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Editorial.

JOSEPH THE MODEL CHARACTER.

The story of Joseph reads like a romance. As a piece of literature it is the perfection of art. As he was the first born of Rachel, he became the favorite son of Jacob. He was not slow to show his partiality. This became apparent to the other boys and it necessarily prejudiced them against their brother Joseph. Then Joseph was imprudent enough to tell them of a dream which he had in the night season in which their fears as to his position in his father's affections were confirmed. They resolved to make some disposition of him. The occasion was not long in materializing. They were in a distant locality feeding their father's flocks. The old gentleman became uneasy about them, for he did not have any too much confidence in them any way. So he sent Joseph to find them and make report of their whereabouts and conduct. When they beheld him approaching they resolved on mischief. They bound him and cast him into a pit. After awhile a company of Ishmaelites passed that way going down into Egypt, and they sold him to them. When they returned home they made up a story to tell their father. It is doubtful as to whether he believed them, but he was forced to the conclusion that his favorite boy was gone from him. He mourned him as dead. Once in Egypt, Joseph was disposed of as a slave. The fates seemed to follow him. On account of his fidelity to principle he was cast into prison. Providence came to his relief and he went from the prison to the throne of Egypt. A famine in Canaan took Jacob's sons down there to buy corn. They met Joseph, but knew him not. He recognized them. After a little strategy and a second trip he made himself known to them. His lofty position and their inhuman conduct toward him had not turned him against them. He loved them still. When they went home and told the story to Jacob it was more than he could believe. But after he accepted it as true, history nowhere records a scene more pathetic, unless it be the meeting of Jacob and Joseph in Egypt. Notwithstanding his greatness in the land of the Pharaohs, he was still the simple-hearted son of the old Canaan shepherd. His affection for his father never changed. He was a truly filial boy, and he was a noble brother. He was wise enough to see in all the intended evil the unfolding of a divine plan, and he readily forgave the kinsmen who made themselves the guilty agents. He did by them a noble and a generous part. Position never turned his head and there was nothing in his great heart akin to revenge. Had he been as mean as they, he would have evened up matters with them. But he had nothing for them but kindness. But they could never quite forgive Joseph for the evil they had tried to do him; so when their father died they believed that he would vent his spite against them. That was their estimate of him. They measured him by themselves. But Joseph was too big a man to take advantage of their dependence upon

him. He was prompted by love. And he was just as good and true to them after his father's death as he was before. Greatness rises above petty meanness. It forgives and forgets. Joseph was great in his goodness and good in his greatness. To-day he stands out in large proportions and the world points to him as one worthy of immortality. He lived and wrought on a high plane and the further we recede from the far age in which he lived the larger he becomes as a son, a brother and a man. Viewed from every standpoint, he is the model man in the Old Testament Scriptures. The modern ages have made but little if any improvement on the character of Joseph.

THE GAME OF BASE BALL.

Base ball is a very popular game and it has a strong hold upon the public mind. Within itself it is harmless and an interesting recreation. When a college boy we belonged to a team, and we found in it a great deal of pleasure and healthful exercise. But like everything else in these times, the game is being greatly abused. Instead of being a benefit to young men, as it ought to be, it is being turned into a positive evil. In our centers of population it is taking charge of our Christian Sunday and prostituting it to questionable pleasures and to the public desecration of this sacred institution. Teams are organized and they challenge each other to meet in trial contests at a given place on Sunday and the people flock out by the hundred and often by the thousand to witness the struggle. They pay a gate fee and thereby violate our Sunday law. Then for hours these opposing teams meet on the diamond and put forth tremendous effort in the hot sun. The people yell until they can be heard for miles and the whole community is frequently disturbed. The exercise is violent and the players do themselves more injury than good, and Sunday is brought into contempt by their conduct. This ought not to be, and the laws of the State ought to prevent it. There are six days in the week, any one of which can be devoted to the game; but when Sunday is thus appropriated, the business becomes a nuisance and an evil. And such is the extent of Sunday base ball that something will have to be done to check it, otherwise it will become a permanent enemy of our Christian civilization. But what shall we say of Church people who attend Sunday base ball? They are guilty of Sunday desecration, and unless they desist, their conduct will lay them open to disciplinary action. No one who has his name on the roll of the Church has any business at such a place on Sunday. He can attend in the week, but when he fudges in this way upon God's day, he needs to amend his ways. Such a person has no right in the Church if he proposes to follow this Sunday business. These, then, are some of the abuses into which base ball has fallen.

THE BANE OF THE MONEY-LOVING SPIRIT.

Money honestly made is all right, but when made dishonestly it is a curse. The

man who gathers it by fraud or oppression will live to regret it. It will come back to him in evil results some of these days. A man may make money honestly, but make a dishonest use of it. To invest it in any business that curses society is a sin. Or to hoard it up and worship it is also a sin. There is but one honest way to use money, and that is to make it a blessing to home and to the community. To make any other disposition of it is to find in it a blight instead of a blessing. In this age the tendency of money-making is to make more money for the sake of making it. Men are disposed to pile up their thousands and their millions without knowing when they have gotten enough. It grows on them as the years pass by and they finally make it their god. They are afraid to let it get away from them. They invest it and reinvest it until they make themselves believe that money is scarce with them. A builder told us the other day that the wealthy men for whom he built houses always had to go to the banks and borrow money for the purpose. His idea was that men of large wealth have less ready money on hand than any other class of men. So that when you go to them for money for the enterprises of the Church, they can put up the poorest mouths imaginable. Yet they go on making money and investing it, and at the same time keep themselves scarce of cash. Then this money-loving spirit dries up the sources of generosity in a man's heart and makes him hard and mettalic. He becomes miserly and niggardly. It makes him mean and contemptible. It will teach him to lie and to misrepresent. No man can make money and hold on to it without degenerating into these results. He will become a parasite on the body financial. He lives in the community for what he can extract from it. Beyond this he has no interest in men and women. It contracts his horizon to the narrow sphere of his own selfishness. The nobler instincts of his nature become dwarfed and his heart literally burns into a cinder. He becomes a money-making machine. But when he makes money honestly and uses it as a means through which to better his fellow man, then his money-making spirit develops the better part of his nature and makes him a blessing to the world.

THE MEANNESS AND EFFRONTERY OF LIQUOR ADVOCATES.

It is remarkable to what extent the advocates of bar-rooms will go in their efforts to fasten the business on a given community. They will perpetrate any sort of fraud on the ballot box and tamper in every possible way with public sentiment. This sort of outrage has characterized their course all over Texas. Then when they have been fairly beaten at the polls, even in the face of their attempts to win by any and every subterfuge, they will take the question into the courts and tie up the results of the election just as long as possible. They will do this on the flimsiest pretext when they know, and the courts know, that there is nothing in their pleadings but to save time for the further continuance of their business. All

these things we are prepared to expect at the hands of unscrupulous liquor men. But we were not prepared for the demonstration made by the bar-room supporters a few days ago at Brownwood. They went so far, and under the sanction of the Mayor, so we are informed, as to offer insults to the Christian women who sang songs and served lunch near the polls during the day that the election was in progress. They stretched a large canvas on the courthouse square and on it they printed in large letters, "Wanted by prohibitionists of Brownwood"—and under it was another large canvas upon which was painted a huge pair of trowsers. Think of men claiming to have white skins offering that sort of an insult to the best women in Brownwood! Yet these same men will run over one another to get front seats in a theater to applaud a lot of women who are performing before the public in almost nude state. But when Christian women, who are the source of virtue and purity in our homes, go out in an orderly way to serve lunch at a voting precinct in the refined town of Brownwood, the Mayor and his anti gang become so shocked that they publicly offer insult to these noble wives and mothers! No wonder that old Brown County rose up in her might and smote the liquorites with her ballots on the day of the election. Thus chivalry and high-toned manhood taught the Mayor and his long line of toughs a lesson in decency and good breeding that they will not soon forget. But the good women showed their fine sense by ignoring the intended insult, and they stayed with the voters till the polls were closed, and when the result was announced they praised God and went home happy. Shame on a set of men who claim to be respectable and yet lower themselves to such a depth as to thus try to humiliate helpless women! Such men deserve to wear hoofs on their heels and horns on their heads. But they are associated with a business whose work is noted for the production of that character of animal. Good women need not expect any courtesy or protection at the hands of the bar-room. It is their mortal enemy, and it is the business of that sort of institution to ruin the home and to degrade virtue. No wonder that our good women array themselves against the liquor shops. And such is the efficiency of their opposition that liquor men dread their presence at the polls worse than they dread the approach of cyclones. Good for the women. All gentlemen honor them. Let them continue to stand by their guns, despite the efforts of the hoodlum element of society. On with the battle!

The Church has, in a large measure, digged a gulf between its doors and a large class of people. Thousands of them never cross that gulf to enter the sanctuary. They look upon the preacher as their enemy and Church people as far removed from them. We do not say that the preacher and the Church are responsible for this state of things, for much of the responsibility rests upon these people themselves. Nevertheless all people need the gospel, and these need it above all others.

vest field. He and Whitefield planted Methodism in America, and here it found its most congenial soil. The Methodist doctrine was a strong and virile doctrine, suited to strong and virile men, such as were the men who led the grim struggle against wild nature and wilder men. The Methodists had felt the touch of persecution in England, and when they came to America it was with the love of liberty tingling in their veins. It was the first Church to give its approval to the Constitution and its assurances of loyalty to Washington. In the lead of those who labored in pushing westward the limits of civilization was the Methodist pioneer layman, and by his side was the pioneer preacher of Methodism. He made every fire-side an altar, and dotted the hillsides and valleys with schoolhouses and Churches; he shunned no danger and sought no place of ease. These hardy ministers of God were not learned as the world to-day esteems learning, but they had studied the Bible and a few books well, and besides, they were students of men and nature; they were masters of heart telepathy. They loved humanity with a deep and abiding love, and with an enthusiastic zeal that inspired respect they wrestled with sin and for the soul of man. They believed in God; they loved God; they walked with God and almost talked with God. They sang the old songs of Zion and preached the simple gospel of Christ in the old-fashioned camp-meeting, and under this preaching old-fashioned people got old-time religion, and the woods rang with the shouts of the redeemed. Would to God, my friends, that a fire like that kindled by Wesley and Whitefield and the pioneer preachers of America would sweep again over our land, burning up the dross of this irreligious age, and purifying the gold. They are dead, but if Methodism sweeps on as it should the spirit and religion of the fathers must be kept alive.

Wesley lived to see his followers number 120,000 souls. Since that time the tide has swept on until now Methodism's banner is aloft in every civilized land, and its missionaries are preaching the gospel of Christ to every heathen people. It has gone on until it has established a cordon of schools and colleges and universities around the world, and this old earth smiles and rejoices under its charities and benefactions. To-day it has a membership of 8,000,000 souls, while its adherents number 25,000,000 people.

Even these stupendous figures afford but a slight indication of what Methodism is and what it has done and its influence upon religion, society, government and civilization. We are startled when we reflect that all this mighty harvest can be traced back to the sowing of one man.

In 1791 the voice of this godly man was hushed and his heart was stilled. This father of Methodism rests not amidst the solemn grandeur where sleep the honored dead of old England, but his ashes lie close to the little chapel, the first established by Methodism, and where he labored and lived, and where the roar of London's traffic is loudest near where dwelt the hosts of common people for whom he had labored so long. Years after he died the world that sought to press upon his brow the cruel crown of thorns began to realize his greatness and his grandeur, and sought to make tardy atonement for its neglect by rearing to his memory and that of his sweet-singing brother a tablet in Westminster Abbey, close by those dedicated to the memory of earthly Kings, and the sculptor has chiseled thereon the last triumphant message that John Wesley gave to the world, just as his soul swept upward to its reward with God and heaven:

"The best of all is, God is with us."

Devotional and Spiritual

THE SHINING FACE.

The human face is a wonderful study. Nothing is so expressive. There is not a passion in the soul which does not manifest itself in the face with more or less distinctness. Behold the face of an angry man. Even a child can see the flames of wrath flashing from his eye. Children run away from an angry face with terror. The silent face is eloquent. Grief, fear, shame, guilt, despair, and cruelty are manifested in the open countenance as clearly as they could be in articulate language.

This is a mystery. No one can explain how it is that the darkness and light which dwell within break forth upon the face. It is involuntary. Men are not conscious that they are thus manifesting themselves to their neighbors. They cannot hide the inner light or darkness.

The covetous man cannot look like a generous man. The hypocrite cannot wear an honest countenance. The drunkard cannot hide the marks of the beast in his forehead. Mr. Hadley says "a drunkard never looks up." He must know, for he has had many years of bitter experience. He also says that on the night of his conversion in Water Street Mission in New York he went out into the open street and looked up to heaven and saw the stars for the first time in many years.

It is not to be wondered at that the eye of the drunkard is always on the earth and never on the sky. It is difficult for a bad man to look up. One who has abused the body and mind and life which God gave him cannot bear the light. It is difficult for him to look an honest man in the face. Look into his eye, and his countenance falls. The light is painful to him, whether it be the light of truth, the light of a pure eye, the light of the sun, or the stars. The light of God burns into his conscience like a consuming fire. He loves darkness rather than light. Darkness is his element. He is darkened. His foolish heart is darkened, his conscience is darkened, his affections are darkened, his understanding is darkened, his life is darkened. How great is that darkness! No ray of love or peace or hope shines within.

