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## Editorial.

### THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE CONFERENCE SESSION.

There is no gathering of men comparable to that of an Annual Conference session. Its fellowship is immense. It is something like a great family reunion. But in connection with its good fellowship it has business to attend to of an important character. Not least among its items is the stationing of the several preachers. To them this is a serious matter. The work is entrusted by the Discipline of the Church to the Bishop who presides. Of course he has to depend largely upon the members of his cabinet for the information of the needs of the several charges and for his knowledge of the ability and aptitude of the men to be appointed. Not every man will fit every work. But there is a man for every work in the conference if the Bishop and his advisers can succeed in bringing him and the work together. Wherever there is a perfect fit in these matters good results will follow, but when either the man or the work is out of harmony, then there is jolting and jarring all the year. Therefore the Bishop and his cabinet have to be on the alert lest these misfits occur. It often happens that many brethren are not pleased with the works at first blush to which they are assigned. And it once in awhile falls out that a brother gets hurt in his appointment, and he holds somebody responsible for it; and on the other hand, a work sometimes gets hurt by the assignment of the preacher. Then the fault falls back on the authorities. But we take it that no man is ever hurt intentionally, neither is any work ever advisedly afflicted. These things occur because men are fallible. They labor under the law of limitation. After they have done their best, then misfits are found to have occurred. We have never been able to believe that a Bishop or a presiding elder ever intentionally makes himself the instrument of affliction to any man or to any work. They have no motive for that sort of business. They could not be the servants of God and do such a thing. Wherever such a result is reached it comes of a lack of the real knowledge of the facts, or of faulty judgment—not a mean heart. Therefore the Bishop and his advisers always need to exercise the most scrupulous and painstaking care in the assignment of the preachers to their charges. It makes no difference how small and out-of-the-way the charge may be, or how unobtrusive and obscure the position of the man may be, they are both entitled to the clearest judgment and the most painstaking discrimination possible upon the part of those in whose hands the destiny of the man and the charge is placed. No unconscious partiality ought to obtain in the cabinet—we take it for granted that there is no intentional partiality—but every man ought to be gauged by his ability and aptitude to do work. In any event, should mistakes occur, let every brother who thinks that he is a victim of them be patient and forbearing, and it may be that in the end the very

best thing has been done for him that was possible. If the Holy Ghost is in the hearts of the cabinet and the preachers, then out of the appointments God will, in his own way, bring good to us all and glory to his Church. Therefore let all of us go to our conference sessions with the Church rather than self in view, and we will find less to criticise in the work accomplished. God will do the best that can be done for us and his kingdom through the agencies at his command.

### THINGS THAT MONEY CAN NOT BUY.

Money is the medium of exchange and with it we purchase the things we need. The world has come to place great store by it, and the love of it is said to be the root of all evil. Like all other blessings, money is open to great abuse. To obtain it men often become dishonest, and through its power they frequently degenerate into oppressors of the poor and the needy. Yet when honestly obtained and rightfully used it is a wonderful blessing. The influence of money on domestic, social, commercial and political interests is marvelous indeed. Owing to this fact we have denominated it the almighty dollars. But notwithstanding these facts, there are things that money can not buy. One of them is character. This is a growth and into its warp and woof there enter the elements of sobriety, truthfulness, honesty, industry, virtue, love, gentleness, patience and the like. These are not purchasable quantities. However rich we may become we can not obtain any one or all of these through the medium of money. They are inherent in correct and righteous living. They spring out of faith in God and devotion to the law of rectitude. And we rejoice to know that the poorest of the poor in this world's goods can become possessed of these splendid principles. When they have wrought out their results we have character. Character is above rubies. No money value can be placed upon it. It is human life at its maximum good. Neither can we buy our way permanently into the confidence and friendship of the noblest and the truest of home circles. Access to these can only come through merit and worthiness. We have an illustration of this fact in the confidence and esteem in which as ministers of Christ we are received, without question, into the homes of good people. They receive us because we represent Christ. No other class of men enjoy such favors. And we do not receive them because we are men, but because we are the disciples of our Lord. It is in fulfillment of a promise he has made, to-wit: "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." To-day the worthy ministers of Christ literally realize the truthfulness of this promise. We have left everything for his name's sake. We have given up fathers and mothers and houses and lands and turned our whole thought to the one thing of preaching his everlasting gospel. We have no houses in our own actual names.

We can not accumulate money and prepare for ourselves and our loved ones the luxuries and the comforts common to other thrifty people. Nevertheless we find these blessings at our command. The homes of our people are thrown open to us, and we enjoy their full hospitality without money and without price. The very best they have they give to us. They do it because we are the chosen servants of our divine Master. There is not money enough in the world to buy such a right-of-way to the homes and the hearts of these noble and good people. And just here is where we find more than compensation for all that we lose in the gifts of this world when we forsake all and follow Christ. Therefore, after all is said, there are things of intrinsic value that money can not buy. These are the durable and the abiding things. After money has perished and after the things that money can purchase are faded and gone, these inestimable blessings remain. Then let us place store by character with all its boundless possessions of true and incorruptible wealth.

### IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

There are two answers to this question. First, if we have such a low and sinful view of life as to prostitute it to vile uses, then we take all its interest and value out of it and there is nothing left to it but misery and compunction. It is not a very difficult matter to follow a course of this sort and find nothing in life desirable. We make it a curse instead of a blessing, a misfortune rather than a benediction. We simply and deliberately throw it away, and there is nothing left to us but a desolate wreck and a woeful failure. But the cause of this result is found in ourselves, and not in the life which God has given us. We so use it as to turn it aside from the purpose involved in its gift. Through our own indifference, or vice, or willful criminality, we thwart the plan of Providence and pursue an unwise and evil one of our own. Then, so far as we are concerned, we will come to the conclusion that life is not worth living. But we have made it such by our own choice and conduct. The responsibility for its failure and ruin rests rightfully upon our own heads and hearts. But there is another answer to the question of a different character. The richest and most sacred gift that God can bestow upon us is the gift of life. It carries with it wisdom, happiness, service, development and salvation. When we use it according to God's idea and plan it is a blessing to us and a benediction to mankind. We begin it under the power of sin, it is true, but we can repent as soon as we are conscious of our condition, accept Christ as a personal Savior, experience the power of regeneration, become heirs of the family and household of God and turn the whole course and capabilities of life into the channel of righteousness and wisdom. Then there opens before us an opportunity for devotion to truth and rectitude in our own personal experience and efforts, and an equal devotion to the interests of those with whom we come into contact. In these spheres we find an ever-enlarging field for our own

growth in virtue, sobriety, gentleness and love, and for our ever-increasing usefulness to the community and the world in which we live. Such a life makes the world better and brighter as it passes through it, and it leaves an enduring monument to all that is true and beautiful and good in conduct and character. Taking this view of the matter, we gladly say that life is worth living. It enhances its own value and it divides its excellence with all whom it touches. This is the great end of life. God had nothing else in view when he bestowed it upon men and women. And wherever you find life in the richness and luxury of its development, you find God among men. In this way he manifests his glory in and to the world. Only the misanthrope and the moral pervert take the opposite view of this important question. But those who love God, believe in Christ, have the witness of the Spirit and obey the Scriptures, find perfect happiness and joy in the present world, and they have the promise of life and bliss eternal in the world to come. To all such life is more than worth living. To them all its woes, afflictions, burdens and heartaches have their compensation in the promise that all things work together for good to them who love God, and the benedictions which come to us more than offset life's present ills and misfortunes.

