed "Be Yourself and Not Somebody Else," giving a lot of most excellent counsel to all concerned relative to the same. Do people assume manners and tones of voice sometimes that are an imitation or is it only seemingly so to hearers? Let that be as it may, it certainly ruins the effort for edification. I listened to what was considered an eloquent lawyer plead a case this year, commencing in a most bombastic and grandiloquent style, but proved to be verbose and listless until he left off his pomposity and warmed up in an earnest and natural style. Sometimes other people and even preachers make the same mistake, we fear, imitative it would seem of some high dignitary, seemingly orator, doctor of divinity, Bishop or other dignitary, and making people hold down their heads, and making things as flat as pancakes. It may be all only a seem so, but if so it strikes nearly or quite all the listeners alike. King Saul's armor would not fit David like his natural sling and stone.
F. C. McMILLAN.

Devotional and Spiritual

AT LAST.

When on my day of life the night is falling,
 And, in the winds from unsummed spaces blown,
 I hear far voices out of darkness calling
 My feet to paths unknown,
 Thou who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
 Leave not its tenant when its walls decay;
 O Love divine, O Helper ever present,
 Be thou my strength and stay.
 Be near me when all else is from me drifting—
 Earth, sky, home's picture, days of shade and shine,
 And kindly faces to my own uplifting
 The love which answers mine.
 I have but thee, O Father! Let thy Spirit
 Be with me then to comfort and uphold;
 No gate of pearl, no branch of palm I merit,
 No street of shining gold.
 Suffice it if, my good and ill unreckoned,
 And both forgiven through thy abounding grace,
 I find myself by hands familiar beckoned
 Unto my fitting place,—
 Some humble door among thy many mansions,
 Some sheltering shade where sin and striving cease,
 And flows forever through heaven's green expansions
 The river of thy peace.
 There, from the music round about me stealing,
 I fain would learn the new and holy song,
 And find at last beneath thy trees of healing
 The life for which I long.

—John G. Whittier.

WHY THE SERMON WAS DULL.

Two men were walking home from Church. One said: "Well, I am glad the service is over. I thought that the duller sermon I ever listened to."

"I am surprised," replied the other; "I really enjoyed it very much."

"You did? Well, that beats me. But then you are such a stickler for the Church and the preacher that anything in that line interests you."

"Oh, I do not know as to that. The fact is, I was interested in thoughts pertaining to worship this morning before I went to the Church."

"Why how was that?"

"Well, easy enough. You see, this morning, at family worship, I read the fourteenth chapter of John, and, after prayer, my little eight-year-old daughter came to me and said: 'Papa, in the words of the Savior which you read, among other things, he said, 'I will pray the Father, and he will send you another Comforter.' Now, who is that, father? Is he as kind and loving a father as you are, and can we go to him with our joys and sorrows as I can come to you.'"

"Then you have family worship, do you?"

"Oh, certainly. But I was going to say, my little daughter's words set me to thinking about our heavenly Father, and then, you know, the pastor's text was, 'Our Father which art in heaven,' and the precious truths he brought out about the tender, sacred relation we sustain to him as his children were a perfect soul-feast to me all the way through."

"Oh, I see, I see; but it was altogether different with me. The fact is, we do not have family worship. Each member of my family does his and her own Bible reading and praying in secret. I believe in secret prayer. Then, too, you know that only on Saturday our State Convention closed, and I could hardly wait till the paper boy came round this morning, I was so anxious to know who were nominated. So, as soon as the paper came, I commenced to read, and I became so interested in the report of the convention that I was surprised when my wife told me to hurry up, or we would be too late for Church."

"Ah, I, too, see. It is clear to me now why the sermon failed to interest you. Your mind was so

full of the State Convention that you had no appetite for spiritual things. No wonder the sermon was dull to you."

Moral.—One of the best possible preparations for enjoying a sermon is an hour of the morning spent in reading and meditating upon some portion of God's Word. That makes it a pleasure to go to the Church for worship.

Moral 2.—The Sabbath morning spent in reading the Sunday newspaper is sufficient to make the best of sermons appear dull, and to render the services of God's house uninteresting and burdensome.—Religious Telescope.

"We should never be content. There is always something to alter, to abandon, or to pursue, and in that honest, earnest work which our consciences approve we shall find neither room nor time nor inclination for the idle and selfish spirit of dissatisfaction which paralyzes our powers, destroys our happiness and renders us unable to bless or to help our fellow-men."

BE JOYOUS.

Of course, this is a wicked old world, a troubled old world, and always will be; but in it there is more unhappiness than there need be, more joylessness, such stupid, lazy unhappiness and joylessness. If people would only open their eyes, cultivate their senses, use the gifts at hand instead of repining, envying, sleeping life away!

Are you rich and careworn? Well, that is too bad, and no light trouble either; but you can help yourself. Each day take, by fair means or foul, an hour or two to yourself. Get away somewhere, go from under the roof which covers your velvet, silken, glass and silver responsibilities; away from guests, from children, from governess, from butler and maid, from dressmaker and shopman, from all the cares wealth piles on your back. And when you go, go on foot; leave behind coachman and horses. Be free as the barefoot boy in the country lane. Walk, walk, walk, miles up and down. If it be "singing weather," find some secluded spot, on soft green grass or warm sands by the water, lie flat on your back, stretch out to your full extent, and take in long, deep breaths. Virtue will enter into you from mother earth. Your tingling nerves will gradually

quiet down; little by little the lines on your face soften; by and by your whole being will relax; and mayhap you will fall asleep in the sun. If so, no harm need come to you; if you have left your gauds at home, the birds above will probably talk you over softly, laugh at your tired face and congratulate themselves that they don't have such a hard time getting a living. But you won't understand them, and their chatter will be but part of your dream. And by and by you will go home a rested, better, tenderer, kinder, wiser woman.—The Pilgrim.

GOD LOVES YOU.

"Weary, tired, gloomy, glad or cheerful, look up and smile. God is love. God loves you. Think over these things with something more than thought," one told me.

"God is more near to our souls than our own bodies."

"The Lord thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty One who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing."

"A root set in the finest soil, in the best climate, and blessed with all that sun and air and rain can do for it, is not in so sure a way of growth to perfection as every man may be whose spirit aspires after all that which God is ready and infinitely desirous to give him. For the sun meets not the springing bud that stretches toward him with half such certainty as God, the source of all good, communicates himself to the soul that longs to partake of him."

"Be quiet; look up; smile back to God his love-smile. We are all of us the offspring of God, more nearly related to God than to one another, for in him we live and move and have our being."—Rev. John T. Wilds, in the Observer.

AN ETERNAL FACT.

The brotherhood of man rests not upon an arbitrary principle, but upon an eternal fact. The all-uniting mind makes all lives akin, and folds their separate purposes within the compass of his almighty will. It is because selfishness is at war with the unity of things that it is the source and origin of all sin. Love unites, and therefore love is the greatest thing in the world.

Man's most exalted state is that in which he is least conscious of himself, when his life abounds, overflows, and mingles with the life of others. Who that has ever felt it can forget the rapture when in a crowded hall the burning words of an orator or the entrancing power of music has laid to rest all dividing interests and all discordant thoughts, and thousands of persons have become one soul? At such a time we can only say, "Whether in the body or out of the body, I cannot tell."

That is heaven, unity—oneness with God, and oneness with each other. It was the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." No more divisions, no more estrangements, no more separations; all one in Christ. "Then shall the Son also himself be subjected unto (the Father) . . . that God may be all in all."—Wesleyan Magazine.

CARRYING ONE'S CROSS.

Life is not easy for any one, and to many people it is very hard. They are carrying every ounce of burden they can possibly carry. They sometimes almost totter beneath their heavy load. Now suppose that, instead of saying cheering words to these people, heartening words which would put new hope and courage into their spirit, we do nothing but criticize them, find fault with them, speak in harsh, unloving way of them; what is the effect upon them? It can only be hurtful. It makes their load all the heavier. Or, rather, it takes out

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of their heart the enthusiasm, the hope, the courage, and makes it harder for them to go on.

"Carrying one's cross" means simply that you are to go on the road which you see to be the straight one; carrying whatever you find is given you to carry, as well and as stoutly as you can; without making any faces or calling people to look at you. Above all, you are neither to load nor unload yourself, nor cut your cross to your own liking. But all you have really to do is to keep your back as straight as you can, and not think about what is on it; above all, not to boast of what is on it. The real and essential meaning of virtue is in that straightness of the back.—Ruskin, in "Ethics of the Dust."

BRINGING HEAVEN AND HOME TOGETHER.

Home is the best interpreter of heaven. Home is not a place or a state, but a fellowship. It is not the walls of a house that make a home, for many who are housed well enough are yet homeless, having none of the joys of mutual kindness and help which bind men and women in the life of the home. Nor is home an internal condition of feeling, but a fellowship which takes us out of ourselves and our feelings, and makes us feel with and for others. So heaven is the perfect fellowship of those who have learned to forget self in the joys of others. And, as home finds its center in the one who most perfectly exemplifies the love which is its life—generally in the home-making mother—so heaven finds its center in Him whose life has the perfect exemplification of the spirit of sacrifice. "That where I am ye may be also" is its charter. Sunder the life of man from his, either in this world or the next, and you leave it to the contention and strife which constitute the misery of our human condition. With Jesus Christ as its center, heaven becomes intelligible as the eternal fellowship of joy and peace.—Sunday School Times.

GOOD OUT OF ADVERSITY.

Trials are profitable. The rough diamond cried out under the blow of the lapidary: "I am content, let me alone."

But the artisan said, as he struck another blow:

"There is the making of a glorious thing in thee."

"But every blow pierces my heart!"

"Ay; but after a little it shall work for thee a far more exceeding weight of glory."

"I cannot understand," as blow fell upon blow, "why I should suffer in this way."

"Wait; what thou knowest not now thou shalt know hereafter."

And out of this came the famous Koh-i-noor to sparkle in the monarch's crown.—David James Burrell, D. D., in "A Quiver of Arrows."

CHRIST IN THE HOME.

There is no place where a man's religion is so valuable as in his own home. Many a man appears very religious on Sunday, but if you could see him at home with his family, at the table, or when he loses

his temper over some trivial thing, you would not wonder when he says he cannot do personal work. And it would not do any good for him to speak to his own children about becoming Christians. A man in Iowa had been storming at his family, especially at his poor wife, one day, until he had spoiled the pleasure of everybody in the home for that day at least. Then he went out, slamming the door behind him. His little boy had stood off at one side listening to it all. He looked into his mother's face and tearful eyes, and coming across the room, took her hand in his own, and exclaimed: "Mother, we made an awful mistake when we married father, didn't we?"—Exchange.

Human help in our need, human forgiveness of our wrongdoing, human love in our loneliness—these are the sacraments through which, at their sweetest and purest, we feel a divine help and forgiveness and love flowing into our souls.—G. S. Merriam.

God works in you to will. He does not work to make you feel, because feeling ends in smoke so often. God does not work in you to think, because you think and think again. But God works in you to will. That is, there rises up in your heart a desire which becomes at last a purpose to be free.—F. B. Meyer.

The mist may be heavy that lies upon the landscape; but the way we know, Christ has made that plain enough to the willing heart. It is the way of obedience to the Father's blessed will. Therefore we will step fearlessly forward through every night of doubt and care and sorrow, in the sure hope of an everlasting day. All our earthly days are but as steps.

TRIP THAT PAID.

Ten Miles to Get a Package of Postum.

Some sufferers won't turn over a hand to help themselves but there are others to whom health is worth something. A German woman living in the country made a 10 mile trip to get a package of Postum. She was well repaid, for it brought health and happiness in return.

A translation of the good frau's letter says: "From a child I had been used to drinking coffee daily but the longer I continued drinking it the worse I felt. I suffered with heart trouble, headaches and dizziness. Then I had such an uneasy feeling around my heart that I often thought death to be near."

"I gave up drinking coffee and tried hot water but that did not taste good and I did not get well. Then I read some letters from people who had been helped by Postum Food Coffee and I determined to try it."

"I had to go 10 miles, to get a package but I went. I prepared it carefully according to directions and we have used it now in our family for nearly two years, drinking it twice a day. It agrees well with all of us. My heart and bowel troubles slowly but surely disappeared, it is seldom that I ever have a headache, my nerves are steady and strong again and I am otherwise strong and well. My husband has been lately cured of his sick headaches since we threw coffee out of our home and have used Postum. Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Secular News Items.

STATE ITEMS.

Fire destroyed the warehouse of the Lamberston Milling Co. at Brownwood. Loss \$2800; insurance \$1400.

W. E. Kennedy, a brakeman on the Houston and Texas Central, was killed at Carl, near Corsicana, Wednesday night. He fell from a train.

Railroad Commission contends that all contracts between express companies and railroads are void, as they are contrary to law.

J. D. Conwell, of Leonard, has 169 acres in cotton and he has burned 870 pounds of sulphur. When asked the result of his experiment he said he would make from one-half to three-quarters of a bale to the acre, whereas ten days ago it looked as if his crop would be totally destroyed.

It has developed in Kaufman that chickens are strong enemies of the boll worm. John Shipley, a farmer of the Valley community, reports that he killed a chicken, the craw of which contained thirty-six boll worms.

While unloading a car of lumber at Lindale, John Tucker, one of Lindale's oldest citizens, was seriously hurt by a slide of lumber falling on and pinning him in the car. His right limb was broken in two places.

The completed tax rolls of Dallas show an assessment of \$22,189,975, a net gain over last year of \$6,500,000. This does not include Oak Cliff.

George H. Krohne, aged ninety-one years, died at Caldwell.

John Schoaler was thrown from a horse at his father's ranch, fourteen miles southeast of San Antonio on Sunday. The horse falling on him and causing him to receive injuries to his head and breaking his collar bone.

The gypsum factories at Acme, near Quanah, are running day and night, manufacturing material that is used in the staff work on the buildings at the St. Louis World's Fair. There are three of these mills.

The Wilson building at Dallas, which will be the largest single building devoted to mercantile business in Texas, was commenced early in 1902, and will not be completed till January, 1904.

Sam Blackmon, a farmer living near Waco, was dangerously injured Tuesday morning by colliding with a street car while driving into Waco. One leg was broken and he received a cut in the head and other injuries.

Jack Wiggins, a negro hackman, known to all traveling men of the State, fell dead Sunday at a farm four miles from Waco. Wiggins was probably worth \$10,000, which he made in the hack business.

Lee Bradford lost his life in a cave in near Beville.

The Board of Equalization of Fort Worth is sealing down values.

Hon. Marshall Hicks, of San Antonio, is said to be afflicted with appendicitis.

Selden R. Williams, of Fort Worth, declares that the wheat crop is short and predicts \$1 wheat by January.

At Georgetown Clarence M. Crawford, engineer at the City Flouring Mills, was dragged into the drive wheel of the engine while under full pressure of steam and his body seriously mangled.

A large meeting was held at Hillsboro to organize for the betterment of the city's commercial future. A committee was appointed to prepare a plan of action, and is to report, when they assemble again to organize a Commercial Club to look out for the city's best interests.

The Fort Worth Manufacturers and Wholesale Dealers Association organized with a membership of fifty-six. Constitution and By-laws were adopted, providing for monthly meetings.

Miss Minnie Fitch, a popular young lady of Nacogdoches, has lost her voice, apparently without cause, as she is in excellent health. When a child Miss Fitch lost her voice for awhile and suddenly regained it.

Dr. John Hill Luther, at one time President of Baylor College, died recently in Brazil.

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ITEMS IN GENERAL.

Leather waste is no longer wasted. Manufacturers use it in a compressed form, instead of iron, to make cog-wheels.

The population of New York in 1900 was 3,437,202, of whom more than three-fourths were foreign-born or of foreign parentage.

In New York City at the lowest possible average, 500,000 people live in rooms which ought to be considered absolutely uninhabitable, dark and without any window or ventilation.

Two million dollars will be spent in the widening of the Chicago river between Lake and Van Buren Streets. The work will occupy two years, and a channel 200 feet wide and 22 feet deep will be the result.

When the appeal for help for the persecuted Jews in Kishineff was made in New York City, the Chinese gave a benefit performance in the Chinese Theater and raised nearly \$500. As Shakespeare might have said, one touch of abuse makes the alien races kin.

Dr. Florence R. Sabin, of the Johns Hopkins University, has been awarded a prize of \$1000 for the best piece of scientific research done by a woman. The prize was offered by the Association for Maintaining the American Woman's Table at the Naples Zoological Station.

A man in Maine recently shipped to London 200 barrels of "cattails," the well-known marsh weed. The weed seems to have no commercial value in this country, but the demand for it is constantly increasing in England. Over there they use the downy floss of the head for filling fine sofa-pillows and cushions. The question naturally arises, why it should not be used for that purpose here?

The election of Alfredo Baqueriza Moreno, Ecuadorian Minister to the United States, as Vice-President of the Republic of Ecuador, has been annulled by Congress on the ground that it was unconstitutional.

The Porte's reply accepting the Russian demands was delivered twelve hours after the presentation of the Russian note—a promptitude most unusual in the history of Turkish diplomacy.

The bakers' strike in Santiago has ended, says a dispatch to the Herald from Valparaiso, Chile. The employers rejected the demands for Sunday holidays made by the strikers, but granted an increase in wages.

The Emperor William of Germany has ordered from the sculptor Goetz statues of Hadrian and Alexander Severus, which are to be erected at Saalburg in the positions formerly occupied by the ancient statues of those two Roman Emperors.

The famous minaret which for five centuries has arisen in graceful form above the tomb of Tamerlane at Samarcand, Central Asia, has collapsed and fallen. The mausoleum of the great Asiatic conqueror is now little more than a heap of ruins.

The Japan Minister at Seoul has protested to the Korean Government against the concession to Russia of three hundred acres of land at Yengampho on the Korean side of the Yalu River, on the ground of the distance of Yengampho from the Russian timbering operations, and because of the irregularity of occupying the land first and negotiating afterwards. Korea was warned that such action was harmful to the independence of the Korean Empire.

Fort Scott, Kansas, has a curfew ordinance against piano playing. All playing must cease at nine o'clock at night. The first woman to violate the ordinance was fined \$15 and costs.

It is reported by cable that Andrew Carnegie, apparently with a view to making some amends for having by his multiplication of libraries curtailed the book-markets to the disadvantage of poor and struggling authors, has settled a pension of \$250 a year on the granddaughter of Robert Burns—perhaps as a first step toward granting pensions to the descendants of other poets or authors of distinction.

More than fifty people, most of them tourists from various parts of the country, were recently poisoned in Colorado Springs and Manitou, Colorado, from eating ice-cream from one of the largest creameries and dairies in the State. Analysis by the health officers revealed the fact that the cream was charged with formaldehyde to keep it from souring.

The Civil Service Commission has detailed Miss Caroline L. Greisheim, a clerk in the Bureau, to make a tour of inspection of the larger postoffices of the country and to interpret the Civil Service regulations to the officials in charge. The detail is made as a result of the recent exposures of violations of the Civil Service rules in many postoffices.

The action of the Canadian Government in making the Canadian canals free for the movement of traffic has diverted large shipments of grain

from the Atlantic ports to the St. Lawrence route. The grain rate is now three cents per bushel less from Chicago to Liverpool via Montreal than by way of Boston or New York. During the past few days alone 1,000,000 bushels of corn were sold in Chicago for shipments via Montreal.

General Luke B. Wright has been appointed Governor of the Philippines, as the successor of Governor Taft when the latter becomes Secretary of War next January. General Wright, who is now Vice-Governor of the Islands and a member of the Philippine Commission, is a native of Tennessee. He was educated at the University of Mississippi, and is a lawyer of reputation. He fought through the Civil War as a private in the Confederate Army.