Ministers who have preached to prisoners in jails and penitentiaries understand something of the power of wickedness to darken the face. One feels a strange sensation when he stands for the first time before several hundred criminals. Their faces are not like the faces of the men and women who sit before the minister every Sunday in the sanctuary. There was a time when the eyes of those condemned men beamed with the light of love and joy and hope, but that light has long since been quenched by sin. Clouds of darkness overhang every face.

But the face of a good man is illuminated from above. Solomon says, "A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine." The face of an educated man is not like the face of an ignorant man. But moral qualities are more clearly expressed in the countenance than intellectual acquirements. The spirit asserts itself and its character with tremendous force. Truth, sincerity, love, joy, peace, honesty, purity, kindle a light within which cannot be hid. It is said of Jesus that "His face did shine as the sun" when he was transfigured on the mount. If his disciples had been able to discern it they would have witnessed a light in his face at all times such as never shone on land or sea. The face of Moses was illuminated when he came down from the mountain where he had talked with God face to face. When Stephen sat before the council which condemned him to death they beheld his face as it had been the face of an angel. There was something miraculous in the case of Moses and Stephen, but a miracle is not necessary to produce a shining face. Only let the heart be filled with the love of God, the hope of glory, and the peace which passeth all understanding, and the face will shine with the light of heaven. Such a face is not like the face of a murderer or a thief or a drunkard or a man completely immersed in worldly cares and the love of money.

All those who have attended genuine revivals of religion have had abundant opportunity to witness the illumination of the countenance which the Christian religion produces. The conversion of a sinner is an event which awakens joy in heaven. See that unhappy man who has just discovered the sinfulness of his heart. His countenance is the picture of despair. His face is covered with clouds and darkness. See him going to the mercy seat bowed down with guilt and sin.

There he surrenders his heart and life to God, and a change takes place. He begins to sing a new song. "O Lord, I will praise Thee; for though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortest me." He has a new heart and a new face. The countenance which recently was covered with darkness now beams with light. There is love, joy, peace, hope, and heaven in his face. He has received "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

The shining face is a great power for good. This is a dark world. The darkness may be dispelled by light. Christians who carry in their faces marks of worldliness, covetousness, and selfishness will never drive away the darkness. They may preach and sing and shout and testify, but it will do no good. But Christians whose religion shines in the face will spread the light wherever they go. They may not say much nor do much, but the light of a peaceful and happy face will win men. A recent historian tells of a noble lady in Europe whose husband having died left her in darkness and gloom. The world lost its charm, the pleasures of the court became disgusting to her, and she walked in the valley of despondency. One day a shoemaker came to call upon her in the pursuit of his trade, and she observed that he wore a countenance more serene and peaceful than any she had ever seen. The glory that beamed from this humble cobbler's face threw her own unhappy soul into still deeper shadows. She asked him if he was happy. His simple answer was, "I am the happiest of men." After he went away the light of his countenance lingered with her, and she sent for him to come again and tell her the secret of his life. In simple honest language this German Moravian told her the story of the cross, and the love of God that filled his heart with perfect contentment and peace. This light won her to Christ. She was converted, became a Christian evangelist, and went about Europe doing good. She was won, and through her hundreds more were won, to Christ by a shining face. Let Christians carry the light of the glory of God in their faces into the streets, into places of business, into places of sorrow, into the dark places of the city, and the world will come to the light.—Exchange.

THE NEW MAN IN CHRIST JESUS.

"Come, Joe English, take a drink," said some of his old cronies to the temperance lecturer, not knowing that he had been converted. He replied: "This is not the old drinking Joe English whom you knew, who used to carouse and get drunk with you. He is dead; died before God. Your old friend Joe is dead. This man you see is another Joe English—born anew by the power of God ten days ago. Jesus Christ's Joe English."

They laughed in hollow mockery and slunk away to their drink. Old things had passed away, and the new man, Joe English, went on preaching temperance and repentance for many years.

So Saul died, and the new man Paul stood for him, to become the great missionary. So Peter died, passed away, and the new Peter took his place to bear witness for his Lord many years and to seal his testimony by his death. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." What is this—to be in Christ? Paul uses this term many times in his epistles. He says there is "now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus." The hope of glory is "Christ in you." He forsook all things and suffered the loss of all things, that he might win Christ and be found in him. He speaks of the dead as

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"asleep in Jesus;" and the "dead in Christ shall rise first," giving them the preference in the resurrection.

Then the thought is reversed; Christ lives in us. He says he was crucified with Christ, yet he lived; "yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." He prays for the Ephesians that Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith, and for the Galatians that "Christ be formed in you."

Now, all this shows us plainly that the change we call conversion is nothing less than the incoming of Christ's life into the sinful soul. That as God dwelt in man before he fell away, so to redeem him he must be associated with him again, not simply by some quickening influence, but in reality; the divine life joined to the human life, two lives dwelling in one body.

And this is not so strange as we may suppose. We see semblances of such a fact in all human life, in friendship, in the marital and the filial relation. And is it any more strange that Christ should dwell in us and rule and regulate our lives by his wisdom and love, by our consent, than it is that our spirit can dwell in the body and cause it to do our will? It seems to us that this is the only way that we can live a truly godly life, the only way we can do His will, when His will shall be the suggestion to our will, when His love shall give character to our love. These are the two acting forces in us; if Christ hold these He has us in full.

With this view we repudiate that belief in Christ that does not take him fully into the soul. The world is full of an unsaving belief, a conviction of mind simply, that does not change life, because Christ does not come into the life. Except a man be born from above, from heaven, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven. Two births—one of earth, one of heaven.—The Watchman.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY.

"Remember the Sabbath Day." How increasingly necessary the command becomes! There is so much to make us forget both it and its claims, so many things which tend to make the first day of the week either a holiday or a day of work, rather than a holy day, that even we who profess to honor the day find our standards relaxing before the influences of the times. The Sunday calm which used to pervade the air, the quiet of the Sabbath morning, so restful to the tired brain and weary body, was broken only by the Church bells as they rang the hour of worship, and helped to turn the thoughts to God and holy things. Everything seemed to proclaim the day a day apart. Now the trolley gong clangs as on every other day, the news-boy calls his papers, the railroads run their largest excursions, and pleasure-seekers in ever-increasing numbers make the day a day of frolic. City streets leading to the parks are thronged with carriages and wheels, the country is invaded by the same restless

spirit, and tens of thousands of the ranks of labor are robbed of their day of rest to make a holiday for their fellows. Work is demanded that a score of years ago public sentiment would have made impossible, while the leisure class, not content with the week-time gaiety, make the Sabbath the day of dinners and social gatherings.

The old-time reverence for the Lord's Day is giving place to a broad tolerance which is undermining its sacred power in the life of the people, and making it, even to many Christian people, more of a day of rest from business care than a day holy to the Lord.

PERFECT PEACE.

"Cease from troubling: Tired heart, what that means to you. There is coming a time when all these things that have hurt you so will 'cease' to hurt any longer. A time when you will be hushed to a wonderful silence by the peace that will come to you. A time when the heavy armor you were forced to wear so constantly will be taken away and a white robe, soft and pure, will enfold you and there will be no more sound of war, but songs of deliverance sung as only the redeemed can sing, will soothe the weary brain so long used to din of conflict between the right and the wrong. Then you will know what it means when He said,

"The weary be at rest."
"In spite, then, of earth's sorrow,
In spite of all its sin,
The kingdom is before you—
Arise and enter in."

—Selected.

FORCED TO RESIGN.

Lost a Good Position Through Bad Food.

"I felt immediately better after my first meal on Grape-Nuts, which I began to use after my health had broken down and I was a nervous wreck.

"My stomach was in such a condition that I could eat nothing and trying to eat was a burden to me."
"My pulse ran up to 115 and my weight fell 21 pounds. I got so I couldn't work and was forced to resign a good position. I took milk punches between meals and quit meat altogether, but nothing improved my appetite and the condition of my stomach. I finally went on one meal a day and had to force myself to eat that and was rapidly starving until one day a friend suggested Grape-Nuts.

"Although my palate and stomach had rebelled against all other foods Grape-Nuts agreed immediately and I really relished this food while the changes in my condition have been wonderful. My weight increased from the start and I have now regained 12 pounds while my pulse is normal and I am a new person all over. Life seems worth living and I enjoy all my meals.

"To make sure that this change was due to Grape-Nuts I made the experiment of leaving off the food for five days, but I began to go backwards so rapidly that I concluded I had satisfied my curiosity in this respect and I went back to Grape-Nuts again in a hurry and began to pick up again. Grape-Nuts certainly touched the spot and did the work." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Secular News Items.

TEXAS ITEMS.

Two more suits were filed in the District Court at Corsicana by the widow of John De Lee against saloon keepers, each for \$5,000 damages, making thirty-two suits filed to date for damages, aggregating \$160,000.

The Board of Managers of the State Epileptic Colony held a meeting at Abilene and elected the following officers: Dr. T. B. Bass, of Terrell, First Assistant Physician; Dr. J. H. Easton, of Waco, Second Assistant Physician; Charles Leeseman, of Wharton, Storekeeper and Accountant; Mrs. A. L. Preston, Matron.

The Controller of the Currency has received a report from the receiver of the Groesbeck National Bank of Groesbeck, giving the total liabilities of the bank at \$165,153, and the estimated value of the assets at \$144,694, showing a deficiency of \$20,465. The receiver reports that if there is any change in his estimate of the value of the assets he feels safe in stating that it will be favorable to the bank.

An 8-year-old incorrigible boy, too young to punish by the law, was arrested at Laredo for the third time for burglarizing dwelling houses and carrying off money, jewelry and other valuables.

Dr. J. S. Turner, Superintendent of the North Texas Insane Asylum at Terrell, has just organized a training school in that institution, the purpose of which is to prepare experienced nurses for the infirmary and other branches of the asylum. Forty-five of the attendants employed in the institution will begin taking lessons at once and others will follow.

Louis Sternkorb and Ed Ruhl were severely burned at Waco by the explosion of a gasoline reservoir used in supplying a stove over which ingredients were heated for the preparation of gold sizing for lettering work.

United States Consul General Hanna from Monterey, Mexico, was denied admittance at Laredo on account of the quarantine established Saturday.

Pat Barden jumped from the Southern Pacific bridge at Beaumont and broke a leg. Two other men who also made the leap are unaccounted for and are supposed to have been drowned.

City Marshall Brennan, of Laredo, discharged four policemen who were enjoying themselves by indulging in disorderly conduct.

District Judge R. B. Levy, of Marshall, decided that the prohibition election recently held in Harrison County was legal. This is a victory for the antis.

The death of Thomas P. McCampbell, a prominent stockman and banker of Goliad, occurred on the Southern Pacific train between New Orleans and Houston. Heart failure was the cause.

The will of Sister Mary Teresa Muldon, Mother Superior of St. Patrick's Academy, who died in Paris two months ago, was admitted to probate yesterday. By the terms of the will she bequeaths the entire property, valued at \$20,000 to the school, a chartered institution, for educational and charitable purposes.

A National Bank has been organized at Burnet with a capital stock of \$25,000.

The first bale microbe continue to attract attention in spite of the boll weevil.

The First National Bank of Frost has been organized with a capital stock of \$25,000.

Carpenters at Sherman have abandoned the movement for an eight-hour work day.

The 360 head of steers recently sold by J. V. Ellis, of Bee County, to Hines Clark, of Realitos, while being driven to Beoville for shipment to the latter

My name on a lamp-chimney says, "Pay double for me; I give double light and don't break."

MACBETH.

How to take care of lamps, including the getting of right-shape chimneys, is in my Index; sent free.

MACBETH, Pittsburgh.

place and when within a few miles of town became frightened and a stampede ensued, the cattle running a considerable distance before being checked, and as a result eleven died from heat prostration.

The British steamship Carrigan Head of the Head line cleared port at Galveston yesterday for Belfast, via New Orleans, with the largest cargo of flour ever sent out of Galveston.

F. B. Drake was arrested by the Custom Officers at Laredo and about \$60 worth of Mexican drawwork was found in his valise, which was seized. Drake was afterward taken with an epileptic fit at the express office and was badly hurt by falling to the floor.

James W. Swayne estimates the loss at Sour Lake by reason of the fire which started Saturday at \$200,000.

C. M. Oliver has been arrested at Fort Worth on a charge of arson, growing out of the burning of the Commercial Hotel at Hillsboro several years ago.

ITEMS IN GENERAL.

War between Bulgaria and Turkey is now regarded as inevitable. It is believed even that an outbreak of hostilities will occur before the end of September. Reinforcements will be sent from Asia and will be concentrated in Macedonia, in the vilayet of Adrianople. It is not thought that there will be any formal declaration of war in view of Bulgaria's status, but some frontier incident will precipitate hostilities.

The Bulgarians and Macedonians residing in Constantinople are in terror of a massacre. A large number of them were arrested a few days ago as a "preventive measure," and they have not yet been released. The fear of massacre is probably exaggerated, although in view of the present excited state of musliman feeling an insignificant incident might perhaps lead to a massacre.