The world is making rapid progress, knowledge is on the increase and the mind of man is becoming more and more acquainted with the laws of nature, but sin is the same to-day that it was in the beginning. Wherever it obtains in the human heart the gospel of Christ is its only remedy. Nothing in the way of knowledge, or genius, or discovery, or self-improvement will ever be able to extract it from the blood except an experimental acquaintance with Christ as the Savior of men. He alone can forgive sin and restore the soul to its normal relation with God.

Affliction is not always a calamity, though it is an experience in which we find but little pleasure—in fact, none. Yet it is God's crucible in which he frequently places his children for purposes of refinement. True, that affliction is usually the result of our own violation of law, or of our own thoughtlessness; nevertheless the good Father above uses it as a means to an end. That end is his glory and our good. Hence through this sort of experience he frequently does for us a service that could not be accomplished through prosperity or health. If we submit to his will the best results possible will come of these untoward experiences.

The human mind is finite and the human senses are imperfect. In matters of religion we can not rely upon these without supplementing them with higher help. God is infinite. He has no law of limitation to operate upon his will and acts. Therefore we need to bring our wills and senses into harmony with the Divine will, and then our limitations are more than met by God's wis-

# The Sabbath in Danger.

By Andrew Henry Bezzo.

Ex. 20:8-11: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," etc.

## Whence is the Sabbath?

It was instituted at the creation. Gen. 2:2-3. Humanity began life by resting on the Sabbath. The first day after the creation of Adam and Eve was a Sabbath of rest, and from the very first the law has been in force. It was renewed at Sinai, and took its place side by side with the nine other commandments, being one of the ten which God wrote with his finger upon the table of stone. It was renewed; not because God had consented that it be laid aside for a time as of unnecessary observance, but because the children of Israel while in bondage to the Egyptians had not observed the law—could not have observed it had they chosen. Four hundred years is a long time for a law to be in abeyance and then become operative, but the Lord would have it understood that "no jot nor tittle" of his law should pass without his own repeal. The Israelites as a whole, during the last century or so of their captivity, had probably forgotten—nay, doubtless many of them never knew—that such a law as that of the Sabbath had ever existed. Had it not been intended that it be perpetuated, it would seem to have been a good time to drop it at the end of four hundred years of unuse.

This law has never been repealed. I appeal to reason. It could have no binding power without authority behind it. It gets its authority from its framer. If I decree, "Every man in Texas shall regularly fish on Saturdays from 3 to 5 p. m.," it will not avail; I have no right to make such a decree. But had I power to make such law, then it must stand until I repeal it, or until another, with equal authority, does so. An inferior does not repeal his superior's law. God has not repealed this law. We can not evade the certainty of his having mentioned a thing of such paramount importance to us had he done so; but he has made no such mention; nay, the reverse is true, for Christ saith, "one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." The Sabbath was given man as a day of rest, and it is absurd to think it would be taken from him so long as the need of it remains.

I plead for its authority. It stands where God placed it, side by side with the law prohibiting lying, and stealing, and killing, and who shall say the others avail while this is void? Is not the interdiction to labor on the Sabbath as explicit as the proscription of theft? Is not the "thou shalt not" as binding in the fourth commandment as it is in the sixth, or the seventh, or the eighth? How high must I pile my gold, piece on piece, to tempt you to come in the darkness of the night and curse your covetous palm with that which is mine? How full must I crowd my purse to tempt you to turn highwayman and take a life for lucre's sake? But change the question, hang up the balance; put the fourth commandment—the law prohibiting Sabbath-breaking—into the pan on one side the scales, and how many dollars, or cattle, or sheep, will you have to put in the other pan to overbalance it? How much is God's law worth?

## What are the Demands of the Sabbath?

1. That it be kept holy to the Lord. It is indispensable to the spiritual life of any people that there be one certain day of the week which shall be regularly observed as a day of public gathering together for religious worship. After six days' struggle with the world, our minds bent upon the "wherewithal shall we be fed and clothed," not one of us but needs the blessed reaction that comes of a day of rest and worship, and if it be taken away from us—or what is equal to it, if it be not observed—even the best of us will become sordid and selfish, and in a little while will be saying, "He seeth not; He doth not regard;" or "Where is the promise of His coming?" It is inseparably bound up with the life of the Church which will not, cannot, live as a spiritual power without it.

2. That it be observed as a day of rest from all worldly pursuits whether for pleasure or profit. Secular affairs are proscribed, the "doing ordinary work, or buying or selling." We condemn the merchant who keeps open door on the Sabbath, but have little to say of him who buys. A community will sometimes rise against a man and compel him to close on the Sabbath and stop selling, when it is obvious that were there no buyers he could not sell. Both alike are guilty.

Judas sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver; some of us sell his day for

a much less sum. When I was a pastor in the Memphis Conference one of our members drove four miles to a neighbor's field and cut wheat all day on Sunday. It was not a case of the proverbial "ox in the ditch," but a case of a ten-dollar bill. He sold his Lord's day for ten dollars. Says Mr. Watson: "It is a shame that the only day God has reserved to himself should be grudged to him, trenched upon by every petty excuse of convenience, interest or sloth, and pared down and negotiated for in the spirit of one who seeks to overreach another. Of this we may rest assured, that he who is most anxious to find exceptions to the general rule, will, in most cases, be a defaulter upon even his own estimate of the general duty."

## Will the Sabbath as a Day of Rest be Perpetuated, or Will it Decay?

"Coming events cast their shadows before." A physician diagnoses his case by the symptoms of the disease. So I ask, What are the indications in our country? Do they point to the perpetuation of the Sabbath as a day of rest, or to its decay?

1. As to the large factories and manufacturing establishments. In nearly all our large cities, especially in the North, are many large factories in which hundreds of hands are employed. We come to the manager of one of these great factories whose furnaces are glowing hot day and night, and say to him, "To-morrow is Sunday; shut down."

"Impossible!"  
"Why impossible?"  
"Because we could not get our furnaces hot enough to resume work before Tuesday morning. It would cost us \$500.00 to shut down." But I should like him to answer this: Has a man the right habitually to have so much business that it can not be attended to in the only time the great Maker of all time has allowed for it? Dare any man for the sake of lucre enter upon a business that cannot be conducted in six days out of every seven? But thousands of factory hands know no Sabbath but the Sabbath of the calendar.

2. The railroads. This embraces both the employees and the people who travel on the Sabbath. We say to them, "Stop your trains on Sundays."

"Impossible! The world would stand still if we did; besides it would cost —"

The same question again! Weighing the law of God against dollars and dimes.

Catechism: "What is the chief end of man?" Ans. To make lots of money and have a good time. Isn't that about the way the world answers it?