The people of Naples were startled last Wednesday by an explosive eruption from Mount Vesuvius. A thousand feet below its central cone the volcano opened like a huge mouth, out of which belched a fiery stream of lava. The eruption was accompanied by no earthquake, detonation, or rain of ashes. No loss of life occurred, nor was the electric road up the mountain touched. The superstitious lower classes have ascribed the eruption to the "evil eye" of Professor Krull of Munich, who has been predicting a disturbance.

The report of the French Commission appointed to confer with the United States Monetary Exchange Commissioners has been delivered to Ambassador Porter. It contains a note from Foreign Minister Delcasse showing that France is not prepared to express binding conclusions until she has consulted other powers.

Prominent negroes of Tallapoosa County, Alabama, have petitioned Judge Thomas G. Jones, of the United States Court for the Middle and Northern Districts of Alabama for recommendation to the President for the pardon of George D. Cosby and Barnabas Cosby, who are serving sentences in the United States penitentiary at Atlanta for violation of the peonage statutes.

The Arcadia rice mill of Rayne, the first country mill built in Louisiana, has been purchased by a strong group of capitalists represented by Jefferson D. Marks, of Crowley, and will be thoroughly remodeled and operated under the personal supervision of Mr. Marks, who is regarded as one of the most capable rice men in the southwest.

Populists of Iowa have nominated the following State ticket: Governor, L. H. Weller, of Nashua; Lieutenant Governor, S. T. Harvey, of Des Moines; Judge of the Supreme Court, J. A. Lowenburg, of Ottumwa; Railroad Commissioner, Walter McCullah, of Davis City; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hilo Bruce, of Stuart.

About twenty-six miles from Lawton, Oklahoma, free milling ore had been struck. Some small nuggets, the size of shot, was displaced in rock that was broken open before the promoters of the mine. The stone fairly glistens with the yellow metal.

The Buddhists are building temples in many parts of the Sandwich Islands, and the membership is running into the thousands. In some places Churches which were built for Christian Japanese were taken over by Buddhists.

A steam lifeboat has been built in England and sent to Australia. The craft is 56 feet long, 13 feet wide and draws 3 to 7 inches. The hull is made of steel, the engines have 226-horse power and the boat will make fifteen miles an hour.

There has been started in Malden, Massachusetts, a goat farm for the production of goat's milk. The promoters expect that there will be a large demand for the milk, especially for the dietary treatment of sick babies.

A hard luck damsel is Ethel C., daughter of P. W. Clement, the railroad magnate, of Rutland, Vermont. Neither her rector nor Bishop Hall will allow the omission of the word "obey" from the marriage service as Miss Clement has requested. So, though brought up in the Episcopal Church, she is to be married by a Congregational minister.

The statement of Prof. Dunbar that he has isolated the germs causing hay fever and produced an anti-toxin for it from the horse should be given credence. Dr. Dunbar is an American, who, after having worked in bacteriology abroad, was given place in the Government Institute of Hygiene at Hamburg, of which he is now the head.

The third trial of former Secretary of State Caleb Powers, of Kentucky, for complicity in the murder of Governor William Goebel in January, 1900, closed recently with the extreme penalty of hanging for the distinguished prisoner, who has been in the penitentiary for three years on life sentences. The verdict of the jury, "Guilty, and the punishment of death," was reported. Several hundred people crowded the court room when the ver-

diet was read and the most intense silence prevailed. The jury was polled and each man declared the verdict of guilty to be his finding. Powers sat unmoved, while his attorneys asked for time to make a motion for a new trial. Arthur Goebel broke down from the strain on hearing the verdict of guilty. The jurors decline to state what occurred in the jury room. George Wyatt was foreman.

All the British medical papers are commenting on the remarkable survival of superstition at Cambridge, where a dairyman possessed of a goat is sending the animal, by request, into and around the houses of his neighbors in the area affected by the small-pox along the Newmarket road. The rustic superstition that goats bring good luck is widespread.

A bill was recently introduced in the Illinois Legislature to prohibit the game of foot ball in the State University and other institutions of learning, supported wholly or in part by the State. The prohibition is made absolute by the bill, and any breach of it is to be characterized as a misdemeanor, the maximum penalty being a fine of \$100. Not only are the students forbidden to play the college game, but Presidents and faculties are forbidden to permit it.

Through a four-foot hole in the bottom of the submarine torpedo boat Protector, a diver dropped near Bridgeport, Connecticut, without admitting a drop of water to the interior of the vessel. This seeming violation of the laws of nature was accomplished by means of pneumatic pressure. The diving compartment, which is eight feet long, is at the bow of the craft. The diver and his attendant went into it and after the door in the bulkhead was hermetically sealed compressed air was forced into the chamber. This was sufficient, when the trap door in the bottom was opened, to keep the water out.

The first cotton ginned in Cuba was recently ginned at Tulipan, a suburb of Havana, and was pronounced by experts excellent. The cotton was of fine "sea island" variety.

The output of bituminous coal from the Ohio valley last year was 165,000,000 tons, which was nearly four-fifths of the entire production of America.

The crop of apples this year is estimated at 48,000,000 barrels, which is more than half a barrel for every man, woman and child in the United States. The consular service of the United States employs over 1000 men, whose duties are mainly commercial. Those in the diplomatic service number less than 100.

It has been discovered that a radioactive gas or emanation can be obtained by drawing air over hot copper, or by bulbing it through hot or cold mercury.

The Wild Goose Railway, seven miles long, from Nome to Anvil Creek, earned its total cost within thirty days of its opening and shows increased earnings each year.

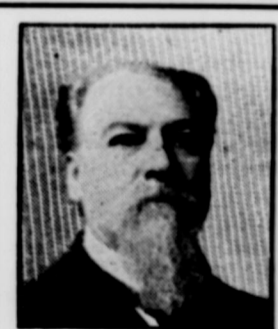
The United States Postal Department handles 7,250,000,000 letters and cards a year—a number about equal to that of Great Britain, Germany and France taken together.

Brander Mathews says that the most obvious defect of the English language is that "its orthography is more unscientific and more barbarous than that of any other important language.

The large fleet of United States sailing vessels which hitherto has been employed in the petroleum oil deep-sea trade has recently almost completely been driven out of the field by the subsidized French sailing craft.

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The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Salado.

J. M. Armstrong, Aug. 31: The church at this place has recently been painted; steps are being taken to do the same for Bell Plains. Prairie Dell is arranging to pay balance of church debt. We are having fairly good protracted meetings, the one at Salado to begin Sept. 2. Bell Plains sent a variety of articles to the parsonage the other day, the second pounding by this Church for the year. Thanks. God is good to us.

Childress Circuit.

Mollie Wallin, Sept. 2: I am glad to speak of the glorious meeting which has just closed at Union Chapel. We had a hard fight, but, thank God, victory belongs to the faithful. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Overstreet, did the preaching from Friday till Thursday. He was ill for several days; it seemed that he would have to give up, but being filled with the power of the Holy Ghost and love for the lost world, he labored on. Thursday Rev. S. E. Houk, of Clarendon, came to his assistance, although he too was very weak physically, did some excellent preaching, which proved to be "the power of God unto salvation." There were twenty-three or twenty-four conversions and reclamations and the Church wonderfully revived; ten accessions to the Church. I thank God for such a wonderful manifestation of his power.

Moody.

J. T. Griswold, Aug. 31: In the month of April we made arrangements with Bro. Abe Mulkey to hold a meeting for Moody Aug. 7. When it was announced from the pulpit it seemed to electrify the whole congregation. Interest grew until the country round about was alive on the subject. Great crowds would gather from time to time, there being often as many as 2,000. Abe preached and preached. He forever made his impress upon the conscience of the people of this place. Under some sermons we laughed, cried and shouted. And at the next service perhaps there would not be the least thing amusing, but a great array of argument against sin. Sin has a hard enemy in Mulkey. Thank God for men

who can denounce sin with such success. Sister Mulkey is no small factor in these meetings. Her pointed prayers, wisdom in managing a choir, promptness and her invaluable work in the altar are virtues that should be mentioned. May they both live long to serve God and the Church. The meeting has not resulted in a large number of conversions and accessions to the Church, but the increase will come. This work can't die. Last year we raised \$8,500 for a new church, but the severe drought prevented us building. We brought Bro. Mulkey and the Building Committee together and put before them the proposition that if they would raise \$1500 to be added to the old subscription we would erect the church. The last Sunday night the \$1500 was secured, with \$150 over. The foundation for this house is now going in and by conference this \$11,000 structure will be half completed. We are praising God as we work hard.

Abbott.

W. A. Gilleland, Sept. 2: We have held four protracted meetings on this circuit this summer. The first meeting was held at Honest Ridge. It began on Thursday night before the third Sunday in July and continued a week. I had no ministerial help at this meeting, and the people were hindered very much by the weeds and grass in their crops; but some of the members were very faithful. We had seven professions at this meeting. We began at Willow on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in July and ran over the first Sunday in August. Though there were several obstacles in the way of the success of this meeting, yet good was accomplished. Rev. John R. Morris, pastor of Morrow Street Church, Waco, did the preaching for about a week, and it was well done. There were four professions and two additions to the Church during this meeting. Our meeting at Bell Springs included the second and third Sundays in August. There the writer did all the preaching, but Father McMillan, one of our honored local preachers, did some faithful work by his talks and prayers, while a number of the laymen proved themselves true to the Lord by their work in the meeting. Results: Eight or nine professions and two accessions by letter and five by vows and baptism, with perhaps more to follow. We began the battle at Abbott on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August and continued until Monday, after the fifth Sunday. Rev. J. H. Braswell, of Whitney, was with us for a week in the spirit of Christ, preaching with earnestness and power. He stirred us up and did our souls good. Then on Sunday evening Rev. B. R. Bolton, our good presiding elder, came and preached for us Sunday night and Monday morning sermons full of thought and spiritual life, and Monday afternoon held our third Quarterly Conference. This meeting at Abbott resulted in about four professions, four additions by ritual and three by letter.

Desdemona.

J. M. Owen, Sept. 3: We closed the best meeting here last night Desdemona has ever had, I think, and old members say it was. We began on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August and closed on last night. We had about 55 conversions and reclamations, and so far received 18 into the Church. From Saturday at 11 a. m. till Wednesday night our presiding elder was with us and did the preaching, and such preaching I scarcely ever heard. He is a man of great power. Thursday night father came in and stayed till Saturday night, doing very fine preaching. Up to this time we had had 8 conversions. Sunday at 11 a. m. I preached, also at night, and had one conversion at each service. Monday at 11 a. m. Bro. Rea, a young preacher from DeLeon, preached and had 7 conversions. I did the preaching at night. Tuesday night we had 38 penitents at the altar and 19 conversions. I never felt God's presence more in my life, and I never saw Christian people work better. We have a faithful body of men and women here, and the young converts did good work, and that old faithful man of God, B. F. Bowles, how he did exhort and plead with sinners. He is a great power in exhortation, and God wonderfully blesses him. His soul is full of God's love. To everyone who took any part in this meeting, and helped to make it a success, may God richly bless them. So far I have had 88 conversions on the work, and have one more meeting to hold.

Portales, N. M.

M. D. Hill, P. C., Sept. 2: I organized a Church at Elida soon after coming to Portales in the home of Rev. J. P. Wheeler, the inimical local preacher so well known to many of the Northwest Texas itinerants. The Church organized consisted of Brother Wheeler's family and another brother—ten in number. We have had a steady growth since many people are

seeking homes in that beautiful section. It is twenty-five miles southwest of Portales on the Pecos Valley Railroad. I went down the 22nd ult., and began a meeting under a bear grass arbor. The Lord was present in the first service, and we rejoiced together. Deep conviction rested upon the congregation, and 7 souls were saved up to Sunday, the 9th day, when 8 of the leading young men of the town and community were saved and all will join the Church. The most of them will join our Church. Four gave their names for membership to me, but as it was raining, and the people were shouting, we did not take the time to receive them into the Church. The audience was dismissed three times by Brother Wheeler—since I, myself, was very unwell—and told to escape for shelter, but some said just let it rain, and shouted on. All in all, our meeting was a great success. Rev. Bro. Wheeler preached after Saturday, the 28th, as I was taken very sick; and it may well be added here that Bro. Wheeler is the David of Elida. He is greatly beloved by all. Amongst the converts is the splendid young physician of Elida, Dr. Roach. One man was afraid that he was going to die Sunday night, so he sent for Bro. Wheeler and the doctor, but, of course, he did not die. He was not yet converted when I had to return home Monday, but I left the meeting in the care of Bro. Wheeler. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. We now have thirty-nine members at Elida, and here in Portales we have one hundred and twenty-one. We have had a hard fight here, but by the grace of God we have overcome. We hope to pay our assessments in full. Hurrah for Texas Methodism, prohibition, and last, but not least, the Texas Advocate and her editor!

Holland.

C. S. Cameron, Sept. 1: Our meeting here at Holland was a great success. Geo. S. Wyatt came, saw, and conquered. His preaching was of high grade, and it hit the mark. I had preached four days when he came. His preaching was blessed of the Lord, and did great good. For 12 days we waged war against the world, flesh and the devil; in this God gave us a great victory. We had 45 conversions and reclamations and some 37 additions to the Churches; 30 joined our Church first and last, and 7 went to the Baptist Church. We raised all our conference collections.

McGregor.

S. J. Rucker: Our meeting at McGregor was held beginning July 19th. All the preaching was done by Rev. J. K. Wooten, and it was well done. There were many interferences from rain, summer visiting, etc., but still we had a spiritual meeting. Bro. Wooten is a strong preacher, and a thoroughly devout man. There were about a dozen conversions and reclamations, 5 accessions, with more on the hook, though not yet landed. August 14th we began at Stringtown, an appointment attached to McGregor. A more spiritual meeting I have not lately seen. People came to the altar and "got religion" in the good old orthodox way. There were 12 or 15 conversions and reclamations and 9 accessions. The pastor did all the preaching, with the exception of one sermon by Bro. A. J. Mann, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. McGregor charge expects to report in full on all assessments, though we will likely report a net loss in membership. If all charges are sending members to the Panhandle and the Territory like the last two charges that I have served, no wonder these other sections are doing well.

Bosqueville.

R. F. Dunn, Sept. 2: We are now in the midst of our last protracted meeting on the charge for this season. Our first was at Evergreen. Here the physical elements were against us somewhat. Continued rains had put the people back with their crops, so that the attendance was small except at the last of the meeting. Soon after the meeting began the rains descended and the floods came, but we still held on. The Lord was with us in saving power. There were about ten conversions and six gave their names for membership in our Church. Our camp-meeting at Bosqueville was the best, they say, that has been there for many years. About thirty or thirty-five conversions and eighteen accessions to our Church by vows or baptism. Rev. R. C. Armstrong preached for us all through the meeting except the first day, and his preaching was with power. I count that people fortunate who may have his help in a revival. Our next meeting was at Mt. Zion. Here we had a wonderful meeting; in some respects the best I have seen for years. The Christians laid hold of the work and the power of God was on them. Sinners were converted and brought their unsaved friends to the altar; backsliders were

reclaimed, and all rejoiced in the power of God to save and bless the people. There were twenty-six additions on profession of faith, but figures do not express all the good done in that meeting. I am now in the midst of a good meeting at Greenwood. Three conversions at the morning service to-day. My faithful local preachers, Bros. Edwards and Rogers, have endeared themselves to me by the timely assistance rendered in the first two meetings. Sickness and other causes have prevented them from being with me much of the time in the last two. God bless them and their earnest labors. I have never seen more harmony than has prevailed in these meetings. Surely the Lord is with us, and we thank God and take courage. The Lord bless these faithful brethren and sisters of Bosqueville Circuit, whose earnest co-operation has made these meetings what they have been by the blessing of God.

Birdston.

S. P. Nevill, Sept. 4: On Aug. 11 we, with our family, went to Bro. Heizer, pastor of the Wortham charge, and engaged with him in a meeting at Woodland for nearly a week. This was a good meeting. Eight members were added to the Church. We enjoyed the kind hospitality of our old friends, Bro. Gene Campbell and wife. We do not know the time when we enjoyed ourselves as much as we did that week. We shall ever have fond memories of them. In token of their appreciation to us for our labors among them, the Woodland folks gave us a nice little purse, for which we are truly thankful. On Aug. 21 we began at Birdston and continued until the 30th. This was a good meeting, notwithstanding we had no ministerial help. God was with us in great power and as a result the Church was greatly strengthened spiritually and six members were added to the roll. On Sunday night, Aug. 30, we began at Eureka and continued one week. This was a great victory; thirteen accessions to the Church and more to follow. This little Church is in its infancy, yet we hear it whispered among the people of that congregation, "We are going to have a parsonage and preacher with us some of these days." So note it be, since this point is the center of the charge. Rev. R. H. Heizer, of the Wortham charge, did the preaching in this our last meeting and he did it well. My people are in love with him, and as a token of their love and appreciation to him for his faithful, earnest labors amongst us, remunerated him for his service. Bro. S. J. Irvin, of Corsicana, was also with us in this meeting, rendering good, efficient service both by prayer and song. May God bless both of these his humble servants, and give us a full report on all lines.

Morgan Mill Circuit.

M. C. Dickson, Sept. 7: The fifth Sunday meeting convened at Smith Springs on Friday before the fifth Sunday. The attendance of preachers was not what it ought to have been, but we had enough to do the work. Bros. Terry, Smith and Turner preached us some able sermons on "Apostasy, Persecution of the Church and Mode of Baptism." Bro. Turner, of Bluffdale Circuit, is no doubt the hardest hitter and the best on mode of baptism in the Northwest Texas Conference. If you don't believe it, hear for yourselves. Our Methodist people went out from the services of the fifth Sunday with a different bearing and you could see in every face the impression that said we are proud of our Methodism. But it surely stirred up a hornet's nest and the Baptist brethren are now hunting a man to stay the tide, and verily it will take a long time to again establish apostolic succession and a single mode of baptism in the minds of the people here. Bro. Terry came out in the afternoon and commenced to still the troubled waters. For a week he preached day and night save one sermon by the pastor. The results were fifteen conversions and seventeen additions and fifteen or more backsliders reclaimed. Yesterday I preached to the largest crowd of my life and received and baptized thirteen, two by immersion. We sang old-time songs, led by pastor, and to-day order Young People's Hymnals. Our Committee on Church Building have \$400 in sight to build. By conference we expect to have in construction a new church. Bro. Terry preached last night on the Sacraments of the Church, and we closed with a purified, religious, Methodist Church with the determination to make Smith Springs a great, active, working country Church.

Sipe Springs.

J. M. Baker, Sept. 7: Have just closed the best meeting ever held in Sipe Springs. Sixty-five or seventy conversions; forty-eight accessions to the Methodist Church. Bro. Henry Long, of Hico, did all the preaching except five sermons by the pastor and one by Grandpa Low, a local elder. Old feuds of several years' standing

were settled. All denominations worked together in the meeting. Some of the hardest sinners in the community were converted. Bro. Long baits for all sizes and in his own natural style reaches all classes. He is the finest reasoner of his age I ever heard. There is no jesting or foolishness in anything he says. We have received ninety-two into the Church since Annual Conference. Collections provided for. Think Sipe Springs will come out with flying colors this year. To God be all the glory.

Auburn.