The terrible accounts received regarding the conduct of Turkish troops have not surprised European circles, but many who have hitherto been optimistic in their views now accept the prevailing belief that Turkey is on the eve of a catastrophe. A consular dispatch from Salonica says, according to meagre information, the insurrection in the district of Monastir has been practically stamped out. The Bashi-Bazouks assisted the regular troops in the work of repression, which is said to have been carried out with sanguinary restlessness, the object of the Turks being apparently to exterminate not only the Bulgarian inhabitants, but all Christians of whatever nationality.

Mr. Ernst von Hasse-Wartegg, in a recent letter from Bahia, contrasts the gentle manners of the Brazilians with North American rudeness. In Bahian street cars no lady is ever obliged to stand. No Brazilian passes a Church without lifting his hat.

That fishes and frogs may have tuberculosis has been demonstrated in the Pasteur Institute in Paris. This is no cause for alarm, however, for they are found only in the intestinal organs, would be killed in cooking, anyway, and bacilli reared in a cold-blooded animal could not thrive if transferred to man.

A private in the German Navy is reported to have committed suicide "by the common device of exploding a blank cartridge in a rifle, the barrel of which was filled with water." The suicide killed himself by this "common device" because of the abuse he had suffered at the hands of a non-commissioned officer.

In 1900 the French Architect Philippe Meriat was commissioned by the Persian Government to build a pavilion for the Shah on the Exposition grounds. He did so, but has never been able to get a franc in payment. The French Courts have been unable to help him, and as a last resort he has now appealed for aid to the peace tribunal at The Hague. The result of this action, which was advised by the architect's attorneys, is awaited in Paris with great curiosity, on account of its novelty.

A German Sergeant and six privates were recently arrested for treason at Metz. They have confessed that they stole two bombs, with the new secret fuses attached, for an agent of France.

Excitement was caused at Sagamore Hill about midnight recently by the entrance into the grounds of a man dangerous intent, who was quickly apprehended by the secret service men guarding the President, and locked up before he did any harm. The man is considered to be crazy.

A German economist, Prof. Jastrow, has written an essay in which he deprecates the existing feeling of fear of and dependency on the American banking and industrial market by the investigating, commercial and manufacturing circles of Germany, which, says the professor, gives Germany the appearance of being a dependency of the United States. He augurs a bright future for German industries result-

ing from the amicable relationship existing between German workmen and their employers, whereas he points to the disastrous consequences threatening American industries from the gigantic strikes and lockouts so frequently occurring in the United States.

The Boston Advertiser draws a parallel between the Dutch "thirty years war" with the Achinese to our own situation in the Philippines. "It was over thirty years ago," it says, "that the Dutch began a campaign of benevolent assimilation of the Achinese in just about the same way as we have been benevolently assimilating the Filipinos, and after an expenditure of \$200,000,000 and thousands of human lives the people are 'officially pacified.' It was twenty-five years ago that the first official pacification was announced to Holland, and these official notes have been reiterated at intervals of five years until the present day, when the pacification is undoubtedly final—for a few months, anyway."

A scientific study is being made by the electrical engineers of New York to determine to what extent electrolysis is going on among the city pipes under ground and to find out how the stray currents of electricity may be picked up. Nearly all of the work can be done by instruments, so it will not be necessary to do much digging. For several years it has been well known to the city officials that the water pipes under ground in many sections of the city have suffered great damage from corrosion due to wandering currents of electricity. The generally established theory is that the return currents do not follow the tracks back to the power houses, but instead run off and take a short cut across lots on the return trip. The currents follow the lines of least resistance, which is through the ground. If pipes get in the way of these currents they are damaged.

The Pittsburg Dispatch says: "Pension Commissioner Ware's belief that high water mark has at last been touched on the pension roll is not based, as so many previous predictions have been, upon calculations of probabilities, but upon the fact that the number of pensioners is nearly 10,000 less now than a year ago. His opinion therefore partakes of the certainty of a prophecy after the event and as it is unlikely that the roll will be extended in future enough to equal the reduction by deaths there will probably be a continually increasing reduction hereafter. The figures presented are of historical interest. The high water mark of enrollment on July 31, 1902, was just over one million, 1,001,494, to be exact. The disbursements made in that year reached almost \$137,000,000. The nation has not begrudged governmental aid to those who needed it because of their services to the country. At times there has been a disposition to criticize the administration of the pension laws, owing to a belief that unworthy applications had been granted, but these cases must have been an infinitesimal proportion of the total."

William Lindsay, at present a resident of London, where he has made a large fortune, has presented, in memory of his father, to the city of Fall River, a useful memorial in the form of the William Lindsay School of Draughting and Designing. The building with its equipment, which is to cost \$100,000, will be an adjunct of the Bradford Durfee Textile School. It will provide facilities for widening the scope of the latter, and will enhance the industrial possibilities of the community. It is hoped in Fall River that this school will prove to be an effective instrument in enabling New England to meet the growing competition of the South in the line of textile manufacturers.

Before leaving Washington Secretary Root issued an order that the highest honor men from the leading six colleges where army officers are detailed as military instructors shall be eligible to appointment as Second Lieutenants in the regular army.

The Panama treaty is generally regarded as dead. President Roosevelt, under the instruction of Congress, is authorized to turn his attention to the Nicaragua route, and he may do so at an early date.

News comes from Chicago that a man who was stabbed, the knife cutting his heart almost in two, under the operation of physicians, who sewed the heart up, and administered oxygen, has a possible chance of recovery. A little more information on this matter is needed.

President Diaz of Mexico recently issued an order that commercial relations with China should be temporarily suspended during the prevalence of cholera and bebionic plague in certain sections of that country. The China Commercial Steamship Company, which operates a line of steamers between Manzanillo and Hongkong, is making strenuous objection to this order. There are upwards of 20,000

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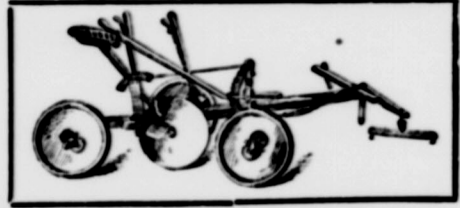
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Their holy wings about my bed.

And keep me safe because I am
The heavenly Shepherd's little lamb.

Dear God, our Father, watch and keep
Father and mother while they sleep.

Teach me to do what I am told,
And help me to be as good as gold.
—From W. V. Her Book.

WOMAN.

By Fannie Huckabee.

Proverbs, 20:10, you will find these words: Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

This was spoken by King Solomon. He is said to be the wisest man up to his time, and of course it takes a wise man to set up the standard for women, and we think King Solomon a competent judge. Some men think they know a great deal about women, when they have only one wife. Solomon had seven hundred, and he said: Who can find a virtuous woman?—a woman of moral goodness, opposed to vice; a woman of strength, power and courage.

Yes, who can value a good woman? The morals of a town or community never rise higher than the best woman in it, and so the standard is lowered just as low as the worst woman in it. When a woman rises she rises higher than man, and when she falls she falls lower. And when she falls, man and her own sex turn her over to the devil and he has a bill of sale for her. Solomon knew this when he said, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" Virtue is one of the crowning Christian graces. The apostle urges to add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge. The greatest need of our homes to-day is more pure mothers. If our boys all had one of the standard mothers, there would be fewer card tables, fewer dance halls, fewer dram-drinkers, fewer of our boys would be romping the streets at night or on the Sabbath, taking God's name in vain.

Napoleon being once asked what was the French nation's greatest need, replied, "Mothers." Mothers, within thy hands rests the fate and destiny of future generations. Sir Walter Scott's mother was a superior woman, well educated, a lover of poetry and painting. Lord Bacon's mother was a woman of superior mind and deep piety. The mother of Washington was pious, pure and true. The mother of John Wesley was marked for her intelligence, piety and executive ability. The mother of Nero was a murderess.

There is nothing equal to a good woman. She will endure more than man. She will hold on to that demon of a man who has sapped her very life away. Drink, curse, and cut all kinds of evils, and still his poor wife will cling to him; when if she did one disgraceful deed he would leave her no sooner than he got the word. And I say amen to that. But I long to see the day when women will hold as high a standard for men to live up to as men have for women. Women have always been more faithful than men. They were last at the cross and first at the sepulchre. We hear often of faithful Abraham, whom the Lord talked with so long; but if I were looking for genuine faith, I would go to the woman who pressed her way through the crowd to get just one touch of our Savior's garment. Solomon says, in verse 25, "Strength and honor are her clothing." How much is meant by that word "honor."

How some mothers do allow their girls to dress is enough to make a decent man blush, to say nothing of a lady. Their dresses are mostly skirts. It is not one of the model mother's daughters who take the moonlight ride and visit the places of revelry.

We need not ask what kind of a mother the daughter of Herodias had, who, when Herod's birthday was kept, went and danced before the king and pleased Herod whereupon he promised to give her whatever she would ask, and she, being before instructed by her mother, said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist." The King was sorry; nevertheless he had promised her whatever she asked, and his head was cut off and placed on a charger and brought to the damsel and she gave it to her mother. I do wonder what that mother did with that great man's head. Christ said there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist. John had told Herod it was not lawful for him to marry his brother's wife.

No wonder that girl went and danced

before that drunken crowd, with a mother with such a heart as that.

In verse 27, Solomon says, "She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness.

There are so many children to be pitied. When I see a poor, sunburnt child with uncombed hair and unbuttoned sleeves, I think that mother has been eating the bread of idleness, or was born tired. Some children would be better off if father and mother were both dead and they could be sent to some orphan's home.

One writer said there is nothing more in demand than good women, unless it was good men. Who failed to tell his new-made bride how Satan basely, foully lied about their being defiled? It was Adam. Who tried to charge upon his wife the blame of his own sinful life, when God and man were set at strife? It was Adam. Who ever since has laid the blame of his own follies, sin and shame upon the wife who bears his name? Old Adam. Who, viler than the serpent's hiss, betrayed the Savior with a kiss, and shipwrecked every hope of bliss? Not woman. Who vowed that he would sooner die than Lord and Master he'd deny, and on that eve did curse and lie? Not woman. Who nailed the Savior to the tree and mocked his dying agony, when he expired to set men free? Not woman.

Who hailed the first approach of pride and listened while the serpent lied, contented to be defiled? It was woman.

Who, by the tempter first betrayed, infringed the laws that God had made, and all the world in ruin laid? It was woman.

It was woman who used her place as ruler's wife to intercede for Jesus' life, and when her plea could not avail stood near the cross to weep and wail? And when he bruised the serpent's head and rose triumphant from the dead, what was the first word Jesus said? It was woman.

THE CRITICAL HABIT.

A few days ago the fire alarm rang about the middle of the afternoon, and a great crowd assembled at once to watch the operations of the firemen. The fire was in the roof of a wooden tenement house and was well started before it was discovered. The firemen had a line of hose from the hydrant before the alarm had ceased ringing, and the water was turned on immediately. But already the thick brown smoke was pouring out through the roof, the smoke that shows that the fire has a hold that it will not easily give up. The firemen were hard at work, the Chief giving his orders in a clear, steady voice, but calmly. All along the street and in the open space on one side of the house, as near as the policemen would allow them to come, were gathered thousands of people, and it was very remarkable how many people there were in that crowd who knew how to manage that fire better than the firemen. "They ought not to chop a hole in the roof like that," said one man; "it creates a draft and makes the fire burn fiercer." Nevertheless the firemen put a hose in where the ax had made a place and got some water directly on the fire. "What does that fellow stand there for?" asked another; "is he afraid to go on the roof?" Apparently not, for in another minute, at a word from the Chief, he was scrambling all over the roof like a spider. But still the criticisms went on. "They ought to have another line in through that window," said a man with folded arms, pointing with his thumb; "it'll get away from 'em, sure as guns." But as a matter of fact the fire was under control in less than twenty minutes, and confined entirely to the roof of the building where it started, and as the crowd slowly melted away they could see by the hydrant a second line of hose all ready for use in case it had been needed. In reality the fire had been well managed, but the habit of criticism is so common and so strong that men were willing to criticize the firemen when they were risking their lives and gasping for breath in the stifling smoke.

Criticism has its proper place, and it may be useful there, but in most cases it is carried to excess. Like the firemen, public officers, from the President down, school teachers, preachers, Sunday-school teachers, all whose work brings them before the public in any way, have to do their work under a constant fusillade of criticism. Fortunately many of these workers do not mind the criticisms any more than the firemen mind the smoke and cinders from the burning building, but after all it is sometimes uncomfortable, and usually founded on a complete ignorance of the work that is being done and the qualities needed to perform it successfully. And there are often instances where good workers have felt the criticisms so keenly that they have broken down

under the strain, and the work has suffered on that account. But the critics themselves suffer from this habit. Those who carry it to excess lose the power and appreciation. They can enjoy nothing that has any imperfections in it, and there is nothing in which they cannot find imperfections, and so they come to look upon life with jaundiced eyes and conclude that life is not worth living. The remedy for this is to cultivate the habit of appreciation. The most imperfect work, if it is sincere, has in it something that is worthy of approval, and when we have appreciated what is worthy, we are somewhat prepared to criticize imperfections, provided that it is a matter in which we have a right to speak at all. "Put yourself in his place," is a motto that will cut off a great share of thoughtless criticism. The fire looks very different on the roof from what it does on the street, and, in any case, it isn't quite fair to criticize those who are in the thick of the fight. Criticism, to be worth anything, so far as helpfulness to others is concerned, must be kindly and constructive, not harsh and destructive.—J. Mervin Hull, in The Christian Work.