3. Individuals. Their number is legion. The worldly people have little conscience about Sabbath-breaking. They consider it little worse than thousands of things that they do. The masses are not in the habit of working on the Sabbath, not because they have high regard for the law of God, but because they prefer to rest one day in seven. It is to be feared that they are not for the Sabbath, but against it, as will appear from the following: There is but one right way of observing the Sabbath, and that is as a day of rest and worship. It demands a ceasing of all worldly pursuits, whether for pleasure or profit. Are not the worldly people bent upon seeking mere pleasure on that day? or at least the most of them the most of the time? As a whole they care little for the sin of Sabbath desecration. It is like a hundred other things that they do that they know are not right, but they make no pretention to religion, and it goes along with all the rest. In some of the States, Texas, for instance, I understand the civil law places no restriction on hunting and fishing on the Sabbath. And where a State has thrown wide the gate for the contempt of a law, will not many of the people readily go through? And then there are thousands who, although they do not make a practice of it, yet will not hesitate upon occasion, when no actual necessity exists (say, if a flock of quail or a deer come near the house), to make unlawful use of the day. I believe that the sanction of State laws and habit and custom have so minimized this law in the eyes of the people that many of them say in practice, "The law of the Sabbath don't amount to much, and it isn't very wrong if you do trespass upon it a little once in a while." But apply this attitude toward the other laws: The law of adultery don't amount to much, and it isn't very wrong if you do trespass upon it a little once in a while. The law of theft don't amount to much, and it isn't very wrong if you do steal a little once in a while.

There is just one class of people that stands for the true observance of the Sabbath, and they are greatly in the minority. It is the Church people.

If the Sabbath is saved to us as a day of rest and worship, the Church must do it. She has this battle to fight against "the world, the flesh, and the devil," but she will conquer if she will be true. "Ay, there's the rub!" We are harassed by the traitor within the camp. With the foe inside we are in great danger. The place for the Church is in the world, but when the world gets into the Church, it is like to prove another case of dragging the wooden horse within the walls of Troy. The Church should take such a stand for the law of the Sabbath as to awaken a public conscience upon this question. Every pulpit in the land should ring with no uncertain sound, and every one of our communicants should take such a stand for it that no one of our members can trespass upon it without feeling that he is condemned for it by every member of the society to which he belongs. Sabbath morning dawns, and a question presents itself to the world. Is it, How can I best worship Him to-day? or is it, How can I best amuse myself to-day? Which of the two questions presents itself to the masses? Is it not, Where can I go, or what can I do, to have the best time? And do not the masses act according as they answer this question; and is this question confined to the worldlings? I lament that it is not. Which way do the indications point?

## What is the Tendency of Child-Training as Regards the Sabbath?

As I have just assumed, the masses of the people seek to have the best time possible on the Sabbath, and make of this holy day a day of pleasure rather than a day of rest and worship. Witness the numberless picnics, and excursions, and balloon ascensions, and baseball games on the Sabbath, and the great crowds that attend them. The child that has been carefully trained in a Christian home to regard the Sabbath as a day of sacred rest and worship will not readily leap to such desecration. There are a great many games, as baseball, checkers, etc., that may be played for innocent amusement at the proper time, but they are proscribed on the Sabbath. Most Church people will look askance if they see such games as baseball played by grown-up people upon that day, as there is a sentiment that such games should not be played upon the Sabbath, but then baseball is not played by little children. Also we are agreed that men should not hunt and fish on the Sabbath; it is wrong. Why is it wrong? Because God has said, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." To whom did he say it? Why—to none but grown-up people. Of course it isn't wrong for innocent little children to amuse themselves on Sunday by playing at anything. Then the law against lying, and swearing, and stealing, and killing must also have been spoken only to grown-up people, for they stand side by side. The reasoning is like this:

It is wrong for a man to break the Sabbath, not wrong for a child.

Wrong for a man to lie, not wrong for a child.

Wrong for a man to swear, not wrong for a child.

Wrong for a man to steal, not wrong for a child.

Wrong for a man to murder, not wrong for a child.

This is the gist of the matter: the child that is allowed to enjoy his common week-day sports on the Sabbath is in splendid training for a Sabbath-breaker when he becomes a man, and it will be rather hard to make the boy understand that it is wrong for him to play ball on this Sabbath when it was not wrong last Sunday. If there ever was a Sunday when it was not wrong, and yet it is wrong now, then there must have been one last Sunday when it was not wrong, and the next one when it was. He wants to know how it is; can you satisfy him? Your reply to his sensible question would likely be, "Hush, and gon on and do as I tell you." But he isn't satisfied, and having permitted it all his life, you will hardly be able to stop him now. Give your boy a toy pistol and let him snap it around on the Sabbath, or a little harmless air gun, and let him amuse himself by shooting at the little birds with it; when he gets large enough for a gun will he not logically reason that if it was not wrong to snap a toy pistol, or shoot a little air rifle on the Sabbath, it cannot be wrong to shoot a gun? He goes out and succeeds in shooting a rabbit. You upbraid him, and he begins to ask questions:

"Was it wrong to snap my little toy pistol on Sunday?"

"No, I reckon not."

"Is it wrong to shoot a shotgun on Sunday?"

"Yes," (very decidedly.)

"Why?"

"Because it is wrong to hunt on Sunday."

"If I had taken my little air rifle it wouldn't have been wrong."

"N—"

"What makes the difference?"

"Why, you killed a rabbit."

"If I had missed, it wouldn't have been wrong, would it?"

"Why—why—you are larger now—and a shotgun is so loud."

"But if I had a shotgun that wouldn't make any noise, it would not be wrong, would it? Did the Lord say not to make a noise on Sunday?"

"You have got too large to have a gun on Sunday."

"Was it wrong when I was little?"

"I—suppose not."

"When did it stop being right and get to be wrong?"

"Why—look here, sir! You set down, and you git to gittin' your Sunday-school lesson, 'n put away that gun or I'll wear you out!"

But you haven't satisfied him, and you haven't reformed him.

Again I ask, What are the indications, and do they point to the perpetuation of the Sabbath as a day of rest, or to its decay?

I paraphrase just a little: for—

"Tis early training shapes the tender mind.  
"As bends the little twig the tree's inclined."

As water follows in the course it's led,  
As streams take flavor from their fountain head,

As speeds the ball, train'd true from rifle's bore,  
As feasts the mind when upward trained to soar,

As floats the ship that's built to ride the storm,  
As flees the darkness from the flushing morn,

As floats the seafowl on the bursting wave,  
As hovers sorrow o'er the bride's new grave,

As swells the diapason of the deep,  
When angry, storm-toss'd clouds o'er ocean sweep,

So grows the tree from twig, or weak, or strong;  
So grows the man from boy, or right or wrong;

With broaden'd mind, his powers upward sending,  
Or narrow'd soul, his footsteps hiltward bending.

Sterling City, Texas.

## AN OLD CHURCH.

H. G. H.

In the late death of A. H. Mitchell, D. D., at Sumnerfield, Ala., aged over 90 years, we have noted the fact that he was born in Milledgeville, Ga., the city that became the capital of the State. That town was put into a circuit in 1806, about the time Lovick Pierce was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference. Bishop Asbury and Jesse Lee preached in the then new town before the old church was built.

When the old church of the town was built does not appear on record. Jesse Lee preached in the courthouse there in 1806. The church occupies a commanding position immediately north of the old State House, a circle of lots being donated by the State in 1802 around north and west side of the Capitol for all the Protestant Churches, the Romish Church not having at that time appeared in that new country.

The noted Dr. Mitchell, whose name is mentioned in the first part of this article, doubtless attended his first Sunday-school in this old church. He was admitted on trial at the first Georgia Conference ever held, Macon, Ga., Jan. 5, 1831, at same time with George Forster Pierce, and was sent to LaGrange Circuit with Isaac Boring, brother of Jesse Boring, Mitchell being junior preacher. From same conference George Foster Pierce was sent as junior preacher on the Alevi Circuit with Jeremiah Freeman. LaGrange Circuit reported at end of the year nearly 800 additions.