J. J. Canafax, Sept. 7: The protracted meeting season practically closes out. We have made strenuous efforts to reach the lost and the erring. Present results show about thirty-five professions and forty-four accessions to the Methodist Church. Our gratitude is due to the brethren who helped us. Besides efficient local help, Bros. W. J. Hearon, of Midlothian; R. B. Bonner, of Ferris, and Wm. A. Bowen, field editor of Texas Christian Advocate, did us invaluable service. Hearon helped at Maypearl, but we were rained out and accomplished little. Bro. Bonner gave us four days at Bethel. Few are his equals in revival work. The arrows of gospel truth fly fast and unerring from a bow that abides in strength. His throne is in the revival meeting. Bro. Bowen, strong in physique, mental powers and the graces of the Spirit, came to us at Auburn. He lost no time "turning up," but went promptly and resolutely into the work doing all the preaching after his arrival. Our people will not forget him soon. His sermon to the Church on Sunday was a masterful effort, long needed in these parts. It contributed largely to the muscle and sinew of Methodism in Auburn. Besides this he swept the field for the Texas Christian Advocate, securing during his short stay twenty-four new subs. Of this I am proud, for this I am grateful. Boys, do your people take the Church paper? If not, send for Bowen. Oh, "he's a sight!" Altogether we are moving along nicely. Collections coming up O. K.

Whitt.

L. B. Tooley: Thus far this has been a gracious year with me on this charge. I opened the year with a fight against the violators of the "local option law" at this place, which resulted in their conviction in the County Court; but it worked "death" and destruction to my buggy and a fine calf, the former being torn to pieces, the latter knocked in the head. This is something like the low principles that seems to characterize that low element of people all over the country. I have had some gracious revivals. Our first meeting was held at Whitt, resulting in 15 conversions and 19 accessions to the Church. Bro. Leatherwood, of Decatur, did the preaching for us. His sermons were strong, logical and very spiritual. Misses Clemmie and Willie Davenport, of Ranger, gave us valuable service in music and song. At Bethesda, Bro. S. J. Vaughan, of Cisco, preached for us eight days, then came our warm-hearted presiding elder, Bro. Boone, giving us three strong sermons. Bro. Vaughan was at home at Bethesda, having known these people for years. His preaching was mighty and powerful, reaching the hearts of many and bringing the Church very close to God. There were 35 conversions and 24 accessions to the Church. I had no ministerial help at Salesville. The meeting was protracted for 12 days, resulting in 30 conversions and reclamations. We organized a Church at this place with 29 members. All collections will be in full.

Bristol Circuit.

M. S. Leveridge, Sept. 7: At last we stop to give an account of Bristol Circuit. We are not dead nor asleep by any means, but have our hands full of work. We closed our last meeting Aug. 23. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us. Have had 100 conversions and 85 accessions to the Church. The most of the conversions were at the altar of prayer and of the old-time type. The Church throughout the charge is greatly revived and Methodism on the up grade. We are indebted to Revs. Robt. E. Goodrich, of Hillsboro, and W. J. Hearon, of Midlothian, for earnest and faithful services rendered in our Bristol meeting. Also for excellent service in all the meetings by Rev. J. L. Smith, local preacher of Bristol Circuit. We would not forget the four heart-searching and soul-inspiring sermons by our beloved presiding elder, Rev. O. F. Samsbaugh. The collections ordered by Annual Conference will be full and running over. They are already about covered by good subscriptions. The preacher is not having to run a credit system, but the salary is paid up to date, and we do not question its being paid in full by our fourth Quarterly Conference. All this is due to as true and faithful Board of Stewards

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Lint Babies.

The August sun had shone squarely on the little green house where the Lint Babies lay cozily tucked in, till the moisture had all dried out of their tiny forms, and existence within the four small rooms was becoming a problem.

A wee crack in one wall and a Lint Baby's shy face could be seen peeping through; then a slight cracking on all sides, and it seemed as if the little house would be altogether destroyed.

Gradually and gently the sun kept working with his strong fingers until in a few hours four little white faced, white robed Lint Babies were swaying in the breeze, grasping tightly their broken home with one hand and reaching timidly with the other to touch the hand of a little neighbor who was swinging near by.

"What a beautiful world we have come to!" said the Lint Baby, whose face had been seen first at the crack in the wall, "there is so much more room outside than in; I really believe I am getting longer. I am sure I am not so heavy as I was before the crack came in the wall."

The sun kept busy for days, unbolting this door and prizing open that one, which was not just wide enough open, till at last a multitude of little faces were peeping up at him.

By and by night came on, and the "Tiny Stars" twinkled above; the great "Watch Stars," too, gave such a light that the Lint Babies thought they could almost make out their own shadows on the ground beneath them.

"I'm getting cool out here," sighed the Lint Baby, "and damp, too. Oh dear, shall I become heavy and damp, and be shut up indoors again? What are these heavy, cold beads that are dripping off of me?"

"Don't be frightened at the drops, baby," said the Stalk, "they'll do you no harm, and in the morning when the sun comes again they will be your jewels, to sparkle and shine for awhile, then he will take them away."

In the morning, true to the words of the Stalk, the Lint Babies and their umbrellas, the leaves, were covered with the most dazzling diamonds you could imagine. Surely the rainbow could not be more brilliant than the Lint Babies' jewels shining in the sun.

After awhile a breeze came whispering through the leaves and the beams began winking very hard at the Lint Babies, who finally understood that it was time to take off their jewelry, so they handed them every one up to the breeze and beams and went on swinging lightly and joyously as before.

"What is that coming down our way?" asked a very curious Lint Baby, who was always spying out something new. "It has a great white something trailing after it; it can't be a cloud; clouds never come so low as that. Yes, and there are others just like it coming down the other streets. Oh, dear, they are plucking Lint Babies!"

Our Lint Baby was terribly frightened and reached out its hands to its neighbor and cried out: "Hold fast, hold fast; let's not let the monster take us away!" It had hardly ceased speaking when a pair of brown hands clutched them both, and in a little bit they were sliding swiftly down the great throat of a long white bag; there they lay suffocating, almost, as Lint Baby after Lint Baby was thrown in and jostled down upon them.

It seemed like ages before they again saw the light, but when they were finally let out they were put in a huge box with more Lint Babies than they had ever dreamed were in the world, and as they were among the first to be put into the bag, they, of course, were among the last to come out.

There they lay, breathless and afraid to stir, but so glad to be out once more in company with their dear old friend, the breeze.

Night came on again, and the Lint Babies looked anxiously out for the "Watch Stars," for the Stalk had told them that when the "Watch Stars" are out at night, Lint Babies need not fear any harm, for they are so faithful and true in their watchtowers in the great blue that nothing would seek to harm them by its light, so, nestling close together, they cuddled down by the wall of the box and soon fell asleep.

It was only a few short hours—for

time does not wait for us while we sleep—and they were awakened by a jingling sound, then a sudden jar, and they could feel that the box was moving. Truckle, truckle, go the wheels as they go.

"Where can we be going?" questioned a Lint Baby.

"I don't know," replied another one, "but the sky is beginning to turn pink; that is the way it looks when the sun is coming up; probably we shall be able to see and know our way after awhile."

"What is that strange rumbling sound I hear?" asked the first. "Do you think that we shall have a storm? It seems to be getting nearer."

"Let's creep further out of sight," said the second, so saying they crept down almost out of sight.

The roaring seemed to be coming nearer. At last it became so deafening that the Lint Babies crept closer into each other's arms and trembled sadly.

Now the box goes under a dark covering and stops; the Lint Babies catch sight of a long arm extended over them, moving back and forth, and as it continues to move they notice that it is plucking Lint Babies by dozens and by hundreds.

"Look at the Lint Babies flying upward," said the Lint Baby. "My! it's a whirlwind, let's stick to the side of the box and it may not be able to gather us up." For a time it seemed as if they were to be let alone, but at last the arm came their way, and up they flew.

In a very brief space of time the poor, limp babies were sent whirling into a deep pit, with not a single bone left in their bodies. Now, you think this is the last of the Lint Babies; you are mistaken. Lint Babies can go on being Lint Babies even after their bones are taken out.

Once again they were brought up, but surely no babies were ever before so crowded as these. They were wrapped in a coarse, dark-brown cloth, bound tightly by stout metal bands.

"I was never so crowded," said one of the babies, "not even in the little green home. We are so terribly changed I am afraid our own mother would not know us."

Great changes have been wrought in a few moments of time, and so thought the Lint Baby when, once more in company with many others, they emerged from an even more trying ordeal than they had before experienced. A fairy hand must surely have had them in charge. Look closely. Can you believe that that fine sheet of blue, with the little white stars on its surface, looking like a real piece of blue sky, is in any way connected with the Lint Babies? "Oh, no," you say, "the Fairy Queen has gone up some starry night, and with her golden scissors has snipped out this fine piece of blue for us to look at."

Not so. It is the Lint Babies. Closely woven, side by side, lie the four babies, a row of white stars across them. They have come out to stay in the light a long, long time.

They have long since lost all fear, for they have found that they will not be destroyed, only changed in form, going on and on, up to something more useful and beautiful.

MISS E. WILLIE RUNKIE,
Cooke's Point, Texas.

PINKY'S PREFERENCE.

Most wild animals stoutly resist all our well-intentioned efforts to bring them up in dooryard ways and take to the woods again with the first opportunity. I have tamed my squirrels, but, sooner or later, every one of them has escaped to the wilds. I have never known but one wild animal that wanted to be domesticated, that refused to stay in the woods when taken there; and this was a little 'possum named, from the color of his long nose, Pinky.

He was one of a family of nine I caught several springs ago and carried home. In the course of a few weeks his brothers and sisters were adopted by admiring friends, but Pinky, because he was the "runt" and looked very sorry and forlorn was not chosen. He was left with me. I kept him, for his mother was dead, and fed him on milk until he caught up to the size of the biggest mother-fed 'possum of his age in the woods. Then I took him down to the old stump in the briar-patch where he was born and left him to shift for himself.

Being thrown into a briar-patch was exactly what tickled "Bre'er Rabbit" half to death and anyone would have supposed that being put gently down in his home briar-patch would have tickled this little 'possum still more. Not he. I went home and forgot him. But the next morning when breakfast was preparing what should we see but Pinky, curled up in the feather cushion of the kitchen settee, fast asleep.

He had found his way back during the night, had climbed in through the

trough of the pump-box and had gone to sleep like the rest of the family. He gaped and smiled and looked about him when he awakened, altogether at home, but really surprised that morning had come so soon.

He took his saucer of milk under the stove as if nothing had happened. We had had a good many 'possums, crows, lizards and the like, so, in spite of this winsome show of confidence and affection, Pinky was borne away once more to the briars. He did not creep in by the pump-box trough that night. Nothing was seen of him and he passed quickly out of our minds. Two or three days after this I was crossing the back yard and stopped to pick up a big calabash-gourd that had been on the wood pile. I had cut a round hole, somewhat larger than a silver dollar, in the gourd, intending to fasten it up for the bluebirds to nest in. It ought to have been as light as so much air, almost, but instead it was heavy—the children had filled it with sand, no doubt. I turned it over and peeked into the hole and lo! there was Pinky.

How he managed to squeeze through that opening I don't know, but there he was, sleeping away as soundly as ever.

But that's just like him—always a puzzle. He is most stupidly wise or most wisely stupid.

And what became of him? My heart smites me whenever I think of it. I took him back to the woods the third time and again he returned, but blundered into a neighbor's yard—and a little later he was drawn up in a bucket of water from the bottom of that neighbor's well, still asleep, only—they could not wake him up.—St. Nicholas.

Was It the Truth?

Some time back a certain colonel's gardener was going through the woods belonging to his employer, when he saw a man gathering nuts.

Since the colonel had given strict orders that no one was to pick the nuts this year, as had hitherto been the case, the gardener said to the man: "You'll have to clear out of this. I've orders to keep all these nuts for the colonel this year."

"It's all right," replied the man; "that's what I am getting them for."

The gardener, satisfied, then passed on.

Meeting the same man a week after, he said, "Look here, you were not getting those nuts for the colonel at all."

"I tell you I was," was the emphatic reply. "Do you think I was getting 'em for the shells? Not I!"

His Odd Wedding Fee.

A New York preacher was conversing with a lawyer member of his church upon the financial rewards of the different professions. The pastor asserted that ministers received less for their work than any other class of professional men. The lawyer disagreed, and remarked that the item of wedding fees alone amounted to quite a sum.

"What do you think is the average fee I receive?" asked the clergyman.

"I should say \$20 is a low average. I have known persons to give \$100, and \$50 is quite common."

"Your calculation is too high; we marry poor people," replied the minister.

"I will give you \$10 for half your next fee," said the lawyer.

"I will accept the offer," said the minister, after hesitating a moment.

The next day a rough looking farmer and a blooming country maid came to the minister to be married. After the ceremony the farmer said:

"We hain't no money, but I have a nice pup here that would make a nice pet for your children." They opened a box and out rolled a white pup. The minister could hardly contain his mirth, thanked the bridegroom, and was soon on his way to the lawyer's office.

"I had no idea," he said, "that I should come to claim your offer so soon, and I should not have accepted it so quickly had I known I was to receive such an unusual fee."

"No backing out, now," said the lawyer. "Here's your \$10. Hand over half your fee."

The minister demurred a moment, said he would be careful about making such rash bargains in the future, and then tumbled the pup out on the lawyer's desk.

"Which half will you take?" he asked.

A Zealous Attendant.

Mildred's papa was pastor of a village church, and Mildred's playmates was Speaker, a big dog just outgrowing puppyhood and its pranks. One Sunday morning Mildred showed symptoms of measles, and mamma said: "No going to Church to-day." Later Mildred went to the woodhouse to console with Speaker, imprisoned there to prevent his Church attendance.

"Poor, shut-up Speaker," said Mil-

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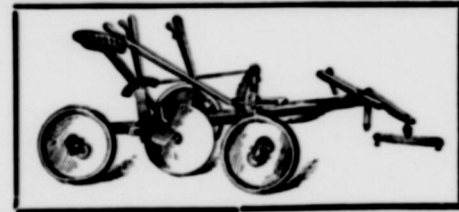
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dred, "I'll make believe send you to Church." So, with much trouble, she arrayed him in one of her outgrown dresses. Through the full sleeves Speaker's fore legs were forced, the waist safety-pinned across his shaggy chest, and a little sunbonnet tied under his chin.

"Now, Speaker, I'll just peek out, but you mustn't go," said Mildred, unfastening the door.

Speaker's paws went against it with force; open it went in spite of Mildred, and up the street dashed Speaker.

In the midst of hymn-reading there was a rush of pink gingham up the Church aisle, a bombardment of the pastor's knees by clumsy, ruffe-encircled paws.

Then Speaker sat on the platform and surveyed the congregation from the shade of the pink poke bonnet. No "make-believe" for Speaker. He was really there.—The Congregationalist.

SOME DEFINITIONS BY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN.

From an article in "World's Work," entitled "A Day's Work of a Public School Teacher," we take the following:

Apherbity—"The state of being an apherbity."

Serenade—"A greenness as of grass."

Reverberation—"When it is made again into a verb."

"They climbed Vesuvius to see the creator smoking."

Vengeance—Definition: A mean desire to pay back. Illustration: "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Ingenious—A stupid person; from in, not, and genius, a smart person.

Discretion—A difference in sex between animals.

Grand Opera—"The only grand opera I know is Wang."

"The British museum is the principal building in Paris."

"Aristides was a god; he was the female god of Phoenicia."

"Hannibal was an early Greek explorer, who wrote a book called 'Heroditus.'"

"Virgil" was a Vestal Virgin."

"Julius Caesar was the mother of the Gracchi."

To which we add two:
Bootless—Without boots.
Hibernian—To act like a Hibernian.

NO LOST EFFORT.

A young Sunday-school teacher in Boston had in her class a boy who seemed fairly incorrigible. Still she clung to him. She prayed for him every day, and often a dozen times a day.

Finally, he was arrested as an accomplice in a burglary and sent to prison for two years. She did not give up then, but visited him often in prison, always finding him hard, sullen and defiant.

After his release from prison he disappeared and no one knew where he went.

Years passed and the teacher married and went far from her native town to live. She had grown children of her own when she and her husband went to the Pacific slope to visit relatives and friends. They found the town or city in which one of their friends lived greatly agitated over the liquor question.

"We are trying to elect a 'no license' mayor," said the gentleman they were visiting. He is coming to dinner to-night and I'll be glad to have you meet him."

When he came she saw a tall, fine-looking man whom she would have said at once she had never met before.

"Why," he said, as he grasped her hand, "are you not Miss M—?"

"I was Miss M—," she replied.

"And you lived in Boston?"

"Yes, I did."

"And taught a class in a Sunday-school called the West End mission?"

"Yes."

"And there was a bad boy in that class named Roger Martin?"

"There was a bad boy of that name in the class. I have never forgotten him."

"And yet you don't know him when he stands before you, for I am that Roger Martin."

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but in all those years of sinfulness I could not forget your loving patience nor some of the things you had said to me. I feel that I owe my final conversion and acceptance of God to you. I wrote and told you so when I was converted, but the letter came back to me through the dead-letter office. I wanted you to know that, after many days and years, God had answered your prayers for me and that none of your efforts in my behalf were lost.—Selected.

NOT THAT KIND.

A Philadelphia lawyer tells an amusing story of a ward meeting to which he had been asked to do a little "spell-binding" for a doctor running for school board. The hall was full of people when the lawyer went upon the platform. He started off by telling of the doctor's fitness for the board, then waxed warm in appealing to their sympathies, reminding them how at all hours of the night and in all kinds of weather, the doctor willingly went to attend their sick ones. Yes, and many times stayed and closed the eyes of their departed fathers and mothers. When the lawyer thought he was making a great hit one of the committee whispered to him that "the doctor was not that kind of a doctor—he was a horse doctor."

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FROM LOWER RIO GRANDE.

That portion of Texas known as the Lower Rio Grande, in which the city of Brownsville is situated, and the portion that may be called the Upper Rio Grande, lying some 600 miles above, traversed by the Southern Pacific Railway, in which the principal towns are Marfa and Alpine, are very little known to the great body of the people of the State. The former especially is almost an unknown land, because of the great difficulty of reaching it from other portions of the Commonwealth. The latter is easily accessible by means of the railroad mentioned, but it is not generally visited by reason of its great distance from the more settled portions.

These two sections are as different in all their characteristics as if they were on opposite sides of the earth. The Lower Rio Grande is as flat as a pancake and little above the sea level, and its soil is as rich as the valley of the Nile, abounding in every variety of tropical productions. Its climate is the most equable and the most delightful, taking it the year around, of any portion of the United States, the temperature ranging between 40 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. I have spent whole winters there and never saw frost, and all the summer long the Gulf breezes sweep over it with delectable freshness. The 1st of January is a regular planting season, and two crops are frequently made in the year. When the wilderness that separates it from the other portions of the State is crossed by a railway, as is now sure soon to be done, it is destined to draw a dense population and become a rival of Southern Italy in beauty and attractiveness.

The Northern Rio Grande, on the contrary—and this I wish mainly to write about—is a mountainous region of great elevation above the sea, ranging from four thousand feet on the tableland to double that height on the most elevated mountain ranges. Marfa has an elevation of about five thousand feet, and Alpine, thirty miles east of it, has a little less. A point between these towns, called Piasano, at the foot of a noble mountain bearing that name, is the most elevated land on the Southern Pacific road from the Gulf to the Pacific Ocean. It is something over five thousand feet, but I can not state the exact figures. Twenty-two miles north of the railroad, at Marfa, Ft. Davis is situated, a nice little town having an elevation of five thousand five hundred feet, only one hundred and twenty feet less than that of Colorado Springs in Colorado. A few people from San Antonio, Houston and Galveston frequent this place as a summer resort. The climate in any of these towns is in no way inferior to that of Colorado Springs, and in some respects it is superior. It is quite as cool, and it is dryer. The moisture and heaviness that sometimes oppresses you at the former is never felt in this region. I tried Colorado Springs, and the next year I came here, and I am not mistaken in my estimate of these places. By the way, you see I am up in these mountains now. I left my home in Southwest Texas ten days ago tired out with the long, hot summer. Coming here ended it. Every hour of the day I can wear my coat with comfort, and at night I need my blanket. It seems to be about the same as our autumn weather in Southwest Texas. That Texans have not made these mountains a summer resort long ago, instead of traveling far away to the mountains of other States, can be explained only by the fact they have little knowledge of this region. There is now another railway projected, reaching out from North Central Texas, that will cross the Southern Pacific at or about the Piasano mountain en route to Mexico, and I predict the time will come when Piasano will be as famous in the list of summer resorts as is the trio of cities at the foot of Pike's Peak; or, at any rate, that it will be the summer resort of patriotic Texans.