THE HOME WHICH MAKES THE RIGHT KIND OF BOY.

A good boy is the natural product of a good home, and all the efforts of philanthropy to make boys better are consciously imperfect substitutes for the natural influences of a healthy minded home. The great and overshadowing peril of a boy's life is not, as many suppose, his bad companions, or his bad books, or his bad habits; it is the peril of homelessness. I do not mean merely houselessness—having no bed or room which can be called one's own—but that homelessness which may exist even in luxurious houses—the isolation of the boy's soul, the lack of any one to listen to him, the loss of roots to hold him to his place and make him grow. This is what drives the boy into the arms of evil and makes the streets his home and the gang his family, or else drives him in upon himself, into uncommunicated imaginings and feverish desires. It is the modern story of the man whose house was "empty," and precisely because it was empty there entered seven devils to keep him company. If there is one thing that a boy cannot bear, it is himself. He is by nature a gregarious animal, and if the group which nature gives him is denied, then he gives himself to any group which may solicit him. A boy, like all things in nature, abhors a vacuum, and if his home is a vacuum of lovelessness and homelessness, then he abhors his home.

Evidently, therefore, when one speaks of the peril of homelessness, he is not thinking of poor boys alone. Of course there is a poverty which involves homelessness, the wandering life of the street Arab or the young tramp. In a vast majority, however, even of very humble homes, one of the most conspicuous and beautiful traits is the instinct of family affection, enduring every kind of strain—the woman clinging to the drunken husband, the parents bearing with the wayward son; and, on the other hand, an increasing danger of the prosperous is the tendency to homelessness; the peril of the nomadic life, as though a home were a tent which one might at any time fold, like the Arabs, and as silently steal away; the slackening of responsibility through the movement of social habit to the hotel or boarding house as ways of escape from the burdens of the home.—Prof. Francis G. Peabody, in Congregationalist.

"TOO NEAR MY PRICE."

There is a story well known in naval circles, of an honest old Commodore—a man of frank and witty speech, who commanded a blockade squadron in Southern waters during the Civil War. A fine looking, well-mannered man came to him one day, at a time when no vessels had been able to pass the blockade for weeks, and introduced himself as the representative of certain firms abroad, whose commercial need for cotton was desperate. After explaining this point fully, he made an open offer to the Commodore of \$50,000 if he would manage to let one single ship laden with cotton pass the blockade. He even opened his wallet, and spread the crisp bills out upon the table to emphasize the amount.

The Commodore listened with an indifferent air, and said nothing until the man was through with his offer. Then he answered, still indifferently: "This thing is absolutely impossible, sir. Good morning;" and he bowed him out. So little indignation did he show, indeed, that a week later the persevering agent came back with a new offer. "Commodore," he said, "I am authorized to offer you even more than I did. If you will do as I ask, here are \$100,000 which I will leave upon the table;" and began to take a roll of bills out of his wallet, as before.

This time however, the old sailor was not indifferent. Taking the briber



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by the neck he kicked him out of the cabin without ceremony, saying, as he did so: "Get out of here, you scoundrel! You're coming too near my price!"

It was a true speech, and a wise one. The temptation which does not tempt us may be met with indifference, but when we feel that a danger-point is near we need to act quickly. "Every man," the cynic says, "has his price." Perhaps so; but the man who knows when his price is being approached, if he has the resolution to take temptation by the shoulder then and there and turn it out, is safe. "Never let an enemy get inside your guard," is an old rule. When the tempter gets "too near our price," then is our time to resist him stoutly. A little later may be too late; but the old sailor's example, if followed, will bring life out triumphantly.—Selected.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN.

The following beautiful little prayer Mr. Dickens wrote out for each of his children, and taught them to repeat it night and morning as soon as they could talk:

"Pray God, who has made everything, and is so kind and merciful to every thing he has made who tries to be good and to deserve it.

Pray God bless my dear papa, mamma, brothers and sisters, and auntie, and all my relations and friends.

Make me a good little girl. Let me never be naughty or tell a lie, which is a mean and shameful thing. Make me kind to my nurses and servants, and to all poor people.

Let me never be cruel to any dumb creature; for if I am cruel to anything, even to a poor little fly, Thou, who art so good, will never love me.

Pray God to bless and to preserve us all this night, and for evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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WHITHER AM I GOING?

By Geo. Hare, M. D. The Notice by Josephus. If the account of this martyrdom in "The Antiquities of the Jews, by Josephus" had not been substantially correct, Origen would not have perpetuated it in his commentary...

Two very short extracts from Origen will suffice: "This James was of so shining a character among the people on account of his righteousness, that Flavius Josephus, when, in his twentieth book of the Jewish Antiquities, he had a mind to set down what was the cause why the people suffered such miseries, till the very holy house was demolished, he said that these things befell them by the anger of God..."

Eusebius, who had access to traditions and records of the fathers which have failed to reach us, not only retained the martyrdom of James, the Lord's brother, but used the fact of it in an argument. Making his own statement as per the Christian sketches before him and quoting Josephus, introduces him in this form: "Josephus, therefore, did not refuse to attest thereto in writing."

The notoriety of the martyrdom of James gave it historical record by the most adverse parties. Hegesippus, the first Christian historian after Luke, just about the passing away of the apostolic fathers, wrote the details as current among the Christians of his time. It was only as long after the death of James as the life of an aged man when Hegesippus made his notes. He says it came about in this way: James won over many of the Jews to Christianity by his testimony to Jesus as being the Door of the sheepfold...

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much more gospel. Those who endured sufferings for their testimony are sincere witnesses—honest historians. Christ was declared by James during life and at death, by the martyrs in Judea, by the Churches of Christians, by the multitudes slain by Nero, who sealed their sincerity by the martyr's death, as well as by the thousands slain by Domitian: all before the Apostle John had passed away to his reward. The universal antagonizing pressure of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ on Judaism and paganism from Jerusalem to Rome is seen in the various persecutions, with their victims, their examiners, their informers, their fires and wild beasts.

James was Bishop or leading elder of the Church of Jerusalem, and one of the most conspicuous and certain characters of apostolic times. There were Jews in all the diverse parties who esteemed him for his righteous life. He was continually referred to and eulogized by the sectaries as well as by the Christian writers of that period; who spoke of him in such eulogistic terms as seem fulsome to us.

Of the Church in Jerusalem. I wish to speak more fully in connection with the notorious wonders of this time. To avoid repetition as well as to be brief, I make now a mere passing notice. Jerusalem, inside and outside New Testament, is represented as one of the greatest centers of Christianity. So many at one time were its believers in Christ that it was reported abroad to have seventy elders. Whether or not this number were exact it shows the impression abroad of its strength. Hegesippus tells us that James won over many of the Jews to Christianity by his testimony to Jesus as being the Door of the sheepfold...

Progress of Christianity. Some remarks on the abundant testimony concerning the remarkable progress of Christianity in the Apostolic Age will be proper. Towards the close of Paul's career there were many Christians to be found throughout those countries traversed by him and other apostles. In addition to the reports of cultivated heathens there is well authenticated and satisfactory testimony given by Church fathers, each party corroborating and substantiating the other. Every metropolis had its community of believers in Christ. There was Antioch with its successive Bishops, Evodius and Ignatius; Ephesus, where the Apostle John dwelt in his old age; Hierapolis in Phrygia, where the Apostle Philip resided between his journeyings in the country around, and who is rendered a verity outside the New Testament by Papias, its Bishop; and Smyrna, whose Bishop, the famous and forever to be admired apostolic father, Polycarp, was ordained by the Apostle John. The Churches of Rome and Jerusalem were two of the many throughout these countries traversed by Paul, Philip and John.

It is not necessary to our purpose to occupy space with the hypothetical or other remarks in the annals of Josephus—whether by himself or an interpolator—regarding Jesus who was called Christ (Joseph. Antiqu. Book 18, Ch. 3, paragraph 3.) Abundant and reiterated testimony that must forever abide has been given us. If Josephus testified of Christ, some critic would cry out of the darkness of agnosticism, "May not that be 'problematical'?" If another interpolated these remarks, it might be because they were a matter of notoriety. The letter of the Church of Rome to the Church of Corinth by the hand of Clement—while the last apostle was yet living—is as well authenticated and much more trustworthy than the volumes of Josephus; and I am sure besides its declarations concerning the apostles, it gives us

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Board of Directors of the Texas Methodist Orphanage will meet in annual session in the Orphanage in Waco October 1, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m. A full attendance is very much desired. HORACE BISHOP, Pres.

DEATH OF COL. J. S. STROTHER.

It is with pain that we are called upon to announce the death of Col. J. S. Strother, of Garland, Dallas County. He passed away last Tuesday morning after an illness of several weeks. He was one of the best and most prominent citizens of this county; and such was the high esteem in which he was held by the people that he was several times sent to the Legislature. At the time of his death he was a member of that body. He was also a life-long member of our Church and true to its doctrines and polity. He was a man of good education, well informed on all matters pertaining to the public weal, and his integrity was never called in question. He was right on all moral questions and gave his influence to every measure having for its aim the good of the people. He was 67 years of age, and died full of faith and hope. One of his sons, Rev. W. K. Strother, is a member of the Texas Conference and President of Chappell Hill College. The life of such a man as Col. Strother is a vital contribution to the moral and religious sentiment of any community. Peace be to his honored memory.

DEATH OF JUDGE JOHN E. CRAWFORD.

The announcement of the death of Judge John E. Crawford, of Franklin, will be received with sadness mingled with surprise. We knew nothing of his illness until we received the intelligence that he was dead. He died at San Angelo last Saturday, and his remains were taken to his home in Franklin and there interred. Judge Crawford was one of the best known laymen in our Church in Texas. He was a leading member of the last General Conference and took a prominent part in its proceedings. He was usually a member of the Texas Annual Conference. He was the son of an old pioneer Methodist preacher, and he loved the Methodist Church with rare devotion. His home was the home of the ministers. Judge Crawford was a prominent lawyer and a popular member of the last Legislature. He rendered fine service to the local option cause in that body. We deeply mourn the death of such a man. It is a loss to the Church and the State. But God knows what is best and he orders all things well.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

Two hairs on the head are worth ten in the brush.

Moonshine is bright, but it imparts no perceptible warmth.

The preaching that produces a sound conversion always starts a good meeting.

The Church in which every member does something to promote piety is the ideal organization.

Mistakes of judgment often involve misunderstandings, but meanness of heart burns itself into character.

When a man thinks more of his own feelings than he does of the welfare of the membership he needs more religion.

A NIGHT IN TERRELL.

We ran over to Terrell last Monday evening to fill an engagement to speak on prohibition that night. There was a great gathering, and we had a warm time. The people were never so stirred on that question in Kaufman County. Scores and scores of business men who have heretofore been antis, are now ardent prohibitionists; and the antis have had a hard time to get enough reputable business men to serve on their campaign committee. They feel that they are doomed, unless they can win by fraud. Public sentiment is against them, and the whole community is weary of them. The women are strongly organized and will be at the polls in force on Saturday. For one hour we poured double-shot stuff into them and they showed signs of irritation. They have one old man over there who is issuing an independent circular once a week in which he takes the position that he has attended bar-room and religious services all his life, and that he has seen worse crimes committed at camp-meetings and other religious gatherings than in bar-rooms. This was so rank that the antis disowned him, but he insists that he is a genuine anti, and while he is a trifle more bold in his utterances than the rest of the gang, we are inclined to the belief that he properly represents them. He is made up of the same material that enters into their character and belief, but he has less sense than his compatriots. So with this old man firing off his slanders at the Church and her ministers and the pros bombarding them from every angle, they are having the struggle of their life in old Kaufman. On with the battle!

A SUNDAY IN HILLSBORO.

Last Saturday night I ran down to Hillsboro to be with Rev. Jerome Duncan and his people over Sunday. I was taken to the good Methodist home of Dr. Vaughan and family, where I was most pleasantly entertained. The Doctor is a son of the late Rev. Wm. Vaughan, long a useful and eloquent member of the Northwest Texas Conference. Mrs. Vaughan is an ardent worker in the Sunday-school, having a class of young men and young ladies numbering fifty. It is their purpose to push the membership of the class up to 100. Dr. Vaughan is also a member of the Church and a leading physician of the town. The Sunday-school of the Church is a very fine one. Everything about it indicates life and good work. The church structure is the best framed church building in the State. It is large, convenient and modern in all its appointments. Its inside finish is very handsome, and the floor is covered with a beautiful Brussels carpet, just purchased and put down. I think it is largely due to the work of the good women. The membership of the Church is something more than 700, and it is constantly growing. Bro. Duncan is in great favor with his people, and he is scrupulously watchful of all their interests. He is one of the most successful preachers in his conference and does fine work wherever he is sent. At the morning service we

had a large congregation, and though I preached to them about one hour, they showed no sign of weariness. I think the service was profitable. In the afternoon there was a most excellent League service, and it was well attended. At night the services were transferred to a large tent on the south side of the railroad, where Bro. Duncan is conducting a revival service this week. It is his purpose to form the germ of a new organization over there, which will in time take shape for a new movement. For the next year or two it will be managed by the workers in the present Church. Hillsboro is a local option town, and the law is better enforced than any other law on the criminal statute books. They have prohibition down there, and no one doubts it. A few men thought that it would not prohibit, but a heavy fine and a term on the road have convinced them that they were wrong. So it is in all local option towns in Texas. And Hillsboro has a population of six or seven thousand. While there I met two of our prominent local preachers, Brethren Stephens and McMillan.