Bishop Wm. Capers was pastor of this Church before the building was started and while the Creek and Cherokee Indians were yet in possession of Upper Georgia and parts of Alabama.

At the altars of this old church building Stephen Olin knelt and was consecrated to the ministry by the hands of Bishop McKendree.

In the old building large side galleries were erected for the colored people who worshipped here by the hundreds. On the north end was an upper class-meeting room, and in that room, by the light of one tallow candle, this writer delivered his first exhortation to nine old colored women in 1856.

As the town grew that old church became a famous preaching place for many of the noted men of Georgia and of other States. In its tall and old-fashioned pulpit this writer heard Dr. Lovick Pierce preach ten sermons on the Ten Commandments, each sermon being about two hours in length.

We have seen two hundred men and women converted at its altars, from which number went out ten or twelve preachers.

Besides a long list of regular pastors, we call to mind a few men who have preached from its old pulpit: Bishop Pierce, Bishop Soule, Dr. Jesse Boring, Allen Turner, Samuel M. Meek, Sam Anthony, C. A. Evans, Dr. J. W. Hinton, Bishop Andrew, Bishop Elliott of the Episcopal Church; Hope Hull, Caleb W. Key, W. G. Connor (who died in Texas), all these before the war, besides John W. Glenn and Wm. I. Parks.

The old singers in this church in early days were Everett Pierce, Col. N. C. Barnett (Secretary of State for

Georgia for forty years) and John W. Sneed. The old hymns used to make the walls echo, especially when all the negroes joined in old-time chorus.

In this old church we have seen and heard an hundred persons shouting at the same time.

The great revivalist, Wm. Arnold, did some of the last preaching of his long life from this old pulpit, stopping now and then in the midst of his sermon to sing a fine verse, with the tears streaming down his cheeks.

Those were the days of exhorters, and we had them in Jimmy Duncan, Daniel Hendrix and July Campbell (colored), who used to warn the white people to flee the wrath to come.

In those early days such a thing as a revival meeting without the conversion of souls was unknown. I saw old Col. Combs (who weighed 300 pounds) converted at that altar one day. He got happy, rolled about and shook the house. That old building has done well its part in helping hundreds of saints to land safely on the golden shore.

## WORKERS FOR THE LORD.

From the teaching of God's word, we believe Christians ought to work according to Divine appointment. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." The work and the workers belong to God, who giveth according to the ability of the worker. To some he gives one talent, to others many. Our Lord has small tasks (as we sometimes call them) to be performed, and the worker who is assigned such should be as earnest and as diligent as he who has the greater work. The responsibility of one worker is as great as the other, because God demands the best. Hence the importance of preparing for the place.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Lord not only makes it possible for his workers to educate themselves, but he commands them to study. He commands, also, to "put on the whole armor of God." We truly believe that more stress should be given to the fact that the power of the Holy Ghost is the most essential of all things requisite to a successful Christian worker. Those who have the Spirit of Christ are sure to succeed. It makes them bold and fearless, not rudely, but as becometh Christians. It makes them watchful and attentive to the trust committed unto them. Their presence refreshes the lives of those around them. They are graceful and beautiful because the image of Christ is in their every act. Such lives are destined to wield an influence that will last eternally. They are the salt of the earth. God will surely crown the efforts of such workers with inexpressible success. But just here, we believe, some earnest workers fail. Sometimes in the midst of success they are in a most fearful battle, because they are unwilling to give God the glory and praise. The glory is justly due the Lord, because he gives all the grace by which the work is accomplished. The work must be done for the Lord, in the name of Christ, and to his glory. The worker's reward is peace and joy in the Holy Ghost and everlasting life after death.

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## A PARABLE.

And it came to pass in those days that one of the elders of the tribe called Compellites pitched his tent nigh unto Winfield, wherein dwell some of the chief men of the tribe of the Methodists and much people went out to hear him, and he taught them, saying, "Except ye be dipped in water ye have no part or lot in the matter." Some of the weaker ones cried, "Behold the wisdom of the man, he doth show us the right way," while others said, "This is not according to the teachings of the fathers." So much strife was stirred up among the people. So, after he had taught the people many days he pulled down his tent and said, "Behold I go westward, but will come again, and we will build us a house wherein we may worship." So it came to pass after he was gone some of the chief men of the tribe of the Methodists said, "Behold we will send and call in one of our wise men that he may teach the people more perfect." So it came to pass that when he had come much people gathered to hear him, and cried, "Behold the wisdom of the man." So this stirred up the tribe of the Compellites, and they said, "Behold we will send and call one of our wisest men that he may come that they may reason this matter together." "So be it," cried the tribe of the Methodists. So it came to pass that when they had called their wisest man he said, "I pray have me excused, for I have much to do just now, and cannot come." So the tribe of the Methodists cried, "Ready," and behold the wise man failed to come, and then the tribe of the Methodists cried, "Victory! victory!" And to this the people said, "Amen!"

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# Devotional and Spiritual

## THE END OF LIFE.

The end of life is not to do good, although many of us think so. It is not to win souls, although I once thought so. The end of life is to do the will of God.

How can you build up a life on that principle? Let me give you an outline of a little Bible reading:

The objects of life, "I come to do thy will, O God."

The first thing you need after life is food: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me."

The next thing you need after food is society: "He that doeth the will of my Father in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother."

You want education: "Teach me to do thy will, O God."

You want pleasure. "I delight to do thy will, O God."

A whole life can be built up on that one vertical column and, then, when all is over, "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."—Henry Drummond.

## FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

Religion is fellowship with God. Fellowship means partnership. We are all familiar with the custom and manner of partnerships among men. Business can be conducted more satisfactorily by a company than by a single individual. Several men unite their capital, skill, and ability, and all work together for one common interest and share in the profits. So the great God condescends to enter into partnership with men. He unites his capital, skill, wisdom, and power with our puny efforts and meager resources, and permits us to share in his work and in his kingdom.

Men work together with God in temporal things. Not a harvest is produced in the world without the co-operation of God and man. He furnishes the soil, the sunshine, the rain, and the life that is in the seed, and the mysterious energy which produces growth; and man, for his part, clears away the forest, plows the ground, plants the seed, and reaps the harvest. It is so with every house, with every ship, with every railroad and telegraph that man builds. A man will sometimes point to a great invention, a great machine, or a great structure, and say, "See what I have made," when in reality he has made a very little part of it. God furnishes the material, and man takes it in hand and makes it into the good for which it was intended.

The Christian recognizes this partnership in all his temporal af-

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fairs. He does not abandon his worldly pursuits when he becomes a Christian. He enters into business, into politics, into the study of science and art, and all things that tend to the progress of humanity. But in all these he recognizes the fact that he is a worker together with God. God condescends to give counsel and aid in all temporal affairs, and if we hear his voice and do his will whatsoever we do shall prosper. We have other partners whom we respect and trust. But besides these there is one Silent Partner whose counsel we seek and in whom we trust in everything. Without Him we can do nothing. "Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son." Here is a firm whose promises are good for any amount. Many a struggling soul has been pulled safely through by this company. Enter into covenant with the Lord in good faith. Invest your all and draw upon his all. His resources will cover all possible exigencies.