This section has little good soil. It is a region of rocks and rocky heights and alkali flats. The farmer could not thrive here. It is a stock country and nothing else. It seems to require a considerable body of land to support a family, especially such family establishments as are found here. Twenty thousand acres is a very unpretentious ranch, and it requires the practice of economy for a family to subsist on the income from it. The ranches run up in size till some of them cover vast domains—more than a hundred thousand acres, even. I have been on some of these large

ranches, and have seen something of the many herds possessed by one man, and something of the life of the cattle kings of these mountains. One would think the lives of these great proprietors might resemble those of baronial or feudal lords, but a greater mistake could not be made. On these large estates the man who is the most unassuming, who is most modest, who is most courteous, who constantly advises kind treatment of all men and especially of neighbors—he is the owner. The hospitality dispensed on these great ranches is something truly fascinating. I have a recollection still of the hospitality seen in the homes of the great slave owners in the time of slavery, and I can not but fancy it has not vanished with that institution; but charming as it was, it is still in the world and is to be met with in the homes of these wealthy ranch owners. It is considered nothing to turn a home into a banquet hall, and to make a holiday for the employes, that a visitor may have the best entertainment; and there is no exhausting the civility and beneficence of these men and their families. The same causes that made the Southern planter and his family so princely in their home no doubt operate here with like effect. The ownership and management of large landed estate is very different from the hard and gridding enterprise of making money with money and affects persons differently. The former makes the man generous, charitable and noble, and in the woman of the partnership these splendid characteristics find at least an equal development. It takes both to make the hospitable homes that adorn these great ranches, which are everywhere open to appreciative visitors.

This section is not lacking in beautiful and picturesque scenery, but all Texas abounds in natural beauty—it is the grandeur of the scenery in this region that is peculiar to it. It is a common sight to see clouds drifting against the sides of mountains, the peaks of which are far up in the clear sky; and these mountains are around the beholder on every hand. From the spot where I write, on the bank of the Marivallas, a stream brawling along among huge boulders a few miles south of Alpine, I am literally walled in with huge mountains that rise many thousand feet above me; St. Lago, the giant of the range, having its peak at an elevation of seven thousand feet above the level of the sea. Any lover of mountain scenery may come to this section and enjoy himself to the full. The mountains are not indeed snow-capped, they are not high enough for that, but the adventurous foot that aspires to scale them will be satisfied when their summits are reached. Whether they have valuable minerals is a question yet to be settled. Many gold and silver claims have been located among them, but no shafts have yet been sunk to make satisfactory tests. To the southwest, nearer the Rio Grande, there are some quicksilver mines, and also some paying silver mines that are being worked; but there are rather out of this region. The gold and silver that are in the blades of grass have satisfied the cupidity of the wealth-seekers who have come to this region thus far. There is no wealth here except the stock interests, outside of the towns, and the towns are small yet. Some tests have been made which indicate that fruit-growing will probably be profitable here. L. H. BROWNE, Maravillas, Brewster Co., Texas.

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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Held by Bishop Duncan.

German Mis., Grassyville.....Oct 29
West Texas, Austin.....Nov 4
Northwest Texas, Fort Worth.....Nov 11
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JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Joint Board of Publication will meet in First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, Thursday, Oct. 1, 1903, at 9 a. m.
I. W. CLARK, President.

TRINITY CHURCH BUILDING.

Last Tuesday morning quite a company gathered at the Trinity Church lot on the corner of McKinney and Pearl Streets to inaugurate the new enterprise in that part of the city. Rev. I. W. Clark and others made appropriate addresses, after which one of the charter members of the Church, Thomas Yeargan, broke the first dirt for the structure. Then several teams and a large number of men went to work in dead earnest. The outlook is most hopeful and Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, the wide-awake pastor, and his people are wonderfully encouraged. They have one of the neatest and best plans we have yet seen and when completed it will be first-class in every particular. It will cost, all told, about \$40,000. It will be a credit to Methodism and a suitable offering to God for his work in that part of this growing city. The pastor and those people are to be congratulated on the substantial work now in hand.

THE EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

The Board of Trustees appointed by the several conferences to procure and hold property for an Episcopal residence in Dallas, have at last found a suitable home for that purpose, and they have purchased the same and so arranged the terms of payment as to make the collections fall lightly on the congregations. It is located on Maple Avenue, in one of the best communities in the city, and the house and improvements are first-class. It is just such a piece of property as will meet the approval of our people. It is commodious, well arranged, modern and comfortable, and it is ready for the occupancy of Bishop Hoss and his family just as soon as they care to come to Texas. In a later edition of the Advocate we propose to give perfect cuts of the building and its surroundings, so that our readers will be able for themselves to see it and understand it. We have not the time and space at this writing to do more than make the announcement, so that the preachers will proceed with the collections necessary to make the first payment at the close of the conferences.

CHURCH DEDICATION IN NORTH FORT WORTH.

Last Sunday was a big day for Methodism in North Fort Worth, now officially known as Marine. It is an incorporation embracing the packing house district, though not far from the corporate limits of the city. At the time the packing houses were located there, there was not much population. It was a very small suburb, but now it is a flourishing community of about three thousand people. It already has eleven saloons! The packeries employ a great many men and they are doing a thriving business. This industry is destined to be one of the liveliest enterprises in this part of the State. They will make Fort Worth an industrial center and they will to a still larger extent develop the cattle and swine interests all over this country. They mean a great deal for North and West Texas. Marine is connected with the city by good street car facilities. Our people were on the ground even before the packers got there. They secured an eligible location in the heart of the town and proceeded to put up a church, but could not finish it. Rev. J. J. Creed was sent there and he continued the work. It was a hard pull, as the membership was very small and the people mostly working on a salary. But they were brave and courageous and gave their hearty cooperation to their pastor. Recently the structure was finished inside and out and furnished. A neat little parsonage was also built on the lot adjoining. The pastor's family are living in it. Last Sunday was the day set apart for the dedication of the church. I was invited to be present and take charge of the services of the hour. A large congregation filled all the space. The music was specially prepared for the occasion. The auditorium presented a beautiful appearance. Flowers were about the chancel railing and everything was in good taste and excellent order. I preached to a very devout audience. They gave earnest heed to the word. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken by the pastor to cover a little balance still due on the property, and the amount was secured in a few minutes. Then followed our beautiful and impressive dedicatory exercises. Thus another sanctuary is set apart for the worship of God. The entire property cost in the neighborhood of \$5000, but it is easily worth much more at the present time. Brother Creed and his people deserve much credit for this piece of enterprise. He is young, strong, well educated and vigorous. He is already a very useful pastor and he is destined to be one of the largely successful members of his conference. He was recently assisted in a good meeting by Rev. N. B. Read, which resulted in many conversions and accessions. The membership now is one hundred and fifty. The Sunday-school is in good condition and they are carrying on a mission work about a mile off. I met Rev. W. S. May, of the North Texas Conference, who was present and took part in the services. I also had the pleasure of meeting a Brother Clardy and family who lived within the bounds of the first work we ever traveled. It was near Calhoun, Ga. Also I met Joseph Dickey, an old schoolmate of the long ago. And good old Brother Sprinkle and his excellent wife, whom I knew and loved in Marion, Va., were present from the city to enjoy the service. How delightful to meet those whom we knew so well a quarter of a century ago!

"And if our fellowship below,
In Jesus be so sweet,
What heights of rapture shall we know
When round his throne we meet?"

G. C. R.

For the glory of the Master, Wesley taught beyond the sea,
And preached the great salvation which delivers you and me;
And a million voices shout it, 'Redemption's full and free.'
Salvation's rolling on.

From the cabin on the prairie, from the vaulted city dome,
From the dark and briny ocean, where our sailor brothers roam,
We hear the glad rejoicing, like a happy harvest home,
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AT THE WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT BI-CENTENNIAL.

At its recent session, the Waxahachie District, Northwest Texas Conference, resolved to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley. In execution of this purpose the presiding elder, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, and his co-workers secured the Chautauqua Park at Wax-

ahachie as the place of meeting, engaged speakers from various parts of the connection and planned for a great and memorable occasion. As a result of these unique and well-laid plans, on Wednesday, Sept. 2, the beautiful Chautauqua Park became as if by magic a tented city; great companies of Methodists from Ellis and Hill Counties began to crowd in, and at 8 p. m. fully 1500 people greeted Hon. Jack Beall as he arose to deliver the introductory address. The celebration was a success from the initial service. The opening address pitched the tune high and its harmonious melody was sustained with scarcely a discordant note unto the final benediction. The weather conditions were ideal. The crisp September breeze blew softly through the pecan grove that shaded the beautiful stream which winds gracefully through the Chautauqua Park, while by night the soft rays of moonlight added a subdued glory to the magnificent scene. All nature seemed to unite in giving grandeur to the occasion.

The local Committee of Arrangements had planned liberally for the comfort of all, and in minutest detail sought to give an ideal welcome to the vast throngs which were in attendance. The auditorium is one of the best and most substantially constructed to be found in the State, having a seating capacity of about 3500. It is a credit to Waxahachie, and every country town in Texas would do well to erect such a building for the convenience and promotion of such gatherings of its people.

The elaborate provision for the musical features of the occasion was a delightful surprise. Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, pastor of our Fifth Street Church in Waco, was musical director, and at every service the audiences were favored with both instrumental and vocal music which were above the average of carefully prepared song services. The one song of which the choir and audience seemed never to tire was the Wesleyan Centennial song, and with its every rendition the spiritual tide ran higher and higher as the great audiences sang:

"For the glory of the Master, Wesley taught beyond the sea,
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The address of Rev. A. E. Rector on the "Evangelization of our German Neighbors" was clear, strong, helpful. The fact that the German population on Texas soil numbers 400,000 and that it is rapidly increasing, gives emphasis to the imperative importance

of solving the problem of their evangelization. The Waxahachie District will henceforth have a clearer view of this situation and hence a profounder and more substantial sympathy with the efforts of the Church in this direction.

The North Texas Conference was well represented on the program. Drs. Hill, Alderson, Moore and the writer participating therein, besides Hon. W. H. Atwell, layman.

Dr. S. A. Steel, who is now president of the Lumberton Manual Labor School in Mississippi, delivered his great lecture, "The Circuit Rider," on Saturday night and on Sunday morning preached to the delight of a great multitude on "Old-time Methodism." Dr. Steel has lost none of his platform power.

The efficiency of our laity was a fact well attested in the excellent addresses delivered by Hons. Jack Beall, of Waxahachie, Congressman of his district; Hon. W. H. Atwell, District Attorney of Dallas, and Hon. R. W. Hall, of Vernon, the inimitable orator of the Panhandle. These brethren showed an intelligent appreciation of the great mission of Methodism and a zeal for her work that means much for the great forward movement of the Church in Texas.

Brother Sensabaugh is to be congratulated on his wise and faithful efforts in thus bringing together the leading members of the Church in his district and his methods, if adopted throughout the State, would result in a mighty uplift to our cause. May we have annually in every district in Texas Methodism such a gathering of our people!

G. C. R.

AN EDITOR WIDE OF THE MARK.

We clip the following from the Coleman Democrat:

The Texas Christian Advocate is very severe on those country newspapers which do not madly, violently advocate prohibition. Some of the papers referred to are no doubt like the Advocate—that is, favorable to prohibition in other counties, but think the time inopportune to try it at home.

If the Democrat wanted to be fair and just in its strictures on the Advocate, it would not have misrepresented us in the above critique. The Advocate was not severe on "those country newspapers which do not madly, violently advocate prohibition," and we have never intimated anything like the charge made by the Coleman editor. Even a country secular editor, not favorable to prohibition, ought to tell the truth on its neighbor. We did severely criticize those country newspapers who refuse to take a position on one or the other side of the prohibition question when the campaign is on. It is the fellow editor who perches himself on the fence during the campaign for local option and refuses to let any matter on that subject get into his columns unless paid for so much a line. He is the chap whom we severely criticized. Is the Coleman Democrat with that class?

"Some of the papers referred to are no doubt like the Advocate—that is, favorable to prohibition in other counties, but think the time inopportune to try it at home." The Democrat means this as a fling, but in casting the imputation it again misrepresents the Advocate by innuendo. We did think the time "inopportune" last February to hold a local option election in Dallas County, and we had the manhood to come out and say so, giving our reasons for the position. But we did not hop up on the fence and refuse to let any thing go in our columns on the subject unless paid for at advertising rates. We came out boldly and above board and without remuneration and stated our reasons for opposing the election. That is exactly what we want the country newspaper to do; and we have a contempt for any of them that try to play neutrality when the fight is on. They ought to show their colors. Does the Democrat now understand us? Well, we presume not, for we take the following from its columns: "J. J. Martin, of Brownwood, Texas, would like to receive your order for anything in

the saloon business. Phone 152, or the Red Light Saloon." And Coleman is a dry county! Nevertheless, the Democrat makes money out of its advertising column by foisting the Brownwood bar-rooms upon the families of its local option readers! Is the Democrat in a position to even misrepresent, much less justly and truthfully criticize, the Advocate? The people of Coleman will not permit bar-rooms to do business in their county, but such is the greed of the Democrat for liquor money that it jumps over into Brown County and gets liquor advertisements for the benefit of its dry constituents! Now Brown has gone dry, and what will the Democrat do? Brother Hubert, pick your flint and come at us again.

FOUR MORE COUNTIES IN LINE.

Last week four more counties passed over to the list of local option territories, to-wit: Brown, Rains, Cottle and Nacogdoches. Anderson went against us by a large majority; Henderson by a very small majority and Palo Pinto is a tie. So the good work goes on. Nacogdoches knocked the bar-rooms out with a majority of one thousand. Brown did gloriously with the question when it is considered that the ants put their big guns in the field out there. But they were captured and spiked most effectually. Now, what will our old friend Brooke Smith, of Brownwood, have to say? He led the anti forces and was going to win at all hazards. Last Friday he was at the head of a great barbecue in Brownwood in behalf of the anti. Thirty beaves and forty mutton were slaughtered and devoured. Barry Miller and Stump Ashby were present to add the weight of their great influence to the slaughter of the animals, and on the next day the pros went to the ballot box and hopelessly slaughtered Brooke, Barry and Stump. The glory of the latter barbecue completely overshadowed the smoke and gravy of the former. Even the eaters of Friday were eaten on Saturday, and the place that once knew them out in the sandy country will know them no more forever! Good for old Brown! We had some anxiety for her safety, but she has shown herself amply able to take care of her interests in a hand-to-hand fight with big anti. Within a few weeks we will have other elections and we look for good results. On with the battle!

Rev. Nath Thompson is in fine spirits. They have been waging a war on saloons in his section. Just before going to press we received a dispatch from him which reads as follows: "Ozona has gone dry after the hardest battle of the West." All Texas will rejoice with him.

The Local Preachers' Conference of the Southern Methodist Church in Texas will convene on 26th, 27th and 28th of this month in the First Methodist Church of Dallas, Texas.

W. C. YOUNG, President.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Brother J. T. Lomax, of Meridian, was in the city recently and made the Advocate a good visit.

Rev. J. J. Clark, who assisted Bro. Hamilton in a good meeting in Oak Cliff not long since, paid us a pleasant visit while in the city.

Rev. C. L. Browning and wife, who are sojourning in Oak Cliff till conference, were in to see us not long since. Brother Browning is helping the brethren in meetings.

Col. J. W. Blake, of Sherman, called pleasantly at this office last week. He is contemplating starting a bank in this city at an early day; and, in that event, will move to the city.

We are pleased to have a visit from Dr. M. Bowden, of Sterling City. We had delightful companionship with him some three years ago while spending a few days in his home town.

We hear most encouraging reports of the Travis Park Sunday-school in San Antonio. The enrollment, including all departments, has already passed 700 and earnest efforts are being

made to increase it to 1,000 by Nov. 1. They have a splendid pastor in Rev. James W. Moore, a most efficient superintendent in Mr. A. W. Shaw, and a body of active, intelligent and enthusiastic teachers. They compel success.

The whole city feel grieved over the death of Mrs. Sydney Smith, of Dallas, which occurred last Saturday night. She was an eminently useful woman, whose hand was given to every good work in the city. Captain Sydney Smith, her bereaved husband, has the sympathy of all classes of our people in his great sorrow.

Mrs. Amelia Thrall, widow of the Rev. Homer S. Thrall, D. D., suffered a stroke of paralysis on Thursday morning, Sept. 3, at her home in San Antonio. At last reports she was resting as easily as could be expected for one of her advanced age, she being now in her eighty-third year. Mrs. Thrall has been confined to her room and mostly to her bed for the last three months on account of a fall which crippled her shoulder and arm. Since Dr. Thrall's death, which occurred about ten years ago, she has lived quietly and mostly alone in her simple San Antonio home. She was a regular attendant on all the services of the Church, including prayer-meeting and Sunday-school, up to about one year ago. She has lived a faithful and devout Christian life.

CHURCH NEWS.

Christendom has been consolidated with The World To-Day, a monthly magazine published in Chicago.

Dr. Martha Sheldon and Miss Browne have secured a Tibetan teacher and are getting good command of the Tibetan language.

Rev. H. B. Workman, M. A., has been elected to succeed the famous Dr. Rigg as principal of the Westminster College, British Wesleyan Conference.

Rev. J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer of our Board of Missions, reports collections up to August 1st of this year, \$9,068 in advance of the same date last year.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church has aided in the erection or saving of over 12,500 Churches, employing nearly \$8,000,000 for these purposes.

We learn that the endowment fund of Emory College may be moved to another State, such a step being necessitated by the tax imposed upon said fund by the State of Georgia.

The North China Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is opposed to the election of a missionary Bishop for China, but desires the assignment of a general Superintendent to China alone.

Atlanta Methodism has an aggregated membership of over 12,000, property valued at over \$1,000,000 and twenty-two pastorates. Wesley Memorial Tabernacle, in the heart of the city, will cost in its erection over \$100,000.

It is estimated that all Protestant Christendom gives \$10,000,000 a year for missions and is maintaining 25,000 laborers in mission fields. That is about seven and one-half cents for each member of the Church, and one worker abroad for every 22,500 members at home.

Rev. J. E. McCulloch, of the Virginia Conference, one of the valued lieutenants of the Missionary Secretaries, and Miss Minerva Clyde, during the past year in charge of the Home Mission Settlements in Nashville, were married in Mexico, Missouri, on September 3rd.

In its last denominational year, which ended with the close of the spring Ministerial Conferences in May, 1902, the Methodist Episcopal Church consisted of 2,684,857 members and 284,644 probationers—that is, candidates under instruction for full membership—a total of 2,969,501. The spread of Methodism in the United States was parallel with the development of the country.