THE EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

We have now made the purchase of the episcopal residence in obedience to the arrangements made by the several conferences and the property has been conveyed. The first payment will be due about the 10th of December, near the close of the last conference. We made this agreement so as to give the preachers and the people time to make collections and have the same reported at the conference sessions. We hope, therefore, that every pastor will attend to this part of it along with his other collections without fail. An amount equal to 5 per cent of the preacher's salary will put into our hands all that will be necessary at the present to meet the obligation assumed. This will fall lightly on all, if every one will do his duty. Bishop Hoss will move to this city about the last of December, and we want everything to be in readiness for his coming. Hence, we make this statement of the matter so that all may know the facts and govern themselves accordingly. Brethren, we are looking to you to make good reports on this issue. This is a favorable time. Drops, for the most part, are good and the people will be in very easy conditions this fall. They will help if you will ask them.

GRACE CHURCH.

Last Monday the cornerstone of Grace Church was put in place with appropriate ceremonies. A large crowd was present to participate in the services. Rev. P. E. Kniekerbocker had charge of the occasion. Rev. I. W. Clark, Rev. H. D. Kniekerbocker and others made excellent addresses. The walls of the building are well under way and when completed the structure will cost \$40,000. The church has had marvelous growth. Its membership now goes beyond 600, and the Sunday-school is the largest in the city. We have no more promising field than the one occupied by Grace Church. The pastor and the people are working manfully and deserve success.

A CORRECTION.

In our last issue we clipped the following editorial note from one of our exchanges and made severe comment on it, giving the Coleman Democrat credit:

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.

But the Coleman Democrat is not the paper that contained it. And we can not now lay our hand upon the paper in which it occurred. But we hasten to ask the pardon of the Democrat for making the mistake. However, we will be much obliged to the paper containing the paragraph if said paper will acknowledge the authorship of the editorial note. We want to place the credit for it where it properly belongs.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PUSH THE ADVOCATE.

This is the season to push the subscription list of the Advocate. In the first place we are having great revivals and large ingatherings into the Church from all over the State. There has not been a time in a dozen years when we have had such prevalence of the revival spirit as now. The best way to start off a family into the right sort of Church life is to put the Advocate into that home. Let them read the Church paper, see what Methodism is doing, learn Methodist usage, come under the influence of Methodist teaching every week and this will ground and establish them in our doctrines and method. Thus among the thousands coming into the Church we can also enhance the value of the paper in its circulation and make it the better accomplish its mission. Then, again, we are having a prosperous year. People are getting into good financial condition. They are able to take their paper. That they need it, none can question. All that is necessary is to have the matter placed upon their consciences. The preachers are the men to do this work. And lastly, we are contemplating an Oriental Pilgrimage for the benefit of the readers of the Advocate. We want to give them the benefit of our personal observations in Egypt, the Holy Land, Asia Minor and other interesting countries. To put the paper into the hands of the largest number of our people is to give them the advantage of this trip. Our correspondence will be of such a character as to bring these historic cities and countries right before the minds of the families of our Church. Therefore, for these and other reasons, we urge our preachers to present the claims of the Advocate earnestly and persistently, and the result will be a surprise to us all.

A MORNING WITH THE FT. WORTH TEACHERS.

Last week we were invited to go to Fort Worth and address the public school teachers. They were holding a few normal sessions prior to their fall opening, and on Friday we spoke to them. Professor Hogg is the superintendent, and he is a most excellent one. He is an old Randolph Macon student and he has been in school work a great many years, but he has grown young instead of old in the work. He is a cultivated, genial, Christian gentleman, and to meet him is to come into the atmosphere of refinement and good-fellowship. At least one hundred ladies and gentlemen, composing the teachers in the public school, were present to hear the informal talk we made to them. It was a most delightful audience to address. They were intelligent and appreciative, and we had no trouble to keep them in the best of humor. They listened patiently to us for about forty-five minutes. Evidently Fort Worth has a fine system of schools. That body of teachers indicated it. The High School building, where the teachers were assembled, is a handsome structure, well equipped and wonderfully adapted to school work of a high grade. It is favorably located and in splendid repair. In fact, it looks like a new building. The other buildings are a credit to the city and the schools are pitched on a high plane. We were shown every courtesy by the superintendent and his body of teachers, and we have scarcely enjoyed an occasion more than that one.

DALLAS DISTRICT HOME MISSION MEETING.

All the auxiliary societies of the Woman's Home Mission Society in the Dallas District, had an all-day meeting last week at First Methodist Church in this city. Mrs. W. C. Young presided. It was largely attended, nearly every society in the district being represented. There were about one hundred ladies and a goodly number of the preachers. Various phases of the work being done through this useful organization were considered and larger plans discussed for future work. It was an intensely interesting gathering

and the ladies entered into it with zeal and purpose. These good women are accomplishing great results in looking after the comfort and convenience of our parsonage homes and in helping to build parsonages in needy localities. Were it not for their efforts, the parsonage would often fare badly. At noon an ample and bounteous lunch was served in the lecture room for all, and a time of good social spirit followed. These women know how to make an occasion of this sort very enjoyable as well as profitable.

THE POLYTECHNIC OPENING.

Accepting the invitation of President Boaz, we went over last week to attend the opening of Polytechnic College. Great preparation had been made and the occasion was a flattering success. It occurred in the new building. This is a magnificent structure, very nearly complete. It is built of Dublin stone, three stories high, modern in its architecture and a thing of convenience and beauty. When finished in all its details, which is practically the case now, it will have cost in round figures \$25,000. How such a structure could have been built at such an estimate, we do not see; for it looks like a house worth twice that amount of money. It stands in the old campus, a beautiful eminence overlooking the city and the country from every point of the compass. A more delightful view one rarely ever sees in Texas. Just off about a quarter of a mile runs the Texas and Pacific road, and a little beyond it is the Interurban. During the entire day and night there is scarcely a time when there is not a passing train in full view. Then the street cars from the city run right up to the gate of the campus. The building is a monument to the liberality and self-sacrifice of a band of noble and devoted men. They owe only a small balance on the structure. It is a credit to Methodism and it assures the triumph of the Polytechnic College enterprise. It is no longer an experiment, but an accomplished fact. President Boaz has wrought day and night at home and in the field. He was determined that this building should be completed in time for the opening and that the opening should be the best in the history of the institution. The first purpose is practically realized and the second went beyond all expectation. The hill was crowded the day before the opening, and the time for the ceremonies was propitious. The weather was beautiful and the breezes delicious. A great crowd gathered in front of the main opening and religious songs were sung. Then Ex-Mayor Paddock, of Fort Worth, was introduced, and he delivered an appropriate, patriotic address. It was most favorably received, after which the United States flag was hauled to the top of a lofty pole at the top of the building, from which it floated in pride and triumph. Just above it was the cross, and the two represented patriotism and Christianity. After the ceremonies on the outside, the throng went to the third floor, where the spacious chapel was in readiness to receive them. It is a most commodious and well ventilated auditorium, and large enough for all commencement occasions. Here the singing was led by Professor Seigler, the Scriptures were read by Rev. James Campbell, D. D., and Rev. R. C. Armstrong, D. D., lead in a fervent prayer. Judge Conner, of the Court of Civil Appeals, made the opening address, followed by Professor Hogg, George Mulkey, the writer and one or two others. President Boaz had charge of the program, and interspersed it with happy remarks. This closed the exercises and a general hand-shaking followed. It was an exhilarating occasion. Everybody was happy and the President and his faculty were on the mountain top. A large number of the preachers from the North and Northwest Texas Conferences were present. Presiding Elders Miller, Sensabaugh, Bolton, Campbell and Bailey were there to enjoy the opening. We noticed in the au-

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dience Brethren Spurlock, Boyd, Odom, Williams, Whitehurst, Howard, Oswald, and a host of others. Many leading laymen from a distance were also on hand. There were present and ready for matriculation 200 young men and young women, 165 of whom are boarders. This is the largest number ever present at the opening term. They are a fine body of students and they represent many portions of the State, and others are still coming in. The accommodations will be taxed to their utmost capacity. Everybody was urged to take dinner in the college community, and hospitality was royal. A large number of us were entertained by the President and his wife. The population of the community is growing very rapidly. People are building and moving there to make it their permanent home. The district parsonage is located there and it is now nearing completion. It is a new house and very comfortable, and it will be ready for occupancy at an early day. A fine class of people make up the population of the college community and it is destined to be one of the most desirable suburbs of the city. We rejoice with Brother Boaz and his co-workers in their success. They merit the position of confidence they occupy. George Mulkey was, if possible, the happiest man on the grounds. No other one man has done so much as he to make the college a success. He has stood by it when nearly all others thought it could go no further. No wonder he choked up in his speech until he could not talk. All hail to Polytechnic!

PROHIBITION NOTES.

Angelina and Comanche Counties stepped over into the prohibition columns last Saturday. They make 138 now in Texas. Runnels and San Jacinto Counties remained in the wet column by small majorities. So the work goes on and we are constantly making gains.

In Cooke County the ants tried for an injunction before their own home Judge, and he promptly refused them any such a measure; but they went away down to Fort Worth and found a Judge who granted their request. Such an action on his part was a contempt of the Judge on the ground. But the election order putting prohibition in force is being published, as the official paper ignored the order of the Fort Worth Judge. This is exactly right.

Down in Brazos County three of the five Commissioners peremptorily refused to order an election after the requisite number of voters had asked for it, simply because they were rank antis. This was a high-handed outrage, as the law is mandatory. But the pros immediately sued out a writ of mandamus asking the court to compel them to order the election. The matter was argued the most of two days, and the Judge ordered them to grant the election and made the mandamus perpetual. Now these three men who imagine that they are bigger than old Texas say they will appeal the case and thereby postpone the election a while longer.

The campaign in Kaufman is red hot. The whole county is being cannonaded day and night by pro speaking, and the antis are sowing the county down with copies of their campaign paper, which is a vile production in its misrepresentations. They have a Dallas man at the head of their campaign, and he is supplied, so they say, with Dallas County poll tax receipts, and no stone is being left unturned to find scrubby white men and scurvy black ones who are willing to swear that they left Dallas County last February, and moved to Kaufman, which fact if true would entitle them to vote on said Dallas County receipt. But the pros are on to that adroit racket, and they will make it hot for them at the polls. So that unless all the signs fall Kaufman will be a dry county next Saturday evening at 6 o'clock.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Metcalf, of this city. It will occur at their home on Liberty St., September 25. These two most excellent people were married in Kentucky fifty years ago, but they have been living in Dallas a long time. They are members of Grace Church and they are life-long Methodists. All the preachers who have served in Dallas during the past twenty years know Brother and Sister Metcalf. We rejoice with these aged and worthy people in the blessings which God has bestowed upon their wedded life and the fullness of years now upon them. We wish for them a happy occasion, and we hope to join their wide circle of friends in its enjoyment.

OUR MEDICAL COLLEGE CATALOGUE.

We are in receipt of the catalogue of the Medical Department of Southwestern University. It is a beautiful pamphlet of forty pages, containing a good cut of the Medical College building on one cover page and a splendid cut of the University building on the other. On the first inside page are the departments of Southwestern, including the names of the professors and the chairs they occupy. Then follow the members of the medical faculty, with their several departments, and a full statement of the course of study, etc. All through the catalogue are pictures of the different institutions in the city whose doors will be thrown open to the faculty and students for clinical instructions. Dr. Jno. O. McReynolds is the Dean of the Medical Department, and all persons desiring to patronize the institution will correspond with him on the subject. All in all the catalogue is tasteful in its make up, complete in its arrangement, and full of information concerning the work to be done. If any of our readers are thinking of taking a medical course, let them at once address the Dean of our faculty and obtain a copy of this catalogue.

THE INTERURBAN.

This road runs between Dallas and Fort Worth and its cars leave each city every hour. They make splendid time, running from one to the other in an hour and a half. One feels like he is almost in a flying machine from the time he starts until he reaches his destination. The road is in fine condition and the rolling stock good. The employees are courteous and obliging and the facilities afforded make a great convenience to those who travel between these two cities. We often make use of the Interurban and know whereof we speak. The authorities of the road are courteous toward the ministry. They recognize the half fare permits issued by the railroads of the State, and if you happen not to have one of those, and you will apply to the Interurban people, they will issue one good over their road.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We had a pleasant call from Dr. S. D. Thurston, of this city, the past week.

Brother Tom Clark, a kinsman of Rev. W. F. Clark, of this city, made us an agreeable visit recently.

Rev. J. G. Putman, of Waxahachie, was in the city the other day and made himself exceedingly agreeable in this office.