This partnership extends to all spiritual things also. "We are workers together with God" in the matter of our own salvation. Some teachers insist that we can have nothing to do with our own salvation, but must sit still and wait for God to do all. They say, "Salvation is of the Lord." "By grace ye are saved through faith, not of works, lest any man should boast." This is true. But in many cases where God is said to do a thing man is said to do the same thing. There is no contradiction here. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it;" yet no house will be builded unless man builds it. The truth is, God and man work together at the same thing and at the same time. The Bible says, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you to will and to do of his own good pleasure." Has he not commanded us to repent and be converted? He furnishes grace and truth, but it is ours to make use of them according to his word.

"A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify, A never dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky."

We are workers together with him in the salvation of others. He takes men into partnership with himself in the redemption of the world. He came to establish a universal and everlasting kingdom, and calls men to join him, sharing in the work and the glory. This is His call, "Brethren, if any of you do err from truth, and one convert him, let him know that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." The Lord, who met Saul of Tarsus in the way, said unto him that he would send him "far hence to the Gentiles," "to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified." And when the disciples who were scattered abroad on account of the persecution that arose about Stephen went as far as Antioch preaching the gospel of the kingdom, "the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great multitude was added to the Church." All Christians are members of this holy fellowship. They are all partners in this grand enterprise. The head of the firm is the Almighty Father, and all we are workers together with him. —J. E. Rankin, D. D.

## STUMBLING BLOCKS.

The world has a great deal clearer idea of what Christianity is than it is generally given credit for. It has a high ideal of Christian life, based on a remarkably definite

knowledge of what is required by the Master and what is professed by the Christian, and then in its unspoken judgments on individuals it is most rigorously exacting in what it demands of those who bear Christ's name. And yet withal it is just, and recognizes and honors consistent effort even when there is failure to perform all that is striven for.

The world hates a hypocrite, and, in spite of outward approval and friendly relation, it disapproves of every concession on the part of a Christian that involves a sacrifice of principle. Inconsistencies are noticed every time, and in spite of its ordinarily keen discernment, the inconsistencies of Christians become the stumbling-blocks which turn it from the gospel as being beautiful in theory, but impractical for everyday living, incapable of controlling the lives of those who own allegiance to it.

It is no excuse for those who are turned aside, but the fact remains, and the weak ones who are looking for encouragement and help, doubting ones who are looking to Christians for light, have a right to expect to see in the lives of professing Christians evidence of the sincerity of their professions and consistency in word and act. We stand avowing Christ's law of love to be our law. But if in business we accept the law of the world, and stoop to the tricks of trade, driving our bargains and enforcing our "due" without reference to anything but our power to turn a penny and the technicalities of law, what wonder that men stumble? If all our ideas of truth and morality fall in with the easy standard of the world, is it strange if men think our religion meaningless? If we profess our need of Christ and of his Church, and then let all else take first place, and on the Sabbath remain from the worship in the sanctuary for any trifling excuse, using the day as a day of pleasure, buying or selling, riding and visiting, as the fancy takes us, is it to be wondered at if the children of our homes think lightly of holy things and drift away from Church and from religion, or that the world pays slight reverence to the laws of God?—New York Advocate.

## THE MAN WITH ONE TALENT.

The man of one talent who is hard at work outweighs a dozen of the ten-talented who are serenely and thousands who are sarcastically idle. The records of the Church, when they are made up, will show that great accomplishments are due to the moderately or even slenderly endowed, while many natural geniuses and powerful intellects have been weights upon the wheels. There is a deterioration as well as an evolution of ability and power. In the words of our Lord, many that are last shall be first, and the first last.

There are one-talented men in every Church, but it is entirely their own fault if they remain in idle neglect of their great opportunity. For the life of the Church is not merely an opportunity of service, but also an opportunity of growth. If in one sense native capacity is limited and one cannot become a poet or a painter, an able administrator, or an effective public speaker, by wishing or by working, yet in another sense it is true that one may carry on his own talent, whatever it may be, toward its perfection by using it and also in this faithful use discover unsuspected talents and make them grow.

When our Lord tells us to take the lowest seat, the last thing he meant by the command was discouraging us from all attempts to enter. All are welcome in his kingdom. All gifts and talents are contributory to his Father's work. It is in considering the greatness of this whole

work of Christ that our more or less of native endowment falls into its true proportion in our thoughts.

There is a place for every one, we say; yet, true as it is, this sounds cold and impersonal to the man who has not found his place. Let a man translate it into other words and say, There is a place in the work of the Church for me. Then let him throw off all false humility; stop thinking much of self, in order to think more of Christ; and in spite of all discouragements or even slights, he will find the place God meant for him and grow up in it, until at last, when God has given him his reward in heavenly service, those who remain shall say: "We never knew how much we leaned upon him. How true and wise and kind he was." Then in the thought of service rendered and service missed, all weighing of the proportion of talent will give place to remembrance of devotion. Happy is the Church which has a multitude of such disciples whose one talent has grown in exercise until it shines with the light of the glory of God! —Congregationalist.

## CHRISTIAN GRACES.

Christ never said much in mere words about the Christian graces. He lived them, He was them. Yet we do not merely copy him. We learn his art by living with him, like the old apprentices with their masters. He says, "Follow me" and you will find rest." Perhaps it we know how much was involved in the simple "learn" of Christ, we would not enter his school with so irresponsible a heart. For there is not only much to learn, but much to unlearn. Many persons never go to this school at all until character has almost taken on its fatal set. But it can be done—and there is rest in the school, although there is also much work.—Henry Drummond.

## THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

There are peculiar phases of God's lovingness which merit especial mention. If, primarily and generically, it is universal good will and unchanging disposition to promote welfare, it assumes special forms according as its objects vary in character and condition.

For the good and deserving it adds to the desire of welfare, and as a special means thereto, the manifestations of complaisancy and delight. It flows forth in benedictions. It admits to fellowship. It communicates joy. It warms and vivifies and exalts and ennobles its objects. It feels and expresses affection. Such is God's love for all pure and holy beings. They are his "beloved," dear as the "apple of his eye," "engraved on his hands," "precious in his sight," "his friends," "his delights are with them," "he dwells with them;" he uses all terms of endearment and approval and confidence, and fills them with an exalting and rapturous sense of his regard for them; they are always in his thought, and are his dear children; he guards them and watches them, and when sorrows and trials menace them he sends his angels to camp about them, and comes himself to comfort and support them; he is tender of them, and bears them in his bosom; he has built a beautiful heaven for them, and will bring them away from all griefs and hardships, to live with himself forever and ever. So his love is for the good. In the Scripture it is called grace—gracious favor, as imparting its freedom and fulness and spontaneity—the overflow of infinite love to a finite creature—condescension.

For the underserving and wicked who must always necessarily, to a holy God, be objects of disfavor and wrath, paradoxical as it may seem, love assumes an other form. It cannot be complaisant; it is impossible that it should approve; it is grieved and wounded. It assumes the form of pity and compassion.

It entreats. It seeks. It longs to save and secure. It is fecund of arts to win. It restrains wrath. It stays the blow of punishment. It is long-suffering and kind. It is willing to forgive slights and injuries. It is a father watching at the gate for the returning prodigal.