The exhibit of the Book Agents of the Publishing House for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1903, has been issued. The exhibit shows that the total sales from the Publishing House and the retail stores in Nashville and Dallas amounted to \$530,452.76; from this should be deducted \$93,116.08—sales to the retail stores—making the net sales from all departments \$437,336.68, an increase of \$16,053.48 over

last year. The profits from the Nashville business amount to \$34,684.60, from Dallas, \$6,563.94; total, \$41,188.54. From this is deducted a loss of \$1,466.05 on the Methodist Review, \$2,954.95 on the Epworth Era, and \$406.50 on the retail store in Nashville, reducing the total net gain to \$36,361.02. The cash in bank, Nashville city bonds, and postage stamps amount to \$125,692.61. The real assets of the House on the date of the exhibit were \$914,525.72. There has been an increase not only in the volume of business, but also in the circulation of the periodicals, and the loss on the Review and the Era is considerably less than it was last year.

MAGAZINE NOTICES.

American Review of Reviews.—The special features of this number are a character sketch of the new Pope by W. T. Stead, with portrait; an illustrated article on "The Conclave and the Pope," by Talcott Williams; a sketch of the late Frederick William Hollis, of the Hague Tribunal, with portrait; a profusely illustrated article on "The Cotton Crop of To-day," by Richard H. Edmonds; an account of the renomination of President Diaz of Mexico, with portrait; articles on "The Race Problem in the United States," by Dr. Lyman Abbott, and on "The Negro Problem in South Africa," by Arthur Hawkes; and "The New Movement for Religious Education," by Dean Sanders, of Yale University. There is also a four-page review of the concluding volume of Mr. Charles Booth's "Life and Labor in London." In the editorial department, "The Progress of the World," for this month, foreign affairs are treated with the Review's customary thoroughness.

The Atlantic Monthly.—Rev. Lyman Abbott opens the September Atlantic with an able and suggestive article on Why Women do not Wish the Suffrage, an attitude which he claims results not from any inferiority of woman to man, but from her essential difference, bodily and mentally. Herbert W. Horwill follows with a paper on the question of the Bible in Public Schools, and he discusses as pertaining thereto the increasing and generally acknowledged Biblical ignorance of the rising generation. Other valuable and readable papers are Indifferentism by B. P.; An Educated Wage-Earner—experiences and reflections by Jocelyn Lewis; Of Girls in a Canadian College, by A. MacMechan; and Paganism, a delightful paper by Harriet Waters Preston. Sir Leslie Stephen contributes the first of a series of Some Early Impressions, the present one dealing with undergraduate life in England fifty years ago, while M. A. DeWolfe Howe writes The "Literary Centre," a description of literary Boston at about the same period of time.

The Pilgrim.—The Pilgrim for September cannot be missed on the news stands if one have an eye for color. The design is of a powerful automobile, running at the rate of a mile a minute, and bearing down upon whomsoever holds the magazine in his hands. Appropriate and timely as is this cover, it symbolizes the entire contents of the issue. Mr. Abbott's department of "Men and Matters of Moment" contains many brilliant paragraphs treating of subjects that just now are foremost in the public mind, and is thoroughly illustrated. The third of The Pilgrim's papers on these Americans who are guiding the ethical sense of the nation treats of Mark Twain, humorist, man of letters and champion of the right. The author, Samuel Moffett, is Mark Twain's nephew, and therefore his article is charmingly intimate. As a supplement to the September issue of The Pilgrim, is published a pastel portrait of Mark Twain by Jules M. Gaspard, master of pastel portraiture. This portrait is printed on heavy paper, which makes it suited to framing.

Scribner's Magazine.—In the September number of Scribner's Magazine, Frederic Irland adds another to his remarkable articles on little known regions of the wilderness on this continent. "The Wyoming Game Stronghold," which leads this number, describes that great valley between the Shoshone and Wind River Mountains on the East and the Tetons on the West, where antelope by hundreds and elk by thousands congregate, and where the wild goose still undisturbed makes her nest. Mr. Irland spent two months this spring, while the snow was still in the passes, observing and photographing the wild game in their stronghold. The pictures are probably the most remarkable ever published of great bands of elk, black tail deer, and antelope. The narrative has the charming quality of picturing life in the open which has made all of Mr. Irland's articles the best of their kind. Following this are many excellent articles on various subjects and a number of them are beautifully illustrated.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Thirty years ago Southwestern University opened its doors for students. Thirty years is a long time in our Western way of counting. It represents more than one-half of the life of Texas as a State. It means a generation of wonderful development in an epoch of great material progress.

Southwestern University has been a factor in this work. For thirty years students with the impress of this Methodist school have gone out to fill places in Church and State. They have carried with them influences that were generated here. The records say they have wrought well. We enter upon our thirty-first year September 15 with an enlarged faculty. At the last round of our Texas Conferences for the Church increased the assessment for Southwestern University by one-third. This assessment is now \$10,000. This forward step enabled the Curators at our last commencement to establish a separate chair of German. Dr. James C. Hardy was elected professor. Dr. Hardy was our first honor man in the class of 1896. He has since taken the Ph. D. degree at Vanderbilt University and has had experience teaching in that institution and in one of the well known schools of Tennessee.

Prof. R. F. Young's work will be limited to Spanish and French. He is now Professor of Romance Languages instead of Modern Languages as heretofore.

Prof. A. S. Pegues, our Instructor in English, in the Fitting School, has been advanced to Assistant Professor of English in the University.

Prof. I. H. Moore will be given some of the history work in the Department of History and Economics.

Profs. Moore, Pegues and McSwain have been doing special work in their different lines of study at the University of Chicago this summer.

Prof. C. G. Carroll, of the Department of Chemistry, has gone to Baltimore. Leave of absence for one year was granted him by the Board of Curators and he will spend it in study at Johns Hopkins University.

Prof. R. W. Tinsley, of Charlottesville, Virginia, will take Professor Carroll's place during his absence. Prof. Tinsley is an alumnus of the University of Virginia, and he has had nine years' experience as a teacher of chemistry and its allied sciences. He comes to us with the strongest recommendations.

Miss Merle Bowen, who during her past year's leave of absence did most excellent work in New York City and recently in directing the School of Education in a Connecticut Valley Chautauqua, is again in Georgetown. She is full of enthusiasm for her department.

Misses Siner and Oldfield will come to us as our new teachers of piano music. Miss Siner has had all the advantages of music study in Germany for several years. She cablegraphed her acceptance from Odessa, Russia. She will be here on time.

Miss Oldfield is a graduate of Oberlin. She has had some years' study under the best masters of Berlin.

There will be no material changes in the other departments. Indications are that we will have increased attendance. We are getting ready for the students and we expect the coming session to be the best in our history. Registration and examinations for admission begin September 15. The formal opening marked by the Regent's address and the inauguration of class work is September 18.

We would be glad if our friends all over Texas would direct young people to Southwestern University. We are filling the place appointed to us by our Church. C. C. CODY.

THEY CAME, SAW, CONQUERED.

On Sunday night, Aug. 31, under the great tabernacle of Centenary Church (Paris) was a scene never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. Many of us have looked upon political gatherings in their wild hurrahs and thought such enthusiasm was worthy of a better cause. But how many have been so blessed in the sight of five thousand people, men, women and children, all at once shouting and praising God amidst the waving of hands and handkerchiefs? Angels in heaven doubtless rejoiced with the people of Paris on that memorable night.

How came this glorious event to happen? On this wise: Rev. L. S. Barton, with Bro. Ed Phillips (combining with his gospel singing a most tactful and efficient labor among the unsaved), came to hold a revival meeting in connection with Rev. J. L. Morris, pastor of Centenary Church. In the first place, as preparation for this revival, Bro. Morris had brought his Church, i. e., the truly devout of the membership, up to that spiritual fervor that made the revival possible. Bro. Morris is one of the most gifted and stirring of preachers and welds the pious element of every pastorate closely to him. Hence Bro. Barton had much good soil to begin with in which

to sow the seed of the gospel. Yet there was plenty of "wayside," "stony" and "thorny" ground to which the preacher had to direct his first attention. This he did with that vigilance which made the "easy in Zion" to be restless, the "wayside" heart to hear and reflect, the "thorny and stony" hearts to realize their deplorable condition. Truly Bro. Barton's preaching was a marvel of power. At times to the thousands hearing he seemed as a telephone through which God was speaking from heaven. Not only a strong preacher of the gospel, but gifted in generalship, Bro. Barton marshaled the Christian workers into line of aggressive service. Sisters Milsap, Webster and Young were the chief- tains of a "Gideon Band" and under their direction scores of helpers literally went through the vast congregation personally appealing to the unsaved till the altar from time to time was crowded with seekers of salvation. During all this mighty stirring of the "dry bones" Bro. Phillips, with his thoroughly organized choir, kept his workin' ringin' with hallelujah choruses. We note a few remarkable features of this revival:

- 1. The Christians—and all denominational lines had been obliterated—were made to feel their "first love" so that the unsaved did not have to approach the "haven of rest" through a blockade of ice-bbergs.
2. "Society," with its dancing, card-playing, gambling, wine bibbling, etc., was exposed in its hideous sins and shocking improprieties.
3. Profligate sinners of every class were spoken to as lost souls of the heavenly Father.
4. Sinners were made to feel that they were loved while their sins were denounced. The beautiful spirit and at times humorous words of the preacher helped greatly to emphasize the distinction between the transgressor and his transgression; the one was loved, the other was hated.
5. All received a broader and deeper meaning to the word "consecration." In response, Sister Holley, with her three little ones, laid herself upon the altar to serve as a deaconess in Centenary Church. Also young Miss Ross offered herself in consecration as missionary. Our own Sister Young, of Lamar Avenue, now consents to be called what she has for a long time been, a "deaconess." She is known throughout the city as practical Christlikeness personified, devoting her life to the poor.
6. In a few minutes at the last Sunday morning service \$500 were subscribed for seating and repairing the tabernacle for future service.

The ingathering of souls has not as yet been completed by the different denominations as a result of this meeting. Centenary received about seventy-five the last Sunday. Over 300 professed conversion. Most of these were present on the last night and were made to circle the vast congregation while all Christians marched around extending the hand of fellowship. What a Pentecost came down upon us! Phillips and his choir sang and shouted hallelujahs, with the five thousand voices of the congregation, for a full hour. At the very last a Chautauqua salute was given to Bro. Barton and prohibition. How the thousands of handkerchiefs fluttered! What jubilant shouts for prohibition in Lamar County! Am I a prophet? Let us see. Lamar County in less than the days given to Nineveh for repentance, will be under a vigorous campaign for prohibition; and in less than the number of those days, the saloon will be overthrown. Already this gigantic monster of evil, seeing its near fate, is beginning to don sackcloth and ashes in Paris. But we have seen that pretended meekness and humility before Barton, with his hand, is going to oust this octopus of hell and deliver, we hope, some who are already in its grasp.

I. T. STAFFORD, Lamar Avenue, Paris.

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Chappell Hill Female opened her fifty-first session with the largest boarding patronage of any opening in her history. The girls of last session are all in place with two exceptions. One will be in later and one is held at home by circumstances beyond her control. The faculty has been materially strengthened by the addition of G. W. Kaff, a German, to teach German, and Miss Sadler as teacher of voice. Some estimate of the value of this school to the Church at large may be formed when it is known that it is the rare exception for a girl to leave here unconverted.

B. W. ALLEN, Chappell Hill, Texas.

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Third Quarter, Lesson 12, Sept. 20.

ABSTINENCE FROM EVIL.
1 Peter 4:1-11.

Golden Text: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess."—Eph. 5:18.

Topical Outline: I. The Lessons of Suffering. (Vs. 1-6.) II. Christian Service for God's Glory. (Vs. 7-11.)

Time: The date of our Epistle is about 64 or 65 A. D.

Place: We seem to be shut up by 1 Peter 5:13 to the conclusion that our Epistle was written from Babylon, but tradition almost unanimously insists that Babylon is a mystical designation of Rome.

The International Evangel:

Temperance in its broadest, truest sense means the intelligent care and control of the body, with all of its powers, and appetites and passions, that it may be made to serve in the highest degree the purposes of the soul of which it is the seat. As the soul's trained and obedient servant the body is immeasurably valuable; as the soul's master the body is a cruel and destructive tyrant. The present lesson warns against those bodily passions and indulgences which "war against the soul."

We should hold our bodies in high respect because they represent the crown of God's creation in the animal world. Whether we accept the doctrine of evolution, or the literal Biblical theory of special creation, the human body terminated the series of forms of animal life. According to evolution the human body is the culmination of an indefinitely long process of development; according to the literal interpretation of the Biblical account it represents the last in a long series of special creations. In either view it is the crowning animal organism in the world. All the old zoologic ages culminated in man. The vertebrate type is the highest type of animal life, and man is the highest of the vertebrates. The dome of the human skull, with its curve of one hundred and eighty degrees from base to base expresses the completion of the Creator's thought in animal organism.

We should hold our bodies in high respect and treat them with the most intelligent care, because of the dependence of the mind upon the energies of the body in the performance of the work of life. Nothing is more certain than this, that physical health and strength are necessary to the largest development of the mental powers and the doing of the greatest amount of work. It is true that some have done great things in spite of physical infirmities. Paul had his thorn in the flesh; Caesar was an epileptic; Milton was blind; William III. was a life-long invalid; Lawrence was so delicate in his digestion that he was compelled to weigh every ounce of his food; Beethoven was deaf; Pope was almost a living maniken. On the other hand history abounds with instances of eminent men who were physically superior. Chaucer was an athlete; Burns, in spite of his debaucheries, was a man of strong body; Washington was six feet four and of superb physical powers; and Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Garfield, Blaine, Lincoln, Gladstone and Beecher, were all men of splendid physiques. By so much as sound bodies are necessary to the best work, we are under obligations to preserve and protect their powers from the waste of dissipation.

Bodily intemperance has various forms. There is the intemperance of eating. It has been said that "we dig our graves with our teeth." A certain Bishop, grown enormously large through over-eating, said: "I am not afraid to die, but I am ashamed to die." A man who gormandizing makes a monster of fat of himself, clogging and weighing down all the organs of his body, ought to be ashamed to live and afraid to die.

Then there is the intemperance of narcotics and stimulants. The use of tobacco at the best, as seriously defended by its consumers, does no good. This possibly though not probably true in some cases. In the majority of cases it is positively hurtful. In any case it is offensive. It is a strange perversion that smoking should ever have been called a "gentleman's habit." Horace Mann, the great educator, said: "The student who uses tobacco should be expelled, on the ground that the practice is unfit for a scholar and a gentleman."

As to the intemperance of strong drink, we lay the chief emphasis upon that because of the indescribable evils which result from it, not only to the drinker, but to society. One aspect of it should cause every one to hesitate in the first stages of the habit—the consideration that he has no right to assume the risks for others which his becoming an inebriate would involve. A little over a year ago Dennis J. Sweeney resigned his position, Chief

of the Fire Department, of Chicago, with which he had been connected for more than fifty years. While yet in service he was present at a social lunch where wine was served. It being noticed that the Chief drank only water, he was asked if he was opposed to wine drinking. He replied: "Not for others; but I never know when I may be summoned to exercise my clearest judgment in order to prevent a serious loss of property or life, and I could never forgive myself if at such a time I should make a mistake, and had the least reason for thinking that my mental powers had in some degree been impaired through the use of alcohol."

The Epworth League Department

(All communications intended for this department and exchanges with articles to be commented upon, should be sent to Gus. W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, Texas.)

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NOTES.

Misses Leila and Pearla Doyle, of Henderson, Texas, write that they favor a reunion of the Detroit crowd at Dallas sometime during the Fair. Who next?

A press dispatch sent out from Dallas a few days ago says the Methodists of that city are interested in securing the International Conference of 1907.

Business duties called me to St. Louis recently, and I had the pleasure of visiting Dr. W. F. McMurray's Church (Centenary) on August 22. The Sunday-school is in charge of Murray Carlton, the head of the Carlton Dry Goods Company, and also President of the street car company. The latter paying him a salary of \$25,000 per annum. Brother Carlton is an active Church man and has one of the largest and best managed Sunday-schools in St. Louis. The pastor was absent on a two weeks' vacation and a supply occupied the pulpit. The congregation was large and the sermon strong and helpful. The Epworth League service interested me most. It was held at 7 o'clock, the leader being the wife of President James R. Halbrook. After a brief lesson comment a testimony service was held and quickly one after another, sometimes two on the floor at once, the Leaguers spoke. It was different from the usual city style; all the Leaguers seemed to have religion and religion in telling it. I have seldom seen a more spiritual service.

We have opened a "Question Box" in this issue, and if any others have inquiries to be answered the "box" is wide open—send them along.
G. W. T.

OUR QUESTION BOX.

Is It Conference or Convention? Please settle a question which has been asked: "Do the Methodists have conventions?" We are under the impression that our meetings should be called conferences. I see in your column in the Advocate that the Detroit meeting is called both ways. I should like it answered through the columns of the paper, that we may all be set right.
KATE A. LANDES.

With Southern Methodists it is always conference, with our Northern brethren either word, conference or convention, is considered good form and so used. They refer to the international meeting as a convention and we call it a conference. With us conference is considered the better word, as convention is indiscriminately used to designate political, social, labor and various other gatherings.

Have We a Pledge? Do the pledges of both Junior and Epworth Leagues continue the same? If not, what were they during 1901? What are the "rules and regulations" referred to in the pledge? Are they the constitution and by-laws? After a League has become disorganized by the members leaving, does the pledge still hold?
W. E. PRITCHETT, Huntsville, Texas.

Section 1 of Article III. of the Constitution and By-Laws provides that members shall be received into the League after the following question has been affirmatively answered either orally or in writing, viz.: "Will you observe the rules and regulations of the Epworth League, attend its meetings as far as possible, and take some part in them?" This provision

applies alike to both senior and junior chapters. The pledge as such was abolished by the League Board in 1898, and was not in the Constitution and By-Laws of 1901. The rules and regulations referred to in the section quoted are simply the Constitution and By-Laws. Unless the members transfer at the time to another chapter, the "pledge" becomes null and void when a chapter disbands.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The General Secretary of the Epworth League greets you with this his annual report in the midst of the most prosperous year in the history of the organization. After years of stress and doubt, the League now enters upon a history of prosperity and development. For this we give devout thanks to the great Head of the Church.

Growth of the League.

The General Minutes for 1902-03 show an increase of 49 League Chapters and 2,480 League members. But these figures do not, we are sure, represent the real strength of the League. They however indicate that the organization is growing. The number of League Chapters chartered since the League movement began is 7,070. The number chartered during the past year is 556, which is an increase of 82 over the number reported for the same period last year.

The League Work.

The League meetings held during the past year have been marked by great spirituality and by intelligent zeal in the work of the Church. From these gatherings a pronounced evangelistic activity has gone forth. The International Epworth League Conference, or Convention, held at Detroit in July last was a Pentecostal assembly, and brought the young Methodisms of the continent together in a fellowship which resulted in a tremendous sentiment for righteousness and Christian unity.

The General Minutes indicate that a very large sum, equal to not less than \$20,000, was last year given by the Leagues to the cause of missions. The Mission Rooms furnish us the information that considerable additional sums have come in from the same source. This indicates that the missionary zeal which several years ago became characteristic of the League is growing. Many of our local Chapters have become centers of revival power and of missionary life and intelligence.

The League Reading Course continues to secure wide attention and interest. The circulation of the books of last year's course was the largest since the League began. Special attention is called to the "Institute Series" on Church history, doctrines, biography, missions, etc., being brought out by the central office. This series consists of brief treatises or booklets to be used in study classes, in League assemblies, institutes, and Chapters. They are issued at a very low price. We call upon our pastors to assist in securing the systematic use of these text-books in their local Leagues.

The Epworth Era.