Rev. J. D. Odom, of Italy, was in to see us not long since. He reports all his collections up in full, and more to follow.

Rev. B. R. Bolton, of the Waco District, made the Advocate a pleasant visit last week. He reports his work in fine shape.

Rev. W. A. Edwards, of Princeton Circuit, was in the last week and dropped in to speak a pleasant word with the Advocate force.

Rev. E. L. Spurlock, of Celeste, passed through the city last week on

his way from the Polytechnic opening, and made us a good visit.

Rev. J. P. Lowry, of Little Rock, will aid Rev. J. F. Pierce in a protracted meeting beginning next Sunday at Denton Street Church, Gainesville. Brother Lowry is a successful revivalist and we look for good results.

Brother S. J. Rucker, father of Rev. S. J. Rucker, of McGregor, died at the home of his son, Sept. 7. His home was at Hillside, McLennan County. Brother Rucker was a noble and good man and died full of useful years and a happy experience.

The good people of West End, Galveston, have given their pastor, Rev. R. C. George, a month's vacation, and he is now at the foot of Lookout Mountain in North Alabama. He deserves the rest granted him.

We regret to learn of the recent illness of Rev. J. M. Holt, who is serving a work in the Indian Mission Conference. He was compelled to return to his home in Royse, Texas. He has partially recovered, and has resumed his work.

While in Terrell last Monday night we were entertained by Bro. Peterson and his good wife. They live in a most comfortable district parsonage. We had a delightful time with them. Bro. Peterson's district is now on the home run and he expects a good report at conference.

CHURCH NEWS.

Peter Cartwright was a presiding elder for fifty years.

The sum secured for the general endowment for supernuminate preachers now amounts to about \$140,000.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan will not be in charge of the proposed evangelistic campaign at the St. Louis World's Fair.

Mr. S. P. Bascom, a half-brother of Bishop Bascom, joined our Church at Odessa, Mo., recently. He is 76 years of age.

It is rumored in Nashville that Dr. Gilby C. Kelly is to transfer to the St. Louis Conference and to be stationed at Cook Avenue.

Bishop Clark, of Rhode Island, the oldest Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, died at his home in Middleton. He was born in 1812.

With its last issue, the Christian Observer completed ninety years of continued publication. This week it enters upon its ninety-first year.

The Courier-Journal reports the following: "Every pastor in Bardstown, Ky., recently received a gift of \$200 from some unknown giver."

The Church Extension Board sends forth its annual report: Since its organization it has collected \$1,696,970.16 and assisted in the erection of 5260 churches, thirty-three of which are in foreign lands.

Rev. Joe B. Irwin, pastor of Elm Street Church, has been suspended from the ministry by Presiding Elder J. D. Barbee, pending trial at the Annual Conference, which will be held at Murfreesboro Oct. 7.

Bishop Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, is quoted as saying of a new church he was asked to consecrate: "It is a beautiful building, with only three faults—you cannot see in it, you cannot hear in it, you cannot breathe in it."

Bishop Smith, of our Church, decided to locate permanently at Norfolk, Va. The residence selected "is a typical old Virginia home," in the suburbs of the city. It is likely that his friends in Norfolk will purchase the place and make a deed in fee simple to the Bishop.

Teacher: "Can you give me a sentence illustrating the difference between mind and matter?"
"Tommy: "Yes, sir, I think I can, sir. When I don't mind, pretty soon they's suthin' the matter."

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To the Members of the North Texas Conference Brotherhood:

Brethren: We are fallen upon hard times. It will doubtless be impossible for many of the brethren to pay the assessments on the society this year. This is a fact. There is nothing gained by closing our eyes to any real, frozen facts. But earnest, sensible people—and especially Methodist preachers—when they recognize a situation, sit down before it, capture it and turn it to the best account. Now what shall we do? I answer, first of all, that we must stand by the society. It has done too much good in the past to quit it at this crisis. Moreover, it is not just to those who have stayed with it all these years to cut them off when at last they are forced to become beneficiaries. We just cannot afford to do it! What then? I suggest that at Dallas we pass a resolution to allow the members to pay monthly or quarterly an installment on the assessment until the matter is wiped out. It is not at all likely that we will ever have such another run on our treasury. We never have had such a run before. Now, brethren, what do you think of this plan? I feel the burden keenly—all of you feel it—but in the name, not only of charity, but in the name of common sense, justice to the dead and to our honored supernuminate, let us not give up the ship.

JAS. W. HILL,
Pres. N. T. C. B.

SWITZER'S WOMAN'S COLLEGE AND CONSERVATORY.

It is the pleasure of the management of the school to report to the readers of the Advocate that the college and conservatory are both nearing the limit of attendance. Though we have excluded pupils under 12 years and corresponding grades, we have already enrolled 25 per cent more in the literary department than were in attendance at any time during the first session.

The instrumental music, with the same instructors, made its usual bound to the front the first morning, and is gaining accessions every day.

The voice class, under our Miss Owen, is growing and becoming very popular on account of the superior qualities of the teacher. She captured the school and the people by the excellency of her singing and skill in training the voices of her pupils. In her selection we have made the happiest hit of our life in that department. If our friends wish to get the benefit of her instruction they should apply soon. New pianos are furnished for practice throughout the building, and a grand for concert purposes.

The Art Department is well equipped with new kiln for china painting, and the studio and teacher are giving full satisfaction as heretofore. The department was a fine success last year with the same teacher.

The Election and Business Departments have opened better than the first session, and are expected to reach such a standard as to reflect great credit upon the school. Already about sixty sit around the family board with extended tables, and still there is room for more. We hope by our next communication to state that others need not apply. Therefore those contemplating an application for a place with us should write as soon as practicable, as it is likely that they will not have an opportunity very long.

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The San Antonio Female College opened last Tuesday at 10 a. m. After some very appropriate music, conducted by Mrs. Andrews, Dr. Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, read the Scriptural lesson, and Dr. Homer T. Wilson lead in prayer. The Methodist pastors of the city and quite a number of visitors, both from the city and a distance, were present.

Dr. Hyer, of Southwestern University, delivered the opening address. We have been hearing addresses on like occasions for many years, but never heard Dr. Hyer's address surpassed. It was not only instructive, but full of inspiration as well, and was much enjoyed by all.

Dr. Harrison spoke of the phenomenal growth of the institution from three boarding pupils at the opening in 1894 to the present enrollment of eighty boarding pupils on the first day. There were also present forty day pupils.

J. M. ALEXANDER.

Rev. C. D. Pipkin, of Matador, has just closed a great revival and he is following it up by placing the Advocate in the homes of his new members. He writes: "I feel the need of Advocate influence."

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The Sunday-School Department

Third Quarter, Lesson 13, Sept. 27.

REVIEW IN FIRST AND SECOND SAMUEL.

Golden Text: "The Lord is my light and my salvation."—Psalm 27:1.

Dr. Paul Whitehead in Sunday School Magazine:

In the lessons of the third quarter three famous men chiefly appear on the stage of action—Samuel, Saul, and David. The grand old prophet of God, the last of the theocratic rulers and Judges of Israel, performs his part nobly and faithfully, though sometimes in heaviness and apprehension of evil. His farewell address in the third lesson is a deliverance very suggestive of the manner of life that becomes a good Judge and faithful ruler. Saul is at first very attractive, but as he goes on in the development of his character, serious faults, and eventually great crimes, come to the front. His self-will and cruelty, his suspiciousness and unscrupulous use of power make a gloomy and repulsive picture. We can but lament his fall and be moved at the gloom and horror of his last days. David is indeed a romantic hero. What vicissitudes of fortune! What imminent dangers beset him! How narrow his escapes! How splendid his warlike achievements, from the overthrow of the giant to the surprise and discomfiture of the raiders on Kikkag! With some faults and weaknesses, he was, up to the time these lessons leave him, reigning over all Israel, the beau ideal of Jewish chivalry; the man who in that age was (at his best) "after God's own heart."

Can we study these lessons of real human life, so long ago, and not believe in the doctrine of the divine Providence in human affairs, overruling evil, maintaining and furthering the right, and in "the upshot and issue of things" glorifying God and bringing forth the establishment of righteousness and truth in the earth? Surely "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps!" He is too weak and short-sighted. Even with the best intentions, he is liable to the most serious errors and blunders. And the bad people of the world are crafty and dangerous. They dig pits for the unsuspecting righteous, and lie in wait for the innocent. Meanwhile, Satan, "as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour." Who can help the righteous in such a state of affairs? "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side," well may the believer in God say, "when men rose up against us; then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us; then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul." (Ps. 124.) The God of David and Samuel is "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Whether our adversities come from the enmity of men or the afflictions and disasters that belong to the ordinary course of things in a world of grief and pain, it is He, and He alone, who can deliver us and be "the strength of our heart and our portion forever."

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.

Rev. J. T. Smith, of Tyler, writes: "Here's for the Detroit 'gang' to meet in Dallas Fair Grounds. How would Sept. 20 do?" It seems that a majority favor the reunion, so we take the responsibility of hereby calling one, and authorize Mr. Ragsdale to name the date and make the arrangements. Bro. Ragsdale will please report through this column next week.

The New York District Board of Control is opening up a permanent bureau of information for the benefit of Leaguers coming to that city to live. For the present the Trustees of the Washington Square Church have granted the use of desk space at 133 West Fourth Street, Manhattan.

It is understood that a cabinet meeting of the State League officers will be held some time during this month.

The attention of League Presidents is again called to the statistics soon to be compiled by our pastors for their Annual Conference reports. See to it that the full strength of every League is reported.

It is gratifying to note the improved financial condition of the Epworth Era since the ten cent assessment was levied. The General Secretary reports a deficit of \$2954, as against \$6966 last year. Next year will probably show a credit instead of a deficit. Five hundred and fifty-six Leagues were chartered during the fiscal year, an increase of 82. The circulation of the Era is not stated, but is understood to be near the 20,000 mark.

G. W. T.

OUR QUESTION BOX.

1. Will you kindly furnish me a list of the officers of the State League Conference and their address?
 2. Also will you tell me how many of the conferences in the State are organized?
 3. And if you have the names and addresses of the North Texas League Conference officers, will you give me those also?
- Yours in League work,
ALMA RAWLINS,
Lancaster, Texas.

1. See directory at head of this department.
2. North Texas, West Texas and Texas Conferences.
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HOLSTON NOTES IN 1903.

The closing weeks of the conference year in Holston are passing quite rapidly to the workers in the field, as well as to the country supernuminate who has delayed making some notes for your readers too long already.

The session of the Holston Conference meets this year at Morristown, Tenn. This is a central place and a large attendance is expected. Bishop E. E. Hoss will preside for the first time in this his home conference. We expect him to be at his best, and he will have the cordial support of his brethren in all that he brings forward for the good of our Holston Methodism. His preaching among us will no doubt stir the hearts of our strong young men to higher attainments in the work of the Lord.

Mr. Editor, could you come in to see us and enjoy the fellowship of the brethren, while they change places, in the growing capital of Hamblen County, near to the hills and mountains where you spent your early life? We shall bid you thrice welcome to our Churches and our homes.

In general, our work in Holston has prospered and is being established and strengthened in the cities and larger towns. Revivals of religion have been numerous and the old time power has been upon the preachers in dispensing the truth, and many souls have been born again, as in other days. The preachers are much encouraged in their labors. Church buildings are going up and the places where the people worship are being tastefully adorned and made attractive to the hearers of the gospel. Schools for the higher education of the youth have been more thoroughly equipped and will more successfully educate the people who can avail themselves of these advantages. The financial obligations in most of the charges are being met more faithfully from year to year.

One of the great achievements of the present year is the combination of Emory and Henry, Martha Washington and Sullins Colleges under one management. A kind of a school syndicate, Rev. R. G. Waterhouse, for some time the President of Emory and Henry Colleges, becomes the Associate President of the Sullins and Martha Washington Colleges. Rev. W. M. Dyer, who has served a number of years as President of Martha Washington, becomes Vice-President of Emory and Henry and Associate President of Martha Washington and Sullins Colleges. Devoted to the education of girls and young women. Rev. T. R. Handy, who has for many years served the Church efficiently as presiding elder in various districts, becomes the Secretary and Financial Manager of Sullins College. At the last session of the conference he was returned to the Tazewell district, as presiding elder. This district embraced a large portion of the coal fields of West Virginia in the bounds of the Holston Conference, and is an interesting field for missionary work among the miners. Ten out of twenty-seven charges in this district are missions. All of these brethren are eminent as preachers and we need them in our chief pulpits, while engaged in college work. Dr. Waterhouse is specially gifted as a gospel preacher. It is no disparage-

ment to the others when we say he is the peer of any minister in Holston.

Rev. J. E. Lowry, who has been the active President of Hiwassee College for a number of years and at the same time filled one of the nearby charges as pastor will not undertake to do double work longer. He will devote himself entirely to the college or give up that position for the pastoral work in which he is one of the most successful of this conference.

"Old Hiwassee" has done much good work, and while not now under the direction of the conference, as in other years, will continue to be highly esteemed by our preachers and people, because of its good influence on the lives of so many in the Tennessee portion of the conference.