For the penitent it is "joy among the angels of God;" it is the smile of acceptance, the balm of forgiveness; its hands hold out pardon; its tongue pronounces peace; it kisses the prodigal; its name is Mercy; it spreads a feast of rejoicing; it puts a ring on the hand and robes on the person of the returned prodigal, and says to him, "Thy sins, which are many, are all forgiven. Go in peace."—Bishop R. S. Foster, in his volume entitled "God."

If you are not able to go and invite the people to hear the gospel you can give a word of cheer to others and wish them godspeed. Many a time when I come down from the pulpit some old man, trembling on the verge of another world, living perhaps on borrowed time, has caught hold of my hand and in a quivering voice said: "God bless you!"

How the words have cheered and helped me! You can speak a word of encouragement to younger friends if you are too feeble to work yourselves.—D. L. Moody.

## THE NOTE OF HEROISM.

It is true, and it is a great comfort that it is true, that the giving of a glass of water can please God, and the sweeping of a room can glorify him. But woe be to us if we are content with small services. Too much thought of little things belittles. We should "attempt great things for God." Caleb said, "Give me this mountain;" Mary broke the alabaster box that was exceeding precious; the disciples left all to follow Jesus, and counted it joy to suffer for his sake. Let us not be easily content. The note of heroism should be in our battles with sin, in our speaking, in our giving, in our serving. Our King deserves and expects kingliness.—Maltbie D. Babcock, D. D.

## THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful It is In Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

Secular News Items.

STATE ITEMS.

Mrs. Hanson and little girl were burned to death near Taylor on the 19th. The child's dress caught on fire and the mother gave her life in trying to save her child.

Bexar County Commissioners have awarded a contract to J. P. Nelson to build seventeen improved county roads, the price being \$484,000.

The Pacific Express Company secures an injunction from the Federal Court because of alleged violence and interference at Texarkana and other points.

Two negroes were killed at Marshall on the 19th, by the walls of a building falling on them.

Negroes at Naples indulged in a shooting affray among themselves on the 18th. Two killed and two wounded.

Ona Woods, a brakeman, was killed near Texarkana on the 18th inst.

Laredo appeals to sister cities for help. Many of the poor classes are in want.

The cotton gin of Witherspoon & Whaley at Nacoma caught fire and burned Tuesday night between 11 and 12 o'clock. Estimated loss \$7,000. About 125 cords of wood were consumed with the building and machinery.

Of the 675 oil companies chartered in Texas, 258 have forfeited their charters within the past three years.

NEWS IN GENERAL.

A lightning stroke at Lafayette, Indiana, killed Mrs. Van Meter, and seriously injured five other women present at the time.

While Charles Earl was doing a repair job on a telephone line at Oklahoma City, he came in contact with a live wire and was electrocuted.

The Mexican Government Naval Inspector for the Pacific coast has recommended the establishment of a life saving station at Mazatlan. During the recent great storm there was much loss of life in the outer harbor.

Dr. J. V. Jay, a well known practicing physician living at Barnardville, North Carolina, twenty miles from Asheville, armed himself with a hammer and murdered three children. The children, aged six, four and two years, were standing upon the front step crying for their mother, who, with a sense of impending danger to her little ones, was speeding to neighbors for help.

The Associated Press is able to announce the appointment of Sir Henry Durand, the British Ambassador at Madrid, as Ambassador to the United States to succeed the late Sir Michael Herbert.

The Associated Press learns that Sir Henry has frequently expressed a great liking for Americans and a desire to go to the United States. His promotion comes more or less in the ordinary course of the diplomatic changes, but one of the strongest recommendations which appeal to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne was Sir Henry's reputation of being an excellent lawyer. A similar qualification had much to do with the late Lord Pauncefote's selection. The new Ambassador will speedily bid farewell to the Spanish Court and proceed to the United States without delay. Lady Durand is not very strong, but it is hoped that the American climate will benefit her health and enable her to completely fulfill her duties as hostess of the British Embassy. The daughter of Sir Henry and Lady Durand is much liked in Madrid society. Their son is an officer in the Lancer regiment.

Congress will convene November 9 in extra session.

A San Francisco man sailed an airship over that city.

The largest pearl in the world was found in the San Saba River by John Stanton. It is almost as large as a hen's egg and weighs 819 grains. As yet the value of the stone cannot be estimated, but it will probably net the finder a neat sum.

The International Bank and Trust Company closed its doors in Mexico. The concern was capitalized at \$1,850,000.

President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, and President Estrada Cabrera, of Guatemala, are preparing to declare war against Salvador and Honduras. Ten thousand Guatemalan soldiers are reported to be marching toward the Sal-

vadorean frontier with a powerful force of artillery. At Santa Ana, thirty-five miles northwest of San Salvador, a Salvadorean army is being organized under Gen. Regalado.

The Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the United States Congress denies that an investigation will be made into the manner of purchasing and distributing seed by the government.

A proposition to arbitrate the strike of linen weavers at Armentieres, France, has been submitted to a conference. After the riot the city of Armentieres appeared as if sacked by an army. The populace is still in a state of terror.

Russia is transporting 50,000 troops, nurses, physicians and hospital supplies to the Far East. The present strength of the Russian army there is reliably reported to be 283,000 men. Officials in the Orient have been forbidden to take their wives.

Hon. Grover Cleveland dealt with "American Good Citizenship" in an address before the Commercial Club of Chicago Wednesday night. He declared that good citizenship consists of doing something more than being patriotic and eschewing politics.

The annual report of the Register of the Treasury shows that the national credit is practically entirely upheld by domestic money.

One thousand men are searching the mountains of Wise County, Va., for F. L. Wentz, a Philadelphia millionaire, who is missing.

The next session of Congress will have before it the Interstate Liquor Bill. This bill, if it becomes a law, will protect non-liquor towns and prohibition States from outsiders who sell liquor therein under the protection of the Interstate Commerce Law.

Japan has 100,000 men concentrated at Hakodate, the port from which an attack could best be made on Vladivostok, one of Russia's strongholds.

In six years Joseph Leiter, who once attempted to corner wheat, has almost cleared off a \$3,000,000 indebtedness incurred when the corner collapsed.

A daily newspaper was published on board the Cunard liner Campana, which arrived in New York Saturday. The news from the outside world was received by Marconigrams.

A roster of the Confederate Army is under way in the Record and Pension Division of the War Department. Copies of all records are being made for complete list of Southern forces.

The total amount of money in circulation in the country at the beginning of October, according to the Treasury figures, was \$2,494,617,069. At the estimated population of 80,831,000 this is a per capita circulation of \$29.75.

The British War Office has adopted for use by the cavalry a short, light, straight thrusting sword. Its edge will be sharpened for about three inches from the point. The new arm will displace the famous sabre which British cavalymen have long worn and wielded.

The government of the British Gold Coast announces the arrival of the first railway train at Kumassi, the capital of Ashanti, which is 104 miles northwest of Cape Coast Castle.

Among the new appointments to the faculty of Columbia University for the current academic year is that of a quarter-breed Indian named William Jones, who took a doctor's degree at Columbia some time ago. He will act as assistant in the department of anthropology. Dr. Jones received his anthropological training among the Indians of the West, and is an authority upon their habits and mode of living.

A concealed sighting device for rifles called the "hyposcope," has been invented, and is said to have been used to some extent during the latter part of the Boer War. It consists of a series of mirrors, fastened to the stock of the rifle, by means of which the latter can be held above the head and aimed.