The Book Agents' report before you at your present session shows a deficit on the publication account of the Epworth Era for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1903, of \$2,954.95, as against \$6,966.98 the previous year, being a reduction of \$4,012.03 for a single year. But it must be understood that the new plan for the publication of the Era ordered by the last General Conference did not come fully into operation until nearly four months of the year represented by these figures had expired, so that they are not indicative of the present financial status of the Era. The figures of the present fiscal year, which are not included in the Book Agents' report before you, show that the paper is running practically even with its expenses, exhibiting on August 1 last a net deficit of only \$437.10. These figures cover the dull, or summer, season, when our receipts are always lowest. We entertain no doubt whatever that the next fiscal report of the Book Agents will show a balance to the Era's credit. Both the subscription and advertising business of the paper has greatly advanced during the past twelve months, and the outlook is for the best business that we have ever done.

The Ten-Cent Assessment.

The first payment on the ten-cent assessment levied by authority of the last General Conference was reported June 10, 1902. Since that date the Central Office has received from this source a total of \$2,608.62. This sum has been sufficient to defray the expenses of the very economical administration of the department, but it leaves the General League Board with little to be used in a greatly needed enlargement of the work. Our brethren are hereby urged to co-operate with us in bringing this assessment to the attention of their Leagues. But 892 Chapters in all have reported on

this levy. This is an average of fewer than one out of seven.

The General Secretary again craves the prayers and sympathies of his brethren. The task set before him is an arduous one, but it brings blessings and refreshings as success is ministered with the years. Respectfully submitted.
H. M. DU BOISE.

SOME LEAGUE SUGGESTIONS.

When I read Mrs. Robertson's request in the Advocate of August 13 I thought came in my mind would some of my hard-earned experience in the Junior League work be of any help to some one in that line of work. I was once superintendent of a Junior League for several years. Two years of that time District Superintendent. My ups and down during that time were "legion."

The first requirement of a successful superintendent is a thorough consecration to the work and a full trust in a divine help.

On taking charge of a League, get acquainted personally with each member. know him by name, find out all you can about his home surroundings, then you'll know better how to work with him. At each meeting be sure and meet each one pleasantly and always have some little something to say to him; make him feel that you have a loving interest in him; teach them all to love and respect you.

As to the work, I believe a "variety" is the spice of life in a League, especially with children who can't read. To go through the same routine of work meeting after meeting you'll soon have a dead League on hand. The children are indifferent; some drop out, and you feel like you had missed your calling.

Now to get up something new every two or three Sundays is no small job; but I always found that when I concentrated my thoughts on one thing more ideas would spring up—so "to him that has shall be given more." I could interest the children and hold their attention longer and better by using pictures on the blackboard to illustrate the lesson, or by object lessons. The latter always took better.

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with the very small ones. I would like to give you some of both kinds I used, but they would occupy too much space. They enjoyed what we called the "Question Box." During the week those who could write would find some Bible question they would want a certain one to answer. On a slip of paper on one side the question was written, on the other the name of the party to answer it. These papers were brought and placed in a box. During the meeting they were read out. I found it not only interesting for them, but very beneficial, as it made them read their Bible more.

One of the most interesting things for both Leaguers and visitors was the "Ten Commandments" contest, gotten up in the plan of an old-time spelling match. Two sides chosen and drawn up in line fronting each other; each one to repeat the commandments without a mistake. We also had the 53rd Psalm and the Lord's Prayer. These contests brought in more visitors than anything we ever tried. Story telling is another way of amusing them—a story with a good moral. Try and tell them one that has familiar objects in it, and let them help you tell it, or let one of them find a nice story and tell it to the League. Make them feel their League; that they must do the work; you are only to help them. I think we make a great mistake in not giving the children plenty to do. Ask the timid ones some question you know they can answer. In a short while this timidity wears off and they make good workers. Start them to praying little short sentence prayers. Soon you'll have a little praying League. Teach them to bring their Bibles to meeting. Send them out on little charity errands, such as carrying flowers to the sick, or taking some little something nice to eat. There are many little things they can do, and they are always ready to do it.

Our little Juniors will soon be our Seniors, and we must help them more, so they will be able to do their work then. I hope these few hints may help some. (MRS.) BOB MASSIE, Ozona, Texas.

FROM SEMPRONIUS.
 Our League is doing quite a good work, considering we are in the country. The devotional is the most interesting of the three meetings. There is a greater interest and a larger attendance than at either of the other meetings. However, I do not mean to say the other meetings are not interesting, because the majority of the members are faithful and devoted workers.

Our League was organized in 1897 with a membership of twenty-one, and has been quite a help to the Church, both spiritually and financially. With a few exceptions the members are young people, and the constant study of the Bible has taught us to love it, and enjoy working for Christ and his Church.

I think the camp-meeting, which closed only a few weeks ago, was a great help to us, raising our hopes and strengthening us spiritually.

We would like to hear how other country Leagues raise their finances. We raise ours by giving suppers, generally ice cream suppers. They are given on the evening of the literary meeting, so those attending may enjoy them both.

(MISS) IDA CRUMP,
 Corresponding Secretary.

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

Little children are by their baptism recognized as members on probation of the visible Church, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership according to their ability to discharge the same. The minister, in his address to those who present the child for baptism, says:
 "In causing this child to be brought by baptism into the Church of Christ, it is your duty to teach him to renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that he may not follow or be led by them; to believe all the articles of the Christian faith; and to obediently keep God's holy will and commandments all the days of his life." Discipline, pp. 221, 222.)

A brief summary of the "articles of faith" may be found in the Apostles' Creed. As soon as the children of the Church "comprehend the responsibilities involved in a public profession of faith in Christ, and give evidence of a sincere and earnest determination to discharge the same," it is the duty of the pastor to "see that they be duly recognized as members of the Church agreeably to the provisions of the Discipline." (Discipline, p. 92.)

That little children are members of the kingdom of God is affirmed by Jesus when he says: "Of such is the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:13.) Richard Watson, the learned Methodist theologian, commenting on Matthew 19:14, says: "Little children are subjects of His spiritual kingdom on earth, then, until the moment that by actual sin they bring personal condemnation upon themselves, they re-

main heirs of the kingdom of eternal glory." Little children are not made Christians by baptism, but are baptized because they are Christ's. They are not regenerated by baptism, but are baptized because they are in a state of salvation that corresponds as nearly as resemblances can be traced to the state of salvation entered into by the regenerate adult believer. What must be the thought and feeling of a little child when he hears, for the first time, that he is not a Christian! He is told that his father and mother are Christians, but he is outside the fold because he is too young and does not know enough to be in the kingdom.

May the day be near at hand when every Church register shall contain a long list of child members; when parents, pastors, Sunday-school and junior societies shall so wisely and prayerfully train the young, that they may be prepared intelligently to assume the duties and privileges of Church membership. If this plan should be faithfully worked in all our congregations, it would save thousands of children from running on the commons, and fill our Churches with intelligent, pious young people, zealous of good works. It would hasten the day when "they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord." (Jer. 31:34.)

If you cannot take your children to Church, send for your pastor and have him baptize them at your home. "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." (Prov. 29:15.) "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6.)
 REV. JAS. A. ORAM, D. D.

A FORWARD MOVE FOR EDUCATION.

Will you allow me to express through the Texas Advocate my hearty endorsement of the new Medical College of Southwestern University. It is located at the right place and, I am sure, is well officered. The establishment of this school is the most important and inspiring event in the history of the Southwestern in the last decade. So inspiring was it to me that I have applied for correlation of San Antonio Female College with Southwestern upon condition that for the present our girls shall take their B. A. at Southwestern, and when we have enrolled the institution with one general board as a regular college, our girls shall go to Southwestern for M. A. One of our graduates is already an applicant for that degree there.

Let us make Southwestern great. Next year let us have a law school at Austin. Two hundred thousand Methodists in Texas can and will endorse the institution. Let those in immediate charge move forward. We'll follow and help.

Will you allow me also to speak a word for my young friend, Prof. John P. Turner, A. M. (Vanderbilt), who with Professor Hughey will have at Weatherford a training school? I have known Mr. Turner from his early boyhood and congratulate Texas Methodism upon his entrance into our school system. He has all the conditions of success.

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Like a cradle rocking, rocking, Silent, peaceful, to and fro, Like a mother's sweet looks dropping In the little face below, Hangs the green earth, swinging, turning,

And as feeble babes that suffer, Toss, and cry, and will not rest, Are the ones the tender mother Holds the closest, loves and best; So, when we are weak and wretched, By our sins weighed down, distressed, Then it is that God's great patience Holds us closest, loves us best.

TO THE PASTORS OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Notice is hereby given that all those desiring aid from the W. H. M. S. of West Texas Conference in building parsonages must have their application on file at least one month prior to annual meeting (Oct. 30), else the same can not be considered. MRS. B. M. HINES, Con. Cor. Sec. W. H. M. S. West Texas Conf. Uvalde, Texas.

How shall we increase the spirituality, interest and finances of the auxiliaries of our Home Mission Society?

If I could give an exact easy rule for this I should become famous, and our Home Mission Society would everywhere take on new life, and by so doing be an inspiration to the Church. This is the privilege, and I am going to add the desire, of every Home Mission Society, however poorly some of us have carried our desires into effect. This desirable condition of affairs, however, is possible, but just as "there is no royal road to learning," so there is no short cut, no magician's art by which we may bring it to pass. Every good thing, everything worth having, costs something. A man once remarked to a friend whose strong Christian character he very much admired, "I'd give the world to be like you." "That's what it cost," replied his friend. So I give as the first requisite to a spiritual, interesting W. H. M. Society self-denial. How much time we give to our pleasures, our children's dainty clothes, our neighbor's affairs and how little to studying and planning for the development of our society? We must be willing to give of our time to the work—time to study that we may keep in touch with the whole Church. "Lack of knowledge among Christian people has held the world in bondage near two thousand years." Time to become familiar with a few necessary parliamentary rules that the Master's work may be "done with decency and in order;" time to attend the meeting and perform duties assigned. Above all, time to read the Word of God often and pray much in secret. This formula has never failed to increase individual spirituality. It will not fail in the society. Elect officers who are willing to put this formula to the test. A President of pleasing personality and one who will exert herself to always be present, a First Vice-President who looks carefully after the parsonage and keeps the society informed of the needs, a Second Vice-President who stresses tithing, giving scriptural reasons for same, and the reflex blessing it brings; a Third Vice-President who will interest mothers in training their little ones for service in their "Father's house;" a Treasurer who keeps a strict account of all moneys received and paid out, and who is willing to "answer questions;" a Recording Secretary who is punctual, who writes bright, pointed minutes; a Corresponding Secretary who keeps and has read good literature, and who keeps her society informed of the transactions of the board meetings, district meetings, annual meetings, etc.

At least twenty minutes of every regular meeting should be devoted to the devotional service. We need the help and inspiration the study of the Bible, in company with others, will be to us. I fear many of us if called upon to repeat passages from the Word of God would be like the old lady I once heard of who when asked her favorite verse said it was "Grin and bear it." This may be logic, but shows a lack of knowledge of the holy word, without which there can be no deep spirituality. The spiritual society is always the working society, visiting and ministering to the sick, looking after the strangers, and seeing to the needs of the parsonage. The working society becomes the interested society as surely as night follows day. And now about finances. I am sure we all know from experience that the spiritual, working society has very little

trouble about finances. Where our love and interests are we are glad to place our money; but that we "may serve with gladness" I would suggest the Bible plan of giving one-tenth as the key to forever solving the problem. "Do this in remembrance" and the spiritual, interested and well-paying society shall be the reward. MRS. G. F. POWELL, Terrell, Texas.

INGERSOLL'S EULOGY ON WHISKEY.

"I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever drove the skeleton from the feast or painted landscapes in the brain of man. It is the mingled souls of wheat and corn. In it you will find the sunshine and the shadow that chased each other over billowy fields, the breath of June, the carol of the lark, the dew of the night, the wealth of summer, and autumn's rich content, all golden with imprisoned light. Drink it and you will hear the voice of men and maidens singing the 'Harvest Home,' mingled with the laughter of children. Drink it and you will feel within your blood the starred dawns, the dreamy, tawny dusks of perfect days. For forty years this liquid joy has been within staves of oak, longing to touch the lips of man."

Dr. Buckley's Reply.

I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever brought a skeleton into the closet, or painted scenes of lust and bloodshed in the brain of man. It is the ghost of wheat and corn, crazed by the loss of their natural bodies. In it you will find a transient sunshine chased by a shadow as cold as Arctic midnight, in which the breath of June grows icy, and the carol of the lark gives place to the foreboding cry of the raven. Drink it and you shall have 'woe,' 'sorrow,' 'babbling,' and 'wounds without cause,' your eyes shall behold strange women, and 'your heart shall utter perverse things.' Drink it deep, and you shall hear the voices of demons shrieking, women wailing, and worse than orphaned children mourning the loss of a father who yet lives. Drink it deep and long, and serpents will hiss in your ears, coil themselves about your neck, and seize you with their fangs; for 'at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.' For forty years this liquid death has been within staves of oak, harmless there as purest water. I send it to you that you may 'put an enemy in your mouth to steal away your brains.' And yet I call myself your friend.—Ex.

A NEW CONVERT TO CHRIST.

A young man has recently come into the communion of Central Church in Kansas City through one of its missions. He is a broad-shouldered six-footer, and was a soldier in the Philippine war. The spirit of his service is that of a common soldier under orders. He says to God, "Search me as with a lighted candle and see if there be any wicked way in me." To his pastor, "If you ever see me do anything disobedient to Christ, I hope you'll tell me." And to a fellow-workman, who asked if a man could not lead a Christian life out of the Church, he said, "Yes, a man could live in the street, but he'd be a deal more comfortable in a house."

To a fellow-Christian, who remonstrated with him for throwing away his plug of tobacco, his silent comforter for thirteen years: "You see, if Jesus Christ should ever come and speak to me, I want to be in shape to answer right away. I don't want to keep him waiting till I take the quid out of my mouth."—Selected.

I was appointed reporter for the McKinney Auxiliary of the Home Mission Society quite a while ago, so I must take the blame of our auxiliary not having been reported through the columns of the Advocate this year.

The death of my father in June necessitated my absence from McKinney much of the summer, so I have not been a regular attendant of the meetings of the auxiliary for some weeks. I am glad to report our society doing fine work. Our officers deserve special praise for their devotion to duty. The attendance has been excellent all the year; not quite so good this summer as in the winter and spring.

We have been taking the Bible study and have found it very helpful. I think this study of the Bible will do more for the women of the Methodist Church, South, than any other plan we have for their spiritual advancement. Furthermore, when the women are interested in the study of the Bible, their husbands become interested also, and indeed the whole family treasure the book mother is interested in. I am much pleased with the plan of study. Our Homes gives the worth of subscription price in the helpful questions it lays down. It directs the plan of study without doing the work the student should do to obtain most benefit. Our auxiliary abounds in good works,

It is connectational in spirit. You never hear complaint made that the dues are sent away from home. The members are interested in all work planned by our leaders, and are liberal in response to the calls made upon them. They are attentive to home work. I can certainly testify to the pride they take in their parsonage. In the early part of the year the trustees disposed of the old parsonage, which was dear as their own homes to many of the members of the auxiliary. We always love the object of our care, and for twenty or more years much of the money of the auxiliary had been expended on the church house. But the ladies gracefully submitted to the inevitable, and when the new parsonage was built the same zeal which characterized them in regard to the old was shown in making the elegant new parsonage one of the most delightful in our North Texas Conference. They put in electric lights, waterworks, screened the house and furnished throughout with handsome and substantial furniture. Within the last few weeks they purchased for parsonage a handsome tub for bath room. In all our fourteen years' itinerancy we have not been so comfortably domiciled as now.

I think at the approaching annual meeting McKinney will make a creditable report on all lines. We realize that we can improve in many ways, and are earnestly endeavoring to do more and better work. MRS. W. A. STUCKEY, Reporter. McKinney, Texas.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

It is not easy to be happy when you are poor, but it is a good deal harder when you are not.—Ram's Horn.

All mothers of daughters should write to Mrs. M. Summers, Notre Dame, Ind., for a free copy of her "Advice to Mothers." See ad. in this paper.

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 as Methodism can afford. Have already built one new church, and in a few days will begin another and hope to report the third by conference. Tomorrow we will tear down the old chimney and replace it with a new one, which will be a great blessing to the ones who occupy the parsonage. Also make some repairs and paint the parsonage. We are very grateful for the many tokens of appreciation that have found their way to the parsonage; also to Miss Lizzie Pitts for a nice quilt. We serve a noble people and hope by their faithful co-operation and help to accomplish much in the name of the Lord.

Armour.

F. M. Winburne, Sept. 7: My protracted meetings are ended. For six weeks past I have been in labor almost continually. My health has been excellent. All around we will add near fifty to our rolls. We suffered much for ministerial help. I sincerely wish two or three good local preachers would move into this work. It is a fine country, with lots of people who will treat local brethren well and give them lots of good advice. So come on, brethren, and try us. The scramble now begins and will continue till Nov. 11. We are compassed round about with both worms, weevils, mosquitoes, bank failures, etc., etc., but, best of all, God is with us, and through him we move on. The new railroad will miss us here about one mile and a half and give us a new town, Cooledge. So we will ere long rise, take our bed and walk in our new town, between Mexia and Hubbard. We expect a tank and a bank and several cranks.

Granger.

Sam C. Vaughan: We closed a fine revival at Granger Sept. 6. I preached twice a day for six days and then came Dr. J. S. Chapman and preached us five fine sermons. Our meeting was a success from start to finish. The old-time shouting was common. The Church was greatly revived and sinners converted, about sixteen. Ten were added to the Church. We took the conference collections; asked for \$100 and got \$120. Also \$7.25 for our missionary among the Bohemians here. This is a new work of our district and I believe a timely one. Dr. Chapman has his eye on the field and sees when a door opens. The men of the Georgetown District are working hard and successful for the Master's cause and are succeeding. Our dear Dr. Nelms has been in feeble health for several months. We are expecting a great year in the Southwestern University this year. Every one that comes in touch with this school is impressed with its greatness. There ought to be a thousand boys and girls at this school this term. I have been here three years with close observation and I never saw a finer set of young folks anywhere in my life. It's a great school.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Era.

J. R. Atchley, Sept. 7: Round of meetings on Era and Bolivar charge have all been held. As a result we have received thirty-three into the Church and Churches revived. Our conference collections are about all provided for. Era and Bolivar charge will report a clean sheet. I acknowledge efficient help from Rev. C. L. Miller, Geo. S. Sexton and S. Crutchfield. Bro. Sexton preached on the subject of missions at Era; great sermon, great collection. Old Era went over full. Who said Era was a back number? She is on top. Hurrah for Era!

Woodbine.

R. E. Porter, Aug. 31: We have just closed our round of meetings, holding 119 services, at six places, in nine weeks; were rained out in four services during the first meeting. In all we had 50 conversions, forty-nine of them at the altar, nineteen relocations, eighteen of them at the altar; forty-one accessions to the Church; six of them were by certificate. Bro. F. M. Sherwood did the preaching in the first meeting, and did it well. Bros. Dickert and McDaniel, two of my local preachers, assisted in the second meeting. Bro. Hart, local preacher from Broadway, Gainesville, helped in the meeting here at Woodbine. Bro. Scivally, of Ravia, I. T., did the preaching at my fourth meeting and did lots of good, earnest preaching and baptized nine children. I did most of the preaching in our fifth meeting, but was assisted some by Bros. Dickert and McDaniel. Bro. J. Marvin Nichols, of Broadway, Gainesville, did most of the preaching in my last meeting. My people think that he did some fine preaching, and I think so, too. Bro. Mowrey, a local deacon in this charge, did some of my baptizing, and also some good preaching. Bro. Hart attended and helped some in all of my

meetings. We also have about four-fifths of a large conference assessment promised and partly paid, and I believe my people mean to see that it is paid. Nearly all of my people pay something. I think all in all we are doing fairly well. Some one was converted in every meeting and the Church at the different places was revived. Of course we are rejoiced over our victory in the recent prohibition election. I had the pleasure of helping to vote whiskey out of Red River County last year and Cooke this year.