Rev. J. H. Summitt, who came to the conference in 1896, from the Lutheran Church, has been elected to a professorship in Hiwassee College, and will not take pastoral work next year.

Rev. W. S. Neighbors, who for two years has been in charge of the State Street Station at Bristol, Tenn., was elected to a professorship in Centenary College at Cleveland, Tenn., and we expected to lose him from the pastoral work, but he has declined the offer and will remain in the pastorate. His interest in education and his scholarly attainments would make him useful in any of the conference schools.

Rev. W. L. Patton, one of the younger ministers of the conference, was inclined to accept the charge of a school at Dandridge, Tenn., but the earnest efforts of the presiding elder prevailed on him to remain wholly employed in pastoral work, for which he is well adapted.

So the schools call not only for our strongest men of experience, but also for the younger members of the itinerant ranks, who are taken from the service of the Churches as pastors, and often spend the prime of life in the work of teaching, which our consecrated laymen might do to advantage. It is hard to make a rule suitable to every case, but it now seems best, to this scribe, that effective, useful men in the pastorate, capable of great success as evangelists, should hold on to the commission as preachers of the Word.

This is the camp-meeting season in this country, but so far as informed there are very few meetings held on the old grounds so greatly blessed in former years. "Jonesville," in Lee County, Va., and "Cane Creek," in McMinn County, Tenn., still hold on, but others have been discontinued. The old-time circuits are not often found. Agriculture in East Tennessee seems to be on the wane. The most enterprising of the farmers sons go out to the West to find better lands or seek employment in cities where better wages are obtained. The circuit composed entirely of rural Churches is hard to keep up. The loss from removals often exceeds the gain from conversions and accessions. The country preachers are much discouraged and gladly leave the country charges and get a station or mission in some place with a growing population.

With Methodism is as much as ever bound to carry the gospel to those who remain in the old settlements. The children left in the old home must not be left without the gospel, which the fathers so gladly accepted in the past. It may be that a new era of circuit preaching may be demanded, but pay or no pay, the precious gospel must be borne to the farmers' homes of this country as the fathers of the Church bore it to the valleys of the Holston, Clinch and the French Broad in the early years of the 19th century. In 1803 there were seven charges in the Holston country, three in Virginia and four in Tennessee. Now the M. E. Church, South, has 166 in the same territory.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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God will certainly reward such faithfulness. I only continued the meeting at Basin Springs two days. The members did not want a meeting, judging by their conduct. My third Quarterly Conference was held at Rock Creek Sept. 5 and 6. The presiding elder preached five sermons, beginning Friday night. He was spiritual in all of his services. The people were entertained, pleased and edified by him in the pulpit and out. I closed the meeting Monday night. There was a poor turnout of members, owing to sickness, scarcity of money and in not taking the Texas Christian Advocate. Some did not know that the conference was to be at that time. Only \$16.85 was reported. Basin Springs and Shady Grove made no report. The principal cause is in the stewards for such shortness. I know that money is scarce and has been, but some have had money all along; and that the people are not very liberal towards the Church, etc.; but if some of them knew the needs and condition of the preacher and family they would respond. But if the stewards do not go to them and let them know the preacher's need they will not but little for their support. The preacher's hands are tied. He cannot go before the people in regard to his support.

Lone Oak.

W. T. Morrow, Sept. 12: We closed here last Sunday night the last of our round of meetings for the summer. It was a glorious success. The people tell me it is the best meeting held in the town in twenty years. It continued eighteen days, resulting in ninety conversions and reclamations and fifty additions to our Church. The first week in July we held services for eight night at Bois d'arc School House, resulting in fifteen conversions and eight additions. We held a union meeting with Rev. E. T. Neal, Presbyterian minister at Lawnsdale, for seven days, resulting in nineteen conversions and reclamations and five additions to our Church. Others will follow at this place. Our next meeting at Miller Grove first week in August was a great success, stirring the whole community and reaching some of the hardest cases. It resulted in forty-eight conversions and reclamations and ten additions to our Church. Our next meeting, immediately following above, at Twin Oak was the greatest revival they have had in that community for years. It resulted in fifty-four conversions and reclamations and thirty-six additions to our Church. The Lone Oak Circuit is afire with revival fire. Converts are still being secured in the prayer-meetings. Total results for the year are 360 conversions and reclamations, 155 additions to our Church, with quite a number yet who will join. A goodly number will join other Churches. We were assisted at Miller Grove, Twin Oak and Lone Oak by Rev. E. N. Parrish, a local preacher of Wesley Church at Greenville, Texas. While Bro. Parrish is a young man, a preacher only two years, he is a great success in revival work. He rendered us very efficient help and greatly endeared himself to our people. He will long be remembered among us. All our Church interests are taking on new life. Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings have increased in number and efficiency. We have a Senior and Junior League and Woman's Home Mission Society at Lone Oak. Will organize another Church near Lone Oak next week. We hope to be at conference with a gilt report on all lines.

Sherman Circuit.

Jas. O. Davis, Sept. 11: Our round of protracted meetings is completed. We had some gracious revivals. Rev. Dr. McFerrin, a Presbyterian, was with us at Pecan. Rev. J. D. Whitehead of Bells, Circuit, helped us at Greenwood. Rev. Minor Bounds, local preacher and a Georgetown student, at Friendship, and Rev. M. H. Read, of Denison, at Pleasant Valley. The preaching was of a high grade, barring my own efforts, and these brethren accomplished much good in the Master's name. Not one of the meetings could, by any means, be counted a failure, but that one just closed at Pleasant Valley deserves special mention. Such praising God is seldom seen. One night before Bro. Read was half done preaching the people shouted so he had to stop. No one could tell all that happened in the next few minutes. A little later we found ourselves still under the arbor; also found the preacher and several men and women calling for penitents. They came. Several were converted and they didn't make dry-eyed professions either. Looking over the whole charge, we report a healthy spiritual growth. We have a good Woman's Home Mission Society, three fine Sunday-schools and some excellent teachers. All of the collections ordered by the conference are in sight. We have never reported a deficit in our collections since being admitted on trial five years ago. Whether we ever do

or not, remains to be seen, but one thing is certain, we will do our best. Let the brethren who are behind in this district bestir themselves and enable our presiding elder to report: "Sherman District is out in full on all the collections." We can do it; and what we can do we ought to do. Now, brethren, are we such men as will do what we ought to do?

Deport.

W. R. McCarter, Sept. 10: We have finished our round of protracted meetings. Had great revivals all over our work. Our meeting at Milton was not satisfactory in some respects, but a few were converted and our people revived and strengthened. Our people over there came up and made provision for the payment of all claims against them for the support of the enterprises of our Church. Had a fine meeting at Halesboro. Bro. E. L. Egger, of White Rock Station, did the preaching and he did it well. He preaches with power, the Lord blessing his preaching in the conviction and conversion of sinners. Our people appreciated his earnest and faithful work. We had no ministerial help here at Deport until toward the close of the meeting. Bro. E. H. Casey, our "believed," came down and assisted us. He preaches with great power; the Lord blessed his work in the salvation of souls. During the meeting our people took possession of both parsonage and inmates. These people here at Deport know how to do things of this sort. They pounded us, stormed us, beat upon us with flour, coffee, sugar, salt, pepper, hams and did many other things too numerous to mention, for all of which we are and shall be thankful. I have just closed a fine meeting at Rugby, a community adjoining my work. About thirty converted; twelve joined our Church, with others to follow. Have had about 100 conversions and forty-five additions to date. Collections ordered by Annual Conference well provided for, with all the interests of the Church growing. We expect to carry good reports to conference. "So mote it be."

Marysville.

L. F. Palmer, Sept. 7: Our meeting at Van Slyke began August 22, continued to Sept. 1, at night. We were assisted by Bros. D. F. Rutherford, a local elder of Burns Mission, and Isbell, a local elder of Sanger and Valley View. They rendered effective service. There were four conversions and accessions to the Church. This was a good meeting, all things considered. Methodism has a hard struggle on Wolf Ridge. We have a faithful few who stand by the pastor. The first Sunday at 11 and at night we preached at Shiloh, a C. P. Church, purposing to continue, but it was deemed not wise. So we are at the parsonage for three or four days. Our fourth Quarterly Conference is to meet November 7 and 8, at Van Slyke. At this time we want the presiding elder and all the official members to be present that we may have an old-time Quarterly Conference. Our finances at present are far behind; the star of hope to get out has not appeared. And for the information of all concerned we will give some facts. In the first place an assessment was made for pastor's support which was \$350; to this was the presiding elder's claim of \$70, making a total of \$420. Of this amount Wolf Ridge has paid \$18.60; Spring Hill, \$4.50; Van Slyke, \$16.50; Liberty, \$34.25; Sivil's Bend, \$24.85; Marysville, \$36.25, making a total of \$134.95. Amount due the fourth quarter, \$285.05. The pastor will need all his claim on the circuit; it is meager if all paid; if not, he suffers great loss. Our purpose is to rustle for the collections until conference in order that this work may make a good showing. At present but little has been accomplished. We will suffer loss this year. Our members are moving off the work and those that come in their place are of a different Church. The only congregation that has prospered and added to its list is Marysville. We have loyal men and women, but not enough of them. We have two Sunday-schools doing well. We want to organize our young people into a League, also our women into a Home Mission Society. We have a noble lot of young ladies and girls in the work, and some of the boys are right promising.

Bells Circuit.

J. D. Whitehead: We have held the following protracted meeting this summer: Bells was the place our first meeting was held. Rev. W. H. Brown helped us in this meeting and he did some good, close preaching. Results: About twelve conversions and reclamations, four additions to our Church and the Church helped. Our second meeting was held at Everheart's Memorial, one of the prettiest country churches we ever saw. We had Rev. J. O. Davis to help us in this meeting. He did us most excellent work, both in the pulpit and altar. Rev. C. A. Spragins was with us at several services during this meeting and

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Center Circuit.

J. M. Perry: We have eight appointments and a large membership on this circuit. I have just finished my round of protracted meetings. It was indeed a hard campaign, lasting two months. Rev. J. M. Adams, of Center Station, preached a few times for us. He is a great preacher. His sermons were all good and very acceptable. Rev. W. A. Pounds, one of our local preachers, rendered me much valuable assistance in three of my meetings. He is a preacher of rare ability. Such local preachers as he are a blessing to the Church and to the world. We all love Bro. Pounds. My people at Lone Oak gave him a free-will offering of \$21.50, and at Shady Grove they gave him \$10.70. The rest of the preaching was done by the pastor of Center Circuit. God blessed the people wonderfully. Every appointment had a meeting and every meeting was a glorious revival. We have had 180 conversions and reclamations; have received 138 members into the Church and baptized 42 babies. We are now building a beautiful church of modern design, which when complete will be the handsomest country church in Shelby County. We expect to dedicate it at our fourth Quarterly Conference. All assessments against this charge will be paid in full. This is a great circuit. It is great in area, in numbers in natural resources and in possibilities. The man who may be appointed to this charge at the next conference will have royal and loyal people to serve. This has been the most fruitful year of my ministerial life. God has abundantly blessed our efforts, and to him be all glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

Golden Mission.

G. M. Fletcher, P. C., F. M. Galusha, Asst., Sept. 9: We began our meetings at Alba second Sunday in July. We ran here seven days; eight conversions; nine accessions, six by ritual, three by baptism. We went from here to Boyd School House; stayed seven days; seven conversions, eight accessions, five by ritual, three by baptism. From thence to Pleasant Ridge. Stayed here seven days; six conversions, five accessions, by ritual three, baptism, two. From thence to Golden first Sunday in August; stayed here thirteen days; ten or twelve conversions; nineteen accessions; by ritual, eight; by baptism, eleven. From thence to Davis Chapel; remained here seven days; no conversions; received two by ritual. We had sickness here and other things to contend with. I had to leave Bro. Galusha on Thursday to go to Quarterly Conference. When I got home I found my folks sick and did not get back to the meeting at all. So Bro. Galusha met me at our next place, which was at Mills Springs. Here we stayed only five days. There was so much sickness and the community was divided over the school matters. We had a very good meeting with those that attended, but no conversions, nor accessions. I think we will try it over again here. We went from here to Unity, our last meeting on the work, the fifth Sunday in August. Stayed

here eight days. Results: sixteen conversions, fifteen accessions; by ritual, eight; by baptism, seven. There are many good Methodist people in the bounds of Golden Mission, but the field is too large and too badly scattered for one man to cultivate successfully. Dr. Ridley, of Mineola, was with us part of the time at Alba, Golden and Unity. He rendered us valuable help, for which we feel under many renewed obligations.

Edom Circuit.