Prince Suji Nam Rhola, eldest son and heir apparent of Sura Jah Rhola Mures, of Rajputara, is on his way to the University of California, from Burma, to pursue graduate work at that institution. He has forwarded his credentials from the University of Calcutta, where he has taken the degree of Bachelor of Science.

Fifty carloads, representing 2300 tons of freight, containing the Philippine exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, are now on the World's Fair grounds. The largest piece in the shipment is a dug-out or native boat.

The British Parliamentary Commission, which has been sent to this country to examine underground and surface street railway systems, and which is headed by Sir David W. Barbour, who has served on many Financial Commissions appointed by Parliament, has been received everywhere with great courtesy, and its members declare that they have learned many

# Jim Hogg and the Trusts

Every Star Represents a Trust that Mr. Hogg is After

A \$1.00 Magazine for 50 cents and (if you count right) a Prize.

## \$670.00 FREE AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER PRIZES. PRIZES FOR ALL WHO COUNT RIGHT. THERE IS NO CATCH IN THIS. THERE ARE NO BLANKS. IF YOU COUNT RIGHT YOU WIN.



THE following splendid prizes will be given away by the AMERICAN HOME JOURNAL, one of the best household magazines in the United States, to those who count correctly the number of stars on and about Jim Hogg's picture. All the stars, large and small, are to be counted. Some are more conspicuous than others, but all are plainly visible. If you are careful you can count the correct number. (Every one who counts right gets a prize.) This is the opportunity of a lifetime. It is a chance you will have to take part in this great contest. You may lose \$4.00 by failing to enter your count. Do not hesitate, do not delay, but grasp the opportunity.

THE FIRST PRIZE will be awarded to the person counting nearest the correct number. If more than one person count equally correct, the first prize will be awarded to the person giving the best plan for counting. The other prizes will be awarded in the same manner. Therefore send along your plan for counting. If more than one has the same plan for counting, which is considered the best, the judges will decide the winner in an impartial manner.

SPECIAL PRIZES—To the person winning first prize, \$15.00 extra will be given if he or she has three counts entered, and \$10 extra will be given to winner of second prize if he or she has three counts entered. It is, therefore, much better to send three counts as only by sending three counts can you compete for the special prizes, and then with three counts entered you are much more likely to hit upon the right number. This is really much the safest way to enter the contest for if you do get the number correct you are sure of some prize.

EXTRA PRIZES—The extra cash prizes amounting to \$25 will be divided equally among any who may enter correct counts besides the winners of the regular prizes. In case there are no correct counts entered other than those which win the regular prizes, this \$25 will be divided into prizes of \$1 each among the 25 persons who come nearest to getting the number correct. Thus everybody who counts correctly will get a prize and perhaps a good many will get prizes who miss the correct count a little.

THE JUDGES—The prizes will be awarded by three prominent men of the state of Texas: Rev. T. C. Horton, secretary V. M. C. A., Dallas; Rev. G. A. Paris, editor of the Christian Courier, and B. M. Burgher, president Continental Savings & Loan Co., Dallas. The prominence of these judges makes it absolutely certain that there will be no partiality shown in awarding the prizes. Anyone connected with the American Home Journal directly or indirectly is not allowed to compete. The publishers are determined that the contest shall be absolutely fair.

WHAT THE JUDGES SAY: "We are personally acquainted with the publishers of the AMERICAN HOME JOURNAL and can assure everyone that they will do just as they say and pay all prizes in full and without partiality. They have asked us to act as judges in this contest and we will gladly act in that capacity."—Rev. T. C. Horton, secretary V. M. C. A., Dallas; Rev. G. A. Paris, editor of the Christian Courier, and B. M. Burgher, president Continental Savings & Loan Co., Dallas.

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facts which will be of use to the London County Council in solving the problem of a general system of transit in the British metropolis. The members of the commission have taken evidence from many experts in city railroading, and say that they have received much assistance from the Boston subway system.

The scenic effect of the Victoria Falls on the Zambesi River is liable to be seriously impaired by contractors who propose to build a railroad bridge immediately below the falls. A great part of the fine timber and luxurious undergrowth which add so much to the beauty of the neighborhood is being ruthlessly cut down to make way for an unseemly lattice-work of iron girders which will partially obstruct the view of the falls, if built as projected. An effort is being made to stir up public opinion in England so that the directors of the chartered company having the work in charge will be led to order such an alteration in the plans as will preserve the noble spectacle of the Victoria Falls from vandalism and general desecration by tourists.

The two companies of United States artillery which have been stationed at Cienfuegos have embarked for the United States on the transport "Kilpatrick." As the American flag was lowered at the camp at Cienfuegos the Cuban Rural Guard saluted. The Cuban flag was then raised and also saluted. At Havana a stop was made.

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where President Palma was given an opportunity personally to bid the American soldiers good-by. Two companies of American regulars will remain at Cabana, and two also at Santiago.

Ten monuments erected by the State of Ohio on the field of Antietam, including one to the memory of President McKinley, were dedicated October 13. The exercises were held at the Old Dunkard Church, and were attended by General Ian Hamilton, the distinguished British officer, and other visitors of note. Governor Nash presented the monuments to the Government, and Acting Secretary of War Robert Shaw Oliver made the speech of acceptance. The orator of the day was General R. P. Kennedy.

H. N. Van Dyke, Registrar of Princeton University, has just given out statistics which show that during the recent entrance examination eleven students were permanently disbanded on account of gross dishonesty in the preparation of papers. This action is the result of a new rule adopted by the Princeton faculty to prevent repetition of such flagrant cheating as occurred at Andover last year.

It is estimated that claims for damages caused by the heavy rains and overflowing of sewers will reach \$500,000 in the borough of Brooklyn alone. At the office of Controller Grout it was said that it would not be surprising if in the neighborhood of between 2000 and 3000 claims are presented. The policy of the city will be to resist payment on the ground that the city cannot be held liable for damages due to causes over which the city has no control.

Lord Alverstone, who presides over the deliberations of the Alaska Boundary Commission, once charged a wealthy client \$5000 for a few pages of typewritten advice. The client ventured to suggest that this was rather a high price for half a day's work. "It's not half a day's work," said his lordship. "It is part of my whole education. All my years at the temple, all the years I have practiced, all the years of my experience. It is half a day out of the heart of my life."

The fact is brought out in connection with the resignation of Joseph Chamberlain that, although Cabinet resignations have not been altogether rare in the history of English politics, it is very seldom indeed that a Minister has figured in two resignations. Indeed, among modern politicians the distinction of having twice resigned belongs only to Mr. Chamberlain and the late Lord Carnarvon. Mr. Chamberlain's first resignation oc-

curred when he left Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet on the question of home rule in 1886. The two occasions on which Lord Carnarvon resigned his seat in the Cabinet were in 1867 and 1878, when he left Disraeli's Cabinet.

Principal Story recently said before a meeting at Glasgow that Andrew Carnegie's gifts to Scotch educational institutions have "dried up the local springs of generosity." While in the past it was easy for him to collect more than \$200,000 for the university, now it is difficult for him to get \$15,000. He says Mr. Carnegie's munificence has scared away other givers of lesser wealth.