Bells Circuit.

J. D. Whitehead: We are not silent in this section because we are not busy. We have held the following protracted meetings on the Bells Circuit this summer: Our first meeting was held at Bells, with Rev. W. H. Brown to help us. Bro. Brown did us some faithful work. The visible results: The Church helped; four additions. Our second meeting was held at Everheart's Memorial, with Rev. J. O. Davis to help us. He did excellent work and greatly endeared himself to our people on account of his faithful preaching. Bro. Spragins, of White-wright Station, preached once for us during the meeting. His sermon was excellent. Rev. Byers was with us a day or so during the meeting. Visible results: Eighteen conversions and relocations and the Church quickened. This was a splendid meeting. Our third meeting was held at Virginia Point. Rev. J. W. Hill was with us for three days during the meeting, doing the preaching. Bro. Hill is one of our strongest preachers. He digs deep and gets on the bedrock of the gospel. If any preacher has people who are bothered about the liquid grave, just send to Hill and get his exposition of Romans VI. Rev. W. A. Fleming, one of our faithful local preachers, did us good work, both in pulpit and in congregation.

Commerce Station.

R. C. Hicks, Sept. 7: Two weeks ago I closed a most gracious meeting, in which I was assisted for several days by Rev. O. S. Thomas, presiding elder, and the rest of the time by Rev. J. M. Sweeton, of Greenville. These brethren did the best work of their lives, I reckon. Rev. J. M. Sweeton has a series of revival sermons which I regard as about as good as the best. We had thirty or thirty-five conversions. It was a very deep and searching work of grace, both in the Church and out. Rev. W. L. Clifton preached several of his best sermons, which means that they were strictly first-class. Also Rev. M. A. Smith preached one fine sermon for us. The meeting lasted three weeks. I did about half the preaching. Sweeton set his heels in the ground against preaching more than once a day. Our third Quarterly Conference was held during the meeting. A building committee was appointed and steps are now being taken toward building a nice church. Have not yet decided on the plan or cost, but the intention is to build a house that will cost about \$10,000. We were taken very much by surprise a few nights ago when one of our good ladies handed me a purse and said: "We intend for you to take a rest and want you to take this money and go wherever you please and stay as long as you please." It came in good time, and is much appreciated, for I feel the need of some rest. One of my little ones is just recovering from a case of typhoid fever. We have also had other sickness in our family. A little recreation will therefore be very helpful, both to myself and wife. God bless the good, thoughtful people who made it possible.

Mt. Vernon.

C. R. Gray, Sept. 7: We closed an excellent eleven days' meeting at Mt. Vernon Wednesday night, Aug. 26. The visible results were fifteen conversions and fourteen additions to the Church. Congregations were fine and the Christians worked nobly, especially the young people. Bro. Pinson, of Winfield, was with us four days the first week and gave us some fine gospel sermons. Mt. Vernon Methodism is on rising ground.

Bridgeport.

A. R. Nash, Sept. 7: This charge is in good condition. At the beginning of the conference year we bought a desirable lot, moved the parsonage on it, enlarged the house, finished it inside and out and pailed the yard. The improvements cost about \$500. By February we had from forty to sixty in attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting. When any special work is to be done it is no trouble to find warm-hearted Christians ready to do it. All the auxiliary institutions of the Church are in a good healthy state. Early in June we held the meeting in Bridgeport. Rev. J. C. Weaver did the preaching the first week. It was strong, clear, scriptural, old-time Methodist preaching. It carried conviction to the consciences of men that led to repentance unto salvation. The second week of the meet-

ing Rev. J. M. Crutchfield preached twice, Rev. F. O. Miller three times and Rev. W. J. Johnson once. The third week Revs. H. H. Vaughan and R. G. Mood once each. Results: A great revival for the Church, a goodly number converted and twenty-three accessions to the Church. The Church at Pleasant Valley is in good condition. The revival at this place resulted in about ten conversions and six accessions. At this meeting I secured in subscription nearly all the conference assessments against that Church—will get it in full by conference. Revs. J. B. Parr and Byrd assisted me near the close of the meeting. Have had forty-four accessions to the Church on the charge since conference. I preach once a month on Sunday night at what is known here as "West Side." We have no Church organized there, but we have some very earnest, faithful and liberal-minded people over there. They have conducted a Methodist Sunday-school at a district school house and have a good live branch W. H. M. Society. The West Side took a liberal part of the assessment for the support of the pastor and presiding elder and paid it up in full by the third quarter. The people of the whole charge have been very thoughtful of the pastor and his family. Besides a generous pouncing there have been many other expressions of kindness in a material way. My people are intelligent, religious and industrious. They are not wealthy, but liberal. They are true, loyal Methodists.

Centerville.

J. J. Morgan: We have just closed a very successful meeting at Centerville about three miles south from Garland, where we have an afternoon appointment. The Presbyterians joined us in this meeting and Bro. Fender, the C. P. pastor here, did half the preaching. Bro. White, a Methodist exhorter of Rockwall, also gave valuable help. The results of the meeting are fifty-six professions, with forty additions to the Methodist Church and fourteen to the Presbyterians. When we have such good times as this we can't help but tell it. This now gives us exactly 100 accessions this year.

Douglas Mission.

W. H. Head, Sept. 7: We have just closed our meeting at Oak Grove. We were there ten days. The result of the meeting: Twenty-two conversions and eighteen received into our Church. The meeting was conducted on the old-time plan. We used the old-time songs. Bro. Woods, of the M. E. Church, was with us and did some good preaching. Bro. Woods is a fine preacher and a good worker in revivals. We are now at Douglas with prospect for a fine meeting. Our charge is behind on all lines of finance, but I hope to have a full report.

Clarksville Circuit.

Gertha Nance, Sept. 7: Our protracted meeting began at Liberty August 9th and closed Aug. 12th. There were about 35 conversions and several additions to the Church. The Lord certainly blessed us during the meeting, and he will surely bless us in our prayer-meeting and good Sunday-school. We have 79 scholars in our Sunday-school. Bro. R. N. Johnson is our superintendent; he is a good superintendent, and a fine man. Rev. W. R. Rosser is our pastor. He has just closed a protracted meeting at Temple, Texas, and is now holding one at Albion. Bro. Rosser is a fine preacher and a good man. We have all learned to love him like a brother, especially the people at Liberty. May God bless him in all of his good works. I will stand by him like a sister, and help him all I can, and I will stand by our community and do all that is in my power to build up our Sunday-school, prayer-meeting and Church. May God's richest blessings rest up on our community and our pastor.

Our Great Revival.

J. L. Morris, Paris, Sept. 7: Our great revival of three weeks' duration closed Sunday, Aug. 30. On Aug. 9 Rev. L. S. Barton, of Clarksville, came to us and remained till the close of the meeting. Nearly all of the preaching was done by him, and well done, too. As a preacher he is clear, plain, practical, very pointed and forcible. As an organizer and manager he is easily the best I've ever seen. The success of the meeting was in a very large measure due to the excellent choir under the able leadership of that sweetest of singers, Bro. E. G. Phillips. I had rather have him to conduct my singing in a revival than any one I have ever heard. And he is as good in the altar as in the choir. The Baptist, Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches worked shoulder to shoulder with us in the meeting. Of course Lamar Avenue and West Paris were with us heart and hand. All of these Churches have received members from the meeting. Too much could not be said of the

faithful work of our good women. I never saw greater—no, not as great—zeal nor as complete consecration of self to Christ than they manifested. At a special meeting for women only, one of my brightest and best women gave herself to the work of a deaconess, and one of the sweetest girls in the world consecrated herself to the foreign missionary work. On the last Sunday morning my brethren gave \$500 to repair the roof of our tabernacle and put in a gymnasium for our boys and girls. We decided that the Church could give them better entertainment than the world could. As nearly as we could keep count there were 200 professions. Something over 100 have been received into the different Churches. Centenary has received sixty-five. We are under lasting obligations to Rev. J. M. Peterson, presiding elder of the Terrell District, for the Sunday he gave us in order to hold a special service for women only. It was a great meeting and the power of God rested, as it always does, on him and the people.

Gober.

R. L. Ely, Sept. 8: Closed my fourth meeting last Sunday near Ladonia. We have had a good meeting at each appointment on this charge. Bro. B. A. Thomasson, of Sulphur Springs, did me good and faithful work at Gober, also at Providence. Bro. J. T. Bludworth assisted me at Hail. He had helped us here last year, and my people rallied to him and the Church from the start. God blessed us in a great meeting. We began a meeting on the last night of August at Center Point. At first we almost gave up in despair, though we committed ourselves to the Lord, and Bro. T. W. Lowell came to our help on Tuesday morning. He did the preaching, and did it well until Friday night. We had to close Sunday on account of the pastor having the chills. Had 18 conversions, 6 relocations and 16 additions. We have had 56 additions this year. This has been our best year's work. The truth is this is the best charge I have ever served.

Commerce Mission.

R. B. Moreland, Sept. 7: Have just closed my round of meetings, which began the 24th of June, and ran until last night. "I am just a little worn," but one of the happiest boys that could be found; was assisted at Center Chapel by Rev. E. L. Spurluck, who did us some very fine preaching and work; 35 conversions, 19 accessions. At the close of the meeting our third Quarterly Conference was held; Rev. O. S. Thomas, our presiding elder, was on hand, and, of course, did some fine preaching, and on Sunday eve organized an Epworth League with 28 members. My people are greatly in love with Bro. Thomas. We went from Center to Mt. Zion, held a union meeting with the Cumberland Presbyterians, had a fine meeting, 58 conversions, 22 joined our Church. 15 the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. While we were there, my local preacher, Rev. S. L. Crowson, went to Horten, 5 miles east of town, to hold a meeting. I went to him on Thursday night; it was a fine meeting, 43 conversions and we organized a Church with 35 members. Bro. Crowson did some fine work. Horten is down in the forks of Sulphur and was considered one of the hardest places in this country, but the Lord was with us, and it was a great victory for him. We began at Century on the second Sunday in August; was assisted by Rev. G. H. Adam and Rev. S. L. Crowson. The Lord was with us in great power. On the second Sunday night we did not have any preaching at all. The people came in from the grove meeting shouting, and we called penitents; had about 7 or 8 conversions, and one of the "old time" services. Forty-six conversions in all and 26 additions to the Church. Just closed our second meeting at Smith Chapel; had 7 conversions, and a fine meeting considering everything. There was lots of sickness in the community. Have had 260 conversions in all, and about 150 accessions to the Church. To God be all the praise.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Johnson City.

J. A. Pledger, Aug. 31: We have just closed our protracted meetings for the summer. Bro. W. A. Govett, of Llano Station, helped at Rockvale. He did fine preaching. As a result there we had thirty or more conversions, with twenty additions to the Church. At Johnson City Bro. Z. V. Liles did the most of the preaching. Here we met with great difficulties, but had a good meeting, all things considered. Bro. Liles is a strong man. In the Round Mountain meeting Bro. Glazier, Bro. Dodgen and myself worked and preached; some eight or ten conversions, with five additions to our Church. Bro. Glazier is an earnest preacher. The Church membership has been strengthened

very greatly at these meetings. We are on the home pull for conference; almost all the conference collections are in hand and subscription together. Success to the Advocate, and on with local option; on with the battle.

Junction City.

D. C. Ross, Aug. 31: Junction City Circuit, like most other things in this country, don't go by halves. To meet the urgent demands of this charge, we travel three hundred miles and preach sixteen times per month. To date, we have collected a little over fifty per cent of our conference assessments, and paid foreign and domestic missions, Rescue Home, Orphans' Home, and Bible cause in full. Balance of the claims provided for in what we think to be good and reliable subscriptions; with a marginal subscription of twenty-five per cent to play on. Presiding elder's and preacher in charge's claims promise to be paid in full. Hope to not need the word "deficit" in making up our financial records this fall. Have five Sunday-schools, four of which came into being this year largely as the results of earnest labors performed by my worthy predecessors. Had quite good revivals, 18 professed conversion and 49 accessions. Rev. W. R. Evans, of Mason, rendered us valuable service at Junction, preaching and laboring to the great delight of the people during a recent protracted meeting. His new and lovable wife is a very graceful helper, and an important factor in his success. For a long time Junction City has been dominated by the saloon element; and Kimble County, of some seven or eight hundred voters, has been supporting three saloons. Effort after effort has been put forth to create a healthy temperance sentiment which will in a few weeks later, express itself at the ballot box; and we think promises to free us from that gigantic evil. God speed the day. We serve a noble and kind-hearted people; twice they have pounded us in a full-handed way, which made us feel very closely drawn to them. Our good women have their hearts set on aiding the Orphans' Home at Waco, and are making four nice new quilts for that purpose.

Pontotoc.

J. N. Broyles, Sept. 3: I have just closed a very precious revival meeting in the town of Pontotoc, on the Pontotoc Mission. On the fourth Sunday in August I began the meeting. Bro. W. K. Evans, of Mason charge, and his noble little wife came to me fourth Sunday night and Bro. Evans preached seven good sermons for me. Our people all love Bro. Evans and his good wife. Bro. D. A. Gregg, of Brady charge, came to us on Monday after the fourth Sunday and stayed to the close of the meeting, doing all of the preaching after Bro. Evans left us. Bro. Gregg and his good wife are also humble servants of God. Bro. Gregg is a good gospel preacher. The meeting resulted in twenty-six conversions and twenty-six additions to the Methodist Church, and some relocations and the Church on a higher plane of living, and our collections all secured in cash and good subscription but about \$20, and we have plenty of good men and women in the mission to more than cover that amount, for which we praise the Lord and give him all the glory. This closes our protracted meetings, resulting in forty-nine additions to the Methodist Church on profession of faith, twelve infants baptized and five additions by letter. I am sure we will pay our collections in full and I think we will pay the preacher's salary in full. Then some of you boys will be wanting to come to Pontotoc next year. Well, you will come to as good a people as can be found in Texas. Our people gave Bro. Gregg \$36.50 as a free-will offering.

Liberty Hill.

John Munro, Sept. 7: We are glad to report we had a good meeting at Liberty Hill. It was a union meeting, the C. P. Church and the Methodists together. Revs. Wm. Pierce and Walter Griffith represented the C. P. Church, while Revs. Z. V. Liles, J. A. Pledger and Thorp Barton stood in front for the Methodists. We had, I believe, as good preaching as I ever listened to and we have had with us in days gone by some of the giants in Southern Methodism; among them Revs. Josiah and Lewis Whipple, J. Fred Cox, Jas. Peeler, J. S. Lane, R. Lane, G. W. Graves, John S. McCarver, Robert Simpson and W. T. Melugin. All these warriors have since gone to their reward and have received an abundant entrance into the presence of the King and the glorious plaudit. "Well done, good and faithful servants; enter into the joy of thy Lord." Their memory abides with us as a sweet fragrance and an inspiration to higher achievements. Many others, although not giraffes, yet know how to feed the flock of God, still remain and, like their Master, are wandering up

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OBITUARIES.

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PARKER.—On the morning of Aug. 29, 1903, Mrs. Beatrice Norman Parker passed away at the residence of her parents (Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Norman) in this city (Galveston). Mrs. Parker was married at the church less than a year ago, and had removed to Houston. Less than two weeks ago she came down on a visit to her parents, and, though she had been seriously ill, her hosts of friends were unprepared for the shock which came Saturday. Mrs. Parker was, until her late residence in Houston, an honored member and a factor for good in all of the departments of "West End," and was especially loved and looked up to by the young people of all the Churches. She had occupied positions of honor in an official capacity, both locally and in the Conference Cabinet of the Epworth League. Her literary productions were far above the average, and attracted more than local interest. A skilled musician, with a marvelously sweet voice, she was always an inspiration wherever she appeared. Amiable and unselfish in her character, she moved in and out among her companions, forgetting herself in her desire to make others happy, and proving a veritable benediction to all with whom she came in contact. Services were held at the Church; the large attendance witnessing to the esteem her lovable disposition commanded generally. The influence of a sweet Christian character will continue to live, and the sweet voice, now mingled with the songs of the redeemed, will harmonize with the music of a pure and well spent life. The loss of such a life is felt in all the departments of our Church.

HER PASTOR.

MAKIN.—Robert B. Martin was born in London, England, Aug. 26, 1825; died July 4, 1903, near Bryan, Texas; came to Texas in 1852; served as a Confederate soldier during almost the entire war. In 1854 he was married to Miss Virginia M. Tracy, of Columbus, Texas. His wife and several children, all grown, survive. They are, W. S. Martin, Mrs. R. W. Downard, Mrs. Maggie Holden, T. H. Martin and Henry Martin. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1853, and served as exhorter, Sunday-school superintendent and teacher and leader in prayer-meetings. The service of God was to him a delightful employment. The Sunday before he died he was a worshiper in the house of God. His last words were, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." He closed his eyes, turned his head to one side and peacefully fell asleep. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." His body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Alexander Chapel, Brazos County, Texas.

CHAS. A. HOOPER.

Huntsville, Texas.

McCUTCHEN.—Mrs. E. Jane McCutchen was born in Gasna County, Miss., Aug. 27, 1829; was married to Wm. McCutchen in 1835; professed religion in 1852, and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she remained a faithful member until God called her home, Aug. 12, 1903. She had always tried to impress her children to be honest, truthful and religious. She was the mother of nine sons and four daughters, ten of whom survive her. In the midst of a large concourse of friends and relatives we laid her away in the Shiloh Cemetery, about four miles southeast from Hutto, to await the resurrection morn.

J. DAVID CROCKETT.

Hutto, Texas.

FUQUA.—Lock L. Fuqua was born in Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 29, 1871; died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. R. G. Fuqua, in Alvin, Texas, Aug. 19, 1903. He came to this place sick from Sour Lake, Texas, about a week before his death. He had not yet heard of the death of his brother, Robert, who died July 20, and came here hoping that he might regain his health by spending a few weeks with his brother. He is said to have been an obedient son and devoted brother and to have led a moral life. He made a bright profession of faith in Christ the day before his death and sent word to his aged father that he was going home to God, where he would meet his mother and Robert.

G. W. DAVIS.

FUQUA.—Robert G. Fuqua was born in Rutherford County, Tenn., April 30, 1859. At the age of nineteen he moved to Sumner County in the same State, where in 1880 he was converted to God under the ministry of Rev. G. M. Sanders. He at once saw the wisdom of casting his lot with the people of God, and united with the M. E. Church, South, in Oak Grove Society, Fountain Head Circuit, Tennessee Conference. Having been reared in a Methodist home, where God and heaven were uppermost in the minds and hearts of a saintly mother and a stalwart Christian father, he easily and joyfully fell into the new life, and from that day until death a pure life, unspotted from the world, became the controlling principle in his character and conduct. He was married to Miss Leona Hudson, of Sumner County, Tenn., Jan. 8, 1885, and soon removed to Texas. The last few years of his life he was a respected and honored citizen of Alvin, Texas. On July 20, 1903, his spirit went home to God, and there awaits the day when hastening time shall say to his devoted wife and children, "It is enough, come home too."

G. W. DAVIS.

THURMAN.—Bro. W. T. Thurman was born in Warren County, Tenn., July 16, 1844, and died at his home, near Edge, Texas, Aug. 27, 1903. He was converted quite early in life and united himself with the M. E. Church, South, in July, 1882, after coming to Texas. After several months of bad health, he passed to his reward, Aug. 27. A wife and several children are left to mourn his departure, but we pray that the Comforter may give them consolation in this dark hour. After service at his home the Masonic Lodge took charge of his remains and laid him to rest in the burying ground at Concord Church. H. H. DAVIS.