A. A. Kidd: In July we began our meeting at Union Grove. We held with Bro. Dawson, C. P., pastor. Penitents were converted at the mourner's bench and converts joined the Church. Then we came to Ben Wheeler. Here we had no preacher help at all. The Church worked and in seven days we had twenty-eight conversions at the mourner's bench and twenty-two joined our Church. Ben Wheeler Methodism is gaining constantly. This was a great meeting. Next we went to Shady Grove. Here Bros. L. B. Saxon and J. G. Killingsworth live. They were ready. We went to work and in ten days we had sixty conversions and forty-three joined our Church. Then came Ashburn camp-meeting. By this time we had utilized our material so that we had very few unconverted at the camp-meeting; fourteen conversions and five joined the Church. Dr. Packard, of Marvin, Tyler, helped us three days. He is a fine revivalist, an excellent preacher and a genial gentleman. Then we went to Tunnell's Chapel and held with Bro. McPhail, C. P., pastor. Here on Tuesday we got sick and had to come home on Thursday. Can't give the result of the meeting. We have battled with typhoid fever eighteen days, during which time Bro. J. T. Smith came to Edom and held our third Quarterly Conference and held our Edom meeting. We never got there at all. This was the first time in life we ever missed a Quarterly Conference or a protracted meeting. Next week Bros. L. B. Saxon and J. M. Brewer held a meeting at Marvin Chapel. Both the Edom and Marvin Chapel meetings were good. Several conversions and accessions; we can't give the number. Bro. Saxon is holding at Holly Springs this week. This meeting moves off nicely. All told we have had more than 100 conversions and about 95 accessions during the last quarter. We love the Advocate.

New Boston Mission.

J. B. Gregory, Sept. 10: For the last two months I have been sick, more or less most of the time, which deprived me of the privilege, pleasure and opportunity of engaging in and enjoying the summer protracted meetings and revivals. I had on program times set to hold four meetings; but alas! the hand of afflictions interposed and canceled all of the program, and for the first time in all my ministry I have been physically unable to engage in a protracted meeting in summer, but all ministers of long term service meet with such reverses at some time in life. Yet my work has not materially suffered other-

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GRAY.—On the 27th of May last one of the most useful and consecrated women of our Church passed to her reward in the person and character of Sister Mary I Gray, wife of Dr. G. W. Gray, after a protracted illness of several months. Sister Gray was born July 27, 1847, in Vernon, Hickman County, Tennessee. She was married to Dr. Gray on August 1, 1871, in Centerville, Tennessee. There were born to them three children, all of whom, with her husband, survive her—Mrs. Lila Wynne, the eldest, at whose home the mother passed away; Rev. Raymond Gray, a member of the North Texas Conference, and James D. Gray. Sister Gray gave her heart to God in early childhood. Thus from tender youth were the gifts of nature polished by the hand of grace. She united with the Methodist Church and was a member of it at her death. The consecration of Sister Gray's life had more to commend it than a verbal testimony; for not only in the work of the two ladies' societies was she a leading worker, but her knowledge of the Scriptures and a deeply religious life both fitted her for service and provoked her to activity. She was District Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of Terrell District, and Treasurer of the North Texas Conference Society at the time of her death. Many are the places made vacant by her absence, yet the currents of power that issue from holy living cannot be enclosed in the casket, but start with fresh energy when the lips are dumb and the heart is stilled. Such a life as hers did not need a deathbed testimony, for, though paralysis, the cause of her death, deprived her of speech and action, we know where she has gone. The surviving members of her family are all prepared in heart to join her in the "sweet bye and bye." Terrell Methodist Church shares with them the sense of personal loss. May special blessing rest upon the bereaved husband and children. Her pastor.

J. J. CLARK.

MARTIN.—Bessie Matilda Martin, daughter of Rev. C. A. Martin, pastor of Forest Home Mission, North Texas Conference, was born Jan. 4, 1888, and died at the parsonage at Bonanza, Texas, Aug. 9, 1903. She professed religion at the age of 11, and lived a consistent Christian until death. Bessie was one of the best girls I ever knew. When her mother, who is an invalid, was first taken down, she took charge of the affairs of the home and like the splendid daughter she was, cared for the sick mother and the other children patiently, gently and uncomplainingly. She toiled for her loved ones. In March last she was stricken down to die, lingering until Aug. 9, when she fell on sleep. Just before death she called the other children around her and advised and counseled them how to live. Gave directions for funeral; then, raising her eyes upward, said, "Look, papa; look, papa," thinking doubtless her papa could see what was revealed to her. Thank God for the pure, good life of this sweet girl. How sad the home since she has gone away; but, dear friends, do not weep, though she has gone. Thank God you know where to find her.

E. H. CASEY.

COPELAND.—Bro. James B. Copeland was born in Alabama, Aug. 3, 1831. His parents moved to Mississippi while he was an infant and moved to Rusk County, Texas, in 1849. He was married to Miss Kissiah Moon Nov. 16, 1854, and settled last near Blue Creek, where he resided until the time of his death, which occurred June 15, 1903. There were born unto them eight children. Three preceded him to heaven. Bro. Copeland professed faith in Christ about 1872, joined the M. E. Church, South, and was a consistent member until his death, serving as steward, and his house was a preacher's home. He was a good citizen, a good neighbor and an affectionate husband, a kind and indulgent father. His dying words were: "I feel like I am going home. O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?" And, after giving directions to his family and requesting them to meet him in heaven, he passed peacefully away. The funeral services were conducted in the Sardis Church by the writer, and the body laid to rest in the Sardis Cemetery to await the resurrection. He leaves five children and a wife, all on their way to heaven. May they not mourn as they that have no hope, for they shall see him again.

C. H. SMITH.

STYLES.—Robert Young Styles was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, May 9, 1873; came to Texas with his parents in 1877; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1892; was married to Miss Eva Claunch June 29, 1899; quit the walks of men and joined the blood-washed throng in heaven July 20, 1903. Such is a brief sketch of a noble son, a kind husband, a good neighbor and an exceptionally consistent member of the Church. His young life was never soiled by a wild career too common in youth. His father's home was his home, and a mother's love his chief delight till he quit that sacred place to look upon the light that gleamed from his own hearthstone. Even then when sickness invaded the old home and the father lay prostrate upon a bed of continued languishing, Robert's young and dutiful hands ministered help till the worst was over. His remarkable equipoise of character was many sided. The dutiful son made the dutiful husband and exemplary member of the Church. Glad in habiliments of mourning the young and sorely bereaved wife recounts the virtues that shone so brilliantly in her departed husband. The star of her earthly hope sets behind a providential frown while the fires of grace kindle fresh in her heart. Bro. Styles was a victim to humanity's worst foe, consumption. For months before his death he saw the drawn bow and the arrow upon the string that was to end his earthly existence; but he wavered not, for his trust was in Jesus. With calmness and fortitude he met death in the name of Him who had gone to the grave before him and had left in it a long and sweet perfume. His dying testimony was that of the exultant warrior triumphing over the lost foe. The struggle ended and the chariot wheels stood still while angels bore a departed spirit aloft to the bosom of the Father.

J. J. CANAFAX.

ARDIS.—Lena May, daughter of J. L. and Ella C. Ardis, was born Aug. 21, 1897, and died Aug. 18, 1903. It is with unusual sorrow and sympathy for the bereaved parents that I write this tribute to their precious little girl, Lena May, whose death occurred at Longview, Texas, Aug. 18, 1903, while on a visit there. Nearly every one in Palestine knew and loved this pretty little cherub, and her sudden transition from a happy and joyous life on earth to that beyond the grave was a distressing shock to the whole community, and with bowed heads and aching hearts her and her parents' many friends share the grief that words can never describe. She had been sick but a short time with diphtheria. Everything that medical skill and loving attention could do failed to check its ravages, and the pure soul of this lovable and bright little darling took its flight to the world celestial. Nothing strikes the heart of the writer as does the death of a little child, no matter whose it may be, for to loving parents, be they high or low, the same despairing heart anguish is experienced in surrendering their precious burdens to the God who gave them. I knew and loved her from babyhood, and enjoyed with peculiar pleasure her merry, sweet, childish mannerisms. May she in her glorious transformation be the guardian of her parents and relatives and shed upon them the same precious influence that she did in her brief and tender little life on earth.

A FRIEND, Palestine, Texas.

HOPKINS.—Death was robbed in smiles when John L. Hopkins, of Beaumont, Texas, went to meet his Maker on Aug. 25, 1903. He passed away with words of cheer and comfort to his grief-stricken family. Bro. Hopkins was born in Alabama in 1862. His parents moved to Texas in 1875. John was a good and obedient child, and when he married Miss Alma Whitehead it was to make a devoted and kind husband and father. His death we truly lament, and his aged mother, wife and four children have our heartfelt sympathy.

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C. H. SMITH.

ROGERS.—Susan Rogers was born Feb. 5, 1842, in Hawkins, Tenn., and died at her home in Jolly, Clay County, Texas, Aug. 25, 1903. In 1865 she married David Rogers. God blessed this union with ten children, only three of whom survive her. At the early age of 15 Sister Rogers professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. During all these years till God has said, "It is enough, come up higher," she has so loved that none have known her but to love her, and none of us remember her but to bless her memory. By her quiet but loving and sympathetic life she has witnessed not only to her profession, but likewise to her possession of the true religion. In her life she made earth brighter and happier, by her death she brought heaven nearer and made it seem dearer to us who follow on. She was not sick long, but suffered intensely though patiently. She retained a desire and determination to get well up to within a day of her death. At last, realizing that the end was drawing near, she called her loving husband and children to her, urged them to meet her up yonder, bade all good by, requested her pastor to hold her funeral, and closed her eyes to this world forever. Those of us who knew her have no doubt that she now enjoys that rest which remaineth to the people of God. We cannot, nor would we, call her back to us, but we can, and may by the grace of God push onward and upward till we shall meet and greet her again in that land without sin and sorrow, where partings shall never come. Her pastor.

GEO. C. FRENCH, Henrietta, Texas.

CASTEEL.—Shadwick Monroe Casteel was born Aug. 26, 1838, and died July 19, 1903, aged 65 years. He professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 18 years. He was married to Miss Alice Raglin when 20 years old. From this union five children were born. One child and wife have preceded him to the better land. He was married the second time to Miss Martha English in the year 1878. Bro. Casteel was a true, devoted husband, a loving father, a consecrated Christian, a man full of the Holy Ghost. In his death the home has lost a true husband and father, the Church one of her best members, and the community one of its best citizens. Brother and Sister Casteel's home was the preacher's home, and they always received a pleasant welcome. Many were the friends of the deceased who at the funeral wept with the bereaved ones; but wept not as those who have no hope. May his death so triumphant, encourage all his loved ones to follow him, as he followed Christ. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. They rest from their labor and their works follow them.

F. E. SHANKS, Pastor.

PUTNAM.—Jabel B. Putnam died at the home of his son near English, Red River County, Texas, June 29, 1903. He was born in South Carolina, April 11, 1818; moved with his family to Williamson County, Tennessee, when he was 5 years old, and there grew to manhood, and was married to Miss Lourena Lamb in 1840. To them were born six children, three of whom survive him. He moved to Weakley County, Tennessee, in 1842, and the next year professed religion and joined the Methodist Church, in which he lived a faithful member till death, except a short time in Missouri, where he had no access to his own Church, and for the time was a member of the Congregational Methodist Church. His Christian life was characterized by steadiness and persistence, though he was never demonstrative.

J. A. WYATT.

PENNINGTON.—Mrs. Beulah Pennington, daughter of J. W. and Mary Spence, was born Feb. 25, 1880. She fell asleep in Jesus Aug. 31, 1903; embraced religion in 1892, and joined the M. E. Church, South, the same year, and remained a useful member until death. She was married to Jim Pennington Feb. 7, 1897. To this union was born one little girl. It can be truthfully said of her, as it was said of Mary of old, "She has chosen that good part which cannot be taken away from her." She was devoted to her husband and child. She loved the Church and served her God. We would say to the husband and child, "Live so as to meet her in a better world." Her sister,

LULA SPENCE.

WOODELL.—The sad death of Mrs. Fannie Woodell, which occurred Friday night, Aug. 21, 1903, was one of the saddest things in town. She was a Christian. She lived a Christian life since childhood, and joined the M. E. Church, South, when quite a child, and remained a useful member until death called her. She leaves a whole host of friend and relatives, who hope they will meet her at the beautiful gates of heaven, and two children to honor her grave and their father's grave, who has gone many years past. May God be with them that they may meet them there. Her little niece,

AMANDA SPENCE.

WEEKS.—Bro. W. S. Weeks was born Dec. 29, 1829, in Tennessee. When a child he with his parents moved to Mississippi, later to the Territory, and thence to Texas, where he has since resided. He was thrice married. First to a Miss Moore, who bore him two children; second to a Mrs. College, who bore him nine children, and then to Mrs. M. A. Knox, who still survives him. For forty years prior to his death he lived a consistent and exemplary Christian life. On the day of his burial a man who had known Bro. Weeks about twenty-five years said to me: "You cannot speak too highly of Bro. Weeks, for if ever there was a true Christian man he was one." So loved and respected by those who knew him, and, best of all, at peace with God. Bro. Weeks has passed from among the walks of men out into the great beyond to try the unalterable laws of vast eternity. Peace be to his dust, and may the Lord raise up many more like unto him to bless their country. His pastor.

A. W. HALL.

BOSHART.—Mrs. Mary Lee Boshart died near Mena, Red River County, Texas, Sept. 4, 1903. Her maiden name was Tidwell. She was born in Marshall County, Alabama, Sept. 6, 1861, and was married to J. D. Boshart Dec. 25, 1883. To them were born eight children, all of whom, with her husband, survive her. She had given herself to God, but had not joined the Church. She was intending to do so as soon as opportunity afforded.

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