The Figaro, Paris, says that while the United States had only 86 silk mills in 1870, with a total capital of \$5,839, it had 590 factories in 1902, with a capital of \$97,330,000, an increase in the number of mills of 700 per cent and of capital 1700 per cent. The value of silk goods manufactured in the United States in 1870 was \$11,679,600; in 1902, \$121,662,500. And yet, notwithstanding all this, the imports of silk goods from Europe increased from \$25,358,200 in 1870 to \$29,199,000 in 1902.

Many English doctors are now convinced that the eating of pigs' flesh in different forms is greatly responsible for the increase of cancer. They point out that it is most common among the poor, whose chief meat is that of pigs, while the disease is extremely rare among the Jews.

Postmaster General Payne has called attention to the great increase in the number of rural free delivery routes throughout the country. At the close of the last fiscal year the number of routes was 15,126; now it is 20,000.

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Notes From the Field.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Travis Circuit.

E. S. Wimberly, Oct. 21: The Travis Circuit has been greatly blessed this year. We had grand and glorious meetings, wherein most of our good brethren received more than Benjamin's messes. In the circuit were 145 conversions, and 139 accessions to the Church. When Brother Gardner came on the circuit, there was two Sunday-schools; now we have five flourishing Sunday-schools, and I think conference collections will be paid in full. Brother Gardner is a worker like old Elijah, when the Spirit was upon him, and he girded his loins and ran with Ahab. We all think so much of Bro. Gardner. We hope conference will give him to us another year. Paul planted and Apollous watered, but God giveth the increase.

Alvord.

John Moore, Oct. 22: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is passed. Bro. Miller, our efficient presiding elder, was on hand looking well after all the interests of the Church and preaching with great acceptability. We have expended nearly \$1,000 in improving church property. Our church at this place has been improved and remodeled and is practically a new church, and presents a very pretty appearance. Our church at Foster has been painted inside and outside. Considering everything, our financial condition is reasonably good. We have some true and loyal members who do all they can, and of course some who do very little. Our presiding elder is deservedly popular with everybody on this work. We have had some good meetings; some conversions and some accessions to the Church, but no general revival in the charge, which we regret very much. The people have been uniformly kind to us and we only regret that we have not been able to do better work. Our consolation, however, is that if we faithfully do our part, the Master will take care of the results. Many of our people suffer loss by not taking the Advocate. We think this charge is in a very hopeful condition.

Shelbyville.

John W. Goodwin, Oct. 23: We have passed our fourth quarter mile post and are now on the home-stretch for Annual Conference. Finances came up well at the Quarterly Conference. Bro. Tanner was present and preached four "towering" sermons. Our people want him on the district another year. He is a good presiding elder. Pastor's salary and conference claims will be paid in full. In our last letter we forgot to mention Bro. J. H. Windham. Although hindered by sickness in his family a good portion of the time, he has rendered efficient service during the year. We need more such local preachers as Bro. Windham. The charge he served as junior preacher has overpaid the assessment already and would be glad to have him another year. We will have a net increase of more than one hundred members for the conference year.

New Boston.

Stuart Nelson, Oct. 23: The fourth Quarterly Conference for New Boston and DeKalb was held in due and ancient form on the 19th inst, by that peerless and noble gentleman, Rev. J. W. Downs. He preached two excellent sermons on the Sabbath preceding the conference. New Boston and DeKalb are both maintaining their time-honored reputation in regard to paying the preacher's salary; neither has deviated in the least. The conference, by unanimous vote, endorsed the Texas Christian Advocate and eulogized Dr. Rankin for his gallant fight in the cause of prohibition and the editorials that come as blessings to all Methodist families that take and read the paper. A vote of thanks was also tendered to our true friend, L. Blaylock, for the mechanical perfection of the paper and I was requested to write it to the Advocate, which I do with pleasure and my full endorsement (well, there is a "leettle" mental reservation about Bro. Blaylock, caused by previous engagement statement of his), but on the whole I do heartily approve the conference resolutions. Our conference assessments are higher than ever before. And the preacher's heart grows faint, his knees shaky and his respiration labored, when he has to approach the average member for his proportion of the increased assessment. But, bless the Lord, there are noble exceptions and I think it right to mention some of them. Bros. T. A. Fuller, Jno. E. Anderson, Ben Eubank, Randy Crutchfield, Jno. Weaver, Allie Ellis, W. W. West, and others; also the two Methodist brothers-in-law, G. E. and Omer Perot. Bro. Fuller lost \$500 by burglars last night, but he met me on the street to-day and cheerfully said: "Come around this evening and get that other \$10 on conference claims." How different, oh, how dif-

ferent, from the great majority of Church members! DeKalb has some noble workers and payers. Miss Laura Proctor is in the front rank, while Mesdames Bundy, McKinneys and West heartily co-operate with her. I must thank Sister Bundy and the Misses Irene Garland, Myrtle Ward, Eula and Eunice Burns, Carrie Lassiter and their associates and co-workers in a fine temperance drama, given for the purpose of assisting in paying the conference claims against DeKalb. It was felicitously rendered and would in my judgment be acceptable in any of our large cities. Farewell till we meet, with empty pockets and full hearts at Bryan.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Dawson.

C. G. Shutt, Oct. 22: I am rounding-up now for conference. Have had some good meetings, a goodly number of conversions and nearly reached the 100 mark in additions. We are in the midst of the boll weevil pest, which is playing havoc with finances generally.

Salado.

J. M. Armstrong, Oct. 26: Since my last card we have held a fine meeting here, resulting in nine accessions. Bros. W. T. Renfro and W. C. Hillburn did the preaching. They are first-class help. Our fourth Quarterly Conference was extra. After a year's trial, our people are ready to pass Dr. J. S. Chapman's character as a preacher and presiding elder and take him back for another year. He is O. K.

Trinity, Fort Worth.

Jas. A. Walkup, Oct. 18: We are in the midst of a protracted meeting at Trinity. We have had some conversions and the outlook is good for the membership, as is most frequently the case, have taken very little interest in the meeting, but others have co-operated faithfully with the pastor and we think much good is being accomplished. The ladies conduct an afternoon service each day and the work is taking hold of our women and we think these meetings will result in great good. Bro. Williams, of the Polytechnic College, has been with us part of the time and has inspired us with his earnest, practical preaching. This is the second meeting I have held for this people and while we have not had the number of conversions and accessions we had desired, yet we think good will result from the year's work. We have some faithful men and women in this Church that have stood by the pastor and his work. My stewards are making a grand rally to bring up all the claims of the Church. Noble, good men they are, and will always have a warm place in the heart of this preacher. We are rounding up for the conference and I am very sure all the claims of the Church will be met. Many of my people have been very faithful, others did very little, and others nothing at all, still we are cheerful and hopeful, praying God's blessings upon us.

Troy.

Sam'l B. Sawyers, Oct. 23: This has been a trying year on my Churches. Disorganizing forces were at work and their effects have been felt. "A few waves of trouble have rolled across my usually peaceful breast." I have preached special sermons, read Mr. Wesley's Notes from the Pulpit, also the "Campbell Paper" that was passed by our Annual Conference at Temple seven years ago (that paper sometimes makes "mighty good reading"), and have also circulated a number of Bro. Nichol's "Friendly Talks." Our Churches for the most part are loyal. Methodism lives on and this scribe still tries to "spread scriptural holiness over this charge." Two Sundays in the month we preach three times. We had good meetings at Eddy and Oenaville. Will make very good payments on our debts. All things