WEVER.—Elizabeth Talley Tucker was born in Iredell County, N. C., Feb. 17, 1829, and died Aug. 28, 1903, at Wills Point, Texas, aged seventy-four years. She was converted at Snow Creek camp-ground and joined the Methodist Church at ten years of age and lived a consistent and useful member for more than sixty-four years. She married G. W. Wever December, 1855, who was killed in battle at Chancellorsville May 3, 1863, while gallantly leading his company, he being First Lieutenant of Company A, 33d N. C. Infantry. She was left with two little children, Wm. F. Wever, who lives at Commerce, Texas, and Minnie, now the wife of John H. Human, of Wills Point, Texas, who were permitted to minister to her every want even to the end. Sister Wever was a good woman. She loved the Church to the point of sacrifice, always glad to labor for her cause. We will miss her in the Sunday-school where she delighted to teach. She leaves a large circle of relatives and friends who will miss her much, but their loss is her gain, and therefore they mourn not as those who have no hope. Good-bye, dear sister, we will meet again.

J. B. TURRENTINE.

PATE.—Richard Florence Pate, daughter of Gabriel and Vinia Low, was born in Williamson County, Tenn., Oct. 26, 1856. On Feb. 12, 1878, she married Bro. R. H. Pate, and to them were born three daughters—Mary Bailey, Addie Lee and Miss Ella—and one son, Roy. All the children still survive and were present during their mother's last illness, and all have been converted and are in the Church. Sister Pate from infancy was taught to love and serve God, so in very early childhood she gave her heart to Jesus and joined the M. E. Church, South. She was a Christian of the highest type; no unclean word ever escaped her lips, and she was patient, kind, loving and true. She often expressed a desire to live till all her children were converted, and in our recent meeting at Oran the last one of the household was converted and joined the Church. So it seemed that her work on earth was done. Skillful physicians and human power could not keep

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her here. After a few days of suffering, God gave her a peaceful hour in which to go, Aug. 19, 1903. Servant of God, rest from your labors. Her pastor, THOS. HANKS.

ASHBEY.—Brother J. W. Ashbey was born Aug. 28, 1835, and died July 19, 1903. Bro. Ashbey had been a faithful member of the M. E. Church, South, for fifty years. It had not been my pleasure to be with him very much this year, as he had been unable to attend Church regularly. But the brethren that knew him said he was always happy and often would shout the praises of God at home or on the public highway, if he got the chance to talk to any one of the goodness of God. His life was a light to the world and yet while he is gone, his influence still abides with us. So he is not dead, but gone where he can shout the praises of God more perfectly.

P. R. WHITE, P. C.

McCOY.—Harry Hicks, little son of W. H. and Minnie McCoy, was born July 27, 1899, and departed this life July 15, 1903. Hicks was the first born of three sweet children that blessed the home of Bro. and Sister McCoy. He was bright and intelligent for one of his age, and was the pride of fond parents' hearts. A great deal of his time was spent with his grandfather and grandmother McCoy. He was their little hero, and they loved him as only grandparents can love, and he was very much attached to them. He was sick only a few days, and all that loving hands could do was done to stay the cruel hand of death, but all efforts failed, and surrounded by heart-broken parents and grandparents and other loved ones and friends, he quietly and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. Look up, dear parents and grandparents, little Hicks cannot come back to you, but you can go to him.

C. E. SIMPSON, P. C. Daville, Texas.

Five Against Two.

It is not reasonable to expect two weeks of outing to overcome the effects of fifty weeks of confinement. Take a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla along with you. Three doses, daily, of this great tonic will do more than anything else to refresh your blood, overcome your tired feeling, improve your appetite and make your sleep easy and restful.

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Industrial Carnival and Fruit Show at Palestine, Sept. 16, 17, 18, 1903.

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The first of these carnivals was held in Palestine in September, 1902, and proved to be the greatest show ever put on in East Texas, and the carnival management asserts that with double the amount of funds that were available last year, the 1903 event will eclipse the former one in all particulars.

Each day's program will include gorgeous street parades participated in by U. S. Cavalry, U. S. Infantry, U. S. Navy, U. S. Regimental Bands, Texas National Guard, Infantry, Cavalry, Military Bands, Gov. Lanham and staff, Gen. F. D. Grant, U. S. A., and staff; automobiles, tally-hos, Knights of Pythias, Texas Press, decorated floats, royal parades, royal court and reception.

King En-Isse-Lap will make his grand and glittering entry at 9 a. m., September 16, and will crown Queen Palestine at 8 p. m.

Various county exhibits of agricultural and horticultural products will be a special feature, for which handsome premiums will be awarded. Palestine bids you welcome to three days and nights of royal entertainment, where music, mirth and merriment will reign supreme, and everything will be free.

Mr. Wm. Branagan, Secretary and Treasurer Carnival Association, Palestine, will cheerfully furnish any information desired.

MARRIAGES.

Anglin-Robertson.—At the Methodist parsonage in Bremond, Texas, June 16, 1903, Mr. Wiles K. Anglin and Miss Maud K. Robertson, Rev. S. F. Chambers officiating.

McLarty-Scheihagen.—At the Methodist Church, Reagan, Texas, Aug. 26, 1903, Mr. William D. McLarty, of Bremond, Texas, and Miss Mamie Scheihagen, of Reagan, Texas, Rev. S. F. Chambers officiating.

Webb-Thompson.—At the home of the bride, Deport, Texas, August 26, 1903, Mr. Henry Webb and Miss Ida Thompson, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

Friar-Hall.—At Austin, Texas, Aug. 27, 1903, Mr. James Friar and Miss Maggie Hall, Rev. S. H. Allison officiating.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Table listing church conferences and dates for West Texas, including Beeville District-Fourth Round, San Angelo District-Fourth Round, Llano District-Fourth Round, Austin District-Fourth Round, San Antonio District-Fourth Round, San Marcos District-Fourth Round, Cuero District-Fourth Round, Northwest Texas Conference, Dublin District-Fourth Round, Gatesville District-Fourth Round, Corsicana District-Fourth Round, Vernon District-Fourth Round, and North Texas Conference.

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and down seeking the lost, faithful soldiers of the cross and doing valiant service for the King of kings and Lord of lords. We have not forgotten them, although we have been pushed over into another conference. We look forward to the time when they and we will cross over the river and rest under the shade of the tree. There were eleven conversions and reclamations at our meeting; nine joined the Methodist Church, and although it was not as great an ingathering as we hoped and looked for, we thank God it was a good meeting and we can sing with renewed inspiration. "Oh happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away." Our League reorganized yesterday and our young people started off with renewed zeal and determination to love and serve God. We are far in arrears with our finances, but hope to pay up in full by conference. Our pastor, Bro. Liles, is loved by all. Believe we were fortunate in getting into the West Texas. No reflection intended on the Northwest.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

New Boston.

Stuart Nelson, Aug. 30: Prohibition has carried in this (Bowie) county by 105 majority. We only had fifteen days to make the campaign in, and I believe we would have been defeated had it not been for the heroic and persistent efforts of the Christian women and girls. At DeKalb, Mesdames West, Bundy and Lindsay, with others, worked hard from the beginning to the close of the campaign. Misses Myrtle Ward and Laura Proctor drilled the little girls in temperance songs, and on the day of the election they preceded and followed by a cavalcade of small boys on horses, paraded the streets in a float, beautifully decorated and sweetly rendered the songs that they had learned. It was very impressive, so much so that several strong men broke down and cried. At New Boston, Mesdames Fullbright, Burrows, Anderson and G. Perot, with many others, stayed at the voting place all day and sang the songs of Zion. Nearly all the little girls, as well as the courtable size, assisted with unflinching zeal until the fight was over and the victory won. The Crumps, of DeKalb, and Tisdale, as well as Bros. Rufus Fullbright, his son Clarence, Rev. Lunley and the Dalby cousins, deserve credit for their noble efforts in behalf of prohibition at New Boston.

Dodge.

J. C. Huddleston, Aug. 31: Yesterday was a good day in this little town. Bro. J. W. Mills came down from Trinity to baptize a young lady who presented herself for membership at our last service. At 11 o'clock Bro. Mills preached, as he always does, a splendid sermon. After preaching he baptized the young lady, together with nine children, and took another lady into the Church. The work goes on. Since the meeting we take some one in the Church nearly every service. We have now as a result of the meeting twenty-five additions by vows. The Sunday-school has increased at least 75 per cent in attendance, the prayer-meeting 200 per cent. We have organized a very promising Epworth League. Others are talking about joining the Church, and we have more children to baptize.

Wingate Mission.

Eugene T. Bates: In this is a summary of my meetings. My meeting at Dora was a good meeting. We had eleven conversions and five accessions. I did all the preaching, except one sermon Bro. Rogers preached. Our Decker meeting was fine. Bro. W. W. Hopkins assisted me and did fine work for the Master. Results: Seven conversions and five accessions. Our Spring Creek meeting was good. Bro. T. C. Thorn assisted me and did fine work. We had four conversions and several reclamations, and the Church was greatly revived. Our New Hope meeting, held by Bro. Jackson and myself, was a fine meeting. Bro. Speere did fine work in the meeting in preaching and in the altar, and in talking to sinners. Results: Thirty-two conversions and seventeen accessions to the Church. I have witnessed fifty-four or fifty-five conversions in this month. Conference collections about covered in cash and subscriptions. To God be all the praise.

Jacksonville.

B. H. Greathouse, Sept. 3: Jacksonville Station has had sixty-seven accessions during the year, sixteen of whom joined on profession of faith. To-day at 11 o'clock we "cleared the decks" of the collections ordered by the conference. Our meeting is still to be held. We expect Bros. Packard and Smith, of Tyler, to be with us one week in this month and the inimitable Abe will begin here on the 16th of October. We have nothing to do from now till conference but to enjoy relig-

ion and to bring men to Christ. This preacher always feels relieved when the finances are out of the way and he has a full swing for a revival with other things out of the way. My presiding elder, Rev. J. B. Sears, has greatly helped by contributions and otherwise in reaching our present state. Through my local preachers, Bros. Lane and Trotter, we are building a little church in the country, about twenty of the members will be given off by the Jacksonville Station. These local brethren, with a very little help by me, held a good revival at the place where the new church is being erected. There were about twenty conversions. The irresistible Jo Smith, P. C. of the Jacksonville Circuit, is waking up the natives. His home is near mine, but I have only seen him once in six weeks and then I only got a glimpse of him as he rushed by on his fine gray mare on his way from one revival to another. He has had but little help and really needs but little. Jo Smith is a host.

Flint.

Miss Johnnie Ward: Bro. White held his protracted meeting at this place the first week in this month. He was assisted by Bro. Blount and Bro. Booth. The meeting was a success. Better sermons were never heard. There were ten conversions, ten additions to the Church and several backsliders reclaimed. The meeting strengthened the Church in general. The meeting closed by Bro. Booth preaching two doctrinal sermons, one on "The Church" and the other on "Baptism." The third Quarterly Conference was held at this place on Wednesday of our meeting. Bro. J. T. Smith failed to be with us at the morning service, but gave us a fine sermon at night.

Pleasant Ridge.

Thos. Reece, Sept. 7: Bro. E. Tridges and myself have just closed a fine meeting at Pleasant Ridge; two accessions to the Church and everybody happy and well pleased with the meeting; large congregations. The people say they have not had any preaching in that country for several years until to-day. We gave them the old-time gospel.

New York Circuit.

D. F. Pulley, Sept. 5: We closed Thursday night a five days' meeting at Centerview, which is our eighth meeting on this circuit, and proved to be the good wine kept till the last of the feast. This old stand-by did all the preaching but one sermon. Results: 45 conversions, 18 accessions and more to follow. Seven children baptized, backsliders reclaimed, Church lit up and led out on higher planes of Christianity. The good people say that it was the best meeting they have had for several years. So we start around to gather up the fragments that nothing be lost. Total conversions, 251; total accessions, 124; children baptized, 15. Finances very well up.

Emory.

Wm. M. Foster: I know you will rejoice with us when you learn that our "little" Rains County did her part nobly Saturday in saying to the saloon, "You must go." The campaign was started a month ago and it grew hotter and hotter till on Sunday night before the election Saturday the good people met in the Methodist Church and prayed, sang and talked till by vote the good women said: "We will go on the streets and work on election day." Every evening during the week the ladies met at church and held prayer-meeting, so when Saturday came they were ready with the most beautiful "float" in which were twelve or fifteen nearly grown girls in uniform, all of which were drawn by four horses—two grays and two bays—nicely adorned, which were driven through the streets by our efficient bailiff, while the girls sang the most beautiful songs. And then quite a line of Sunday-school children under banners marched around the court house singing Sunday-school songs. Around the voting place were the mothers and younger women working like heroines, and this was kept up during the day till at 6 o'clock the good news was announced that the Emory box had given 93 majority for God and the good women. At this good news bonnets went up into the air, hands were clapping amid the greatest rejoicing. Soon the news came in from the county showing that we had won by about 200. Four saloons in one little town of 1200 people show the state of affairs that were here, but we are thankful, yes, so thankful for the victory. Perhaps there will be a contest, injunction or most any other old bad thing to thwart the will of the people, but we will see what we see. Will write later of our good meetings and how Emory Circuit is moving on.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Kingston, I. T.

W. M. Leatherwood, Sept. 1: The

meeting at this place has entered upon its eleventh day and the interest is spreading and deepening with each service. The leading men of the town and country are being converted. We expect great results. It is evidently the strong work of the Holy Spirit.

Erick, O. T.

W. A. Derrick, Sept. 1: We have just closed our meeting at Hext School House, O. T., which was a great meeting, the results of which will not be estimated until the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed before an assembled universe. As near as we could count, there were thirty-two conversions and twenty-one accessions to our Church, with a great many reclamations, the number of which we know not. I have never seen Christians of different denominations work together more faithfully. You couldn't tell Methodists from Baptists. One remarkable feature in the meeting was that most of the conversions were adults, and several of them were heads of families. Rev. J. M. Cooper, an aged local elder of my charge, did valuable work in the meeting, preaching with the unction and power of the Holy Spirit. We work our local preachers in Oklahoma and they render valuable assistance. There is a great opportunity of doing good in this new and developing country. The foundations of society are being laid that will tell on the generations to come. The fields are white unto the harvest and happy is the consecrated preacher that trusts in the sickle and reaps the golden grain. To God be all the glory.

Kingston, I. T.

W. M. Leatherwood, Sept. 7: We closed a great meeting here last night after two weeks' run. We had forty-five or more conversions and thirty-six members to date. Think about forty-five members to the M. E. Church, South, will be the visible results. The converts were among the leading people of the town and country. Merchants, doctors, stockmen and farmers were born of the Spirit and came into the Church. The members will build a good church right away. We had formidable opposition, but the Lord was with us in power and we conquered gloriously. Baptists took little interest and the Campbellites fought, but members of the latter were converted at the altar and joined us. Members of the Baptist Church, seeing the Lord was with us, turned to Methodism for "spiritual life." I go to Madill today to join Rev. N. R. Waters in a battle there. Rev. Rogers is the happy pastor at Kingston.

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The Renewal a Strain.

Vacation is over. Again the school bell rings at morning and at noon, again with tens of thousands the hardest kind of work has begun, the renewal of which is a mental and physical strain to all except the most rugged. The little girl that a few days ago had roses in her cheeks, and the little boy whose lips were then so red you would have insisted that they had been "kissed by strawberries," have already lost something of the appearance of health. Now is a time when many children should be given a tonic, which may avert much serious trouble, and we know of no other so highly to be recommended as Hood's Sarsaparilla, which strengthens the nerves, perfects digestion and assimilation, and aids mental development by building up the whole system.

NOTICE TO NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I have just mailed out a package of missionary leaflets to every pastor in the conference. My object has been to send enough to each one to supply every family in the membership of his charge with one. If pastors will take pains in distribution I think the intelligence and appeal contained in the circular will reach every member in our conference. If any one should not have enough to go round he need not send to me for any more, for I have sent out all I had printed, and I had all printed that the expense money allowed me would pay for.

R. C. HICKS.

CLARENDON COLLEGE OPENING.

As Clarendon College is the first of our Church schools to open for work this year, I write to let you know that the first news is a note of victory. The desire and the demand for education seems never to have been so great. Our school men have been unusually active during the summer and the result will be seen when reports come in from all the schools.

Before the doors of Clarendon College were opened for work nearly every room in the dormitories was filled and almost every seat at the tables was taken. The opening was both interesting and inspiring. Our presiding elder and pastor, with a large number of other friends and patrons, were present. The opening enrollment goes beyond any preceding record. We will wait till conference to tell the brethren the rest.

J. SAM BARCUS.

HOMELESS CHILDREN.

I have in my care one girl eleven, one six and one five years old; one boy twelve, one five years old and want to place in Methodist homes. The five-year-old girl and boy are brother and sister; if any one will take them both I will be glad. Address me enclosing a stamp.

I. Z. T. MORRIS.

Ft. Worth, Texas.

Pittsburg District Dry.

The prohibition victories in Bowie, Cass and Upshur make the entire Pittsburg District dry. Our County, Titus, was the pioneer; then followed Camp, Wood, Morris, and now the saloon must go from our whole district. Let the friends of temperance take courage.

F. A. DOWNS.

Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

To the Preachers of West Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren—We have received word from Drs. Lambuth and Ward that our conference has paid more on missions this year to date than at this time last year and they exhort us to be sure that we secure a place on the roll of conferences which pay out in full. The time is short for the wind up. Let the pastors urge the people to see the importance of full payments. Let every charge which possibly can pay in full, and let those which can do so add more than their assessments, so they may supplement those who fall behind. The plan that will succeed is to resolve to do it and to go at it, determined not to fail. Your brethren,

B. HARRIS, Chairman.

A. L. SCARBOROUGH, Sec.

Conference Board of Missions.

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The Southern Pacific Passenger Department announces a special rate of one fare plus 25 cents to Washington, D. C., and return account National Baptist Convention (colored) to be held at Philadelphia Sept. 16 to 22 inclusive, 1903. Tickets will be on sale Sept. 13, 14 and 15, and will be good for return until October 1. Texas delegates will meet at Houston and go in a body by special train leaving Houston at 6:30 a. m., Sept. 14. T. J. ANDERSON, JOS. HEILEN, G. F. & T. A. A. G. F. & T. A.

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Announcement is made by "The Denver Road" that on September 12th, 13th and 14th round trip tickets will be on sale to Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah, at rate of one fare; such tickets to be good for return as late as October 15th, and to be good for stop-overs in both directions at points west of and including Trinidad, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver and Cheyenne. Tickets will be of iron-clad, signature form, requiring execution at destination for the return passage, for which execution a fee of 25 cents will be charged.

Northwest Texas Conference Brotherhood, Attention!

Mortuary Call No. 18. Rev. W. T. Melugin, a member of the Brotherhood, died at his home at Naples, Texas, Aug. 27, 1903. Your mortuary assessment of \$2 is now due, which should be in the hands of the Secretary within thirty days. Call issued Sept. 8, expires Oct. 8. Very few forfeitures last call. Whenever this occurs, it is attributable to forgetfulness, so respond immediately.

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Resolved, That the tenderest sympathies of the Woman's Home Mission Society be extended the bereaved husband and relatives. Be it further

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Flora Keith this society has lost one of its strongest Christian characters and earnest, faithful workers. Further be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented Mr. S. Keith, the Rosebud News, the Texas Christian Advocate and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Society.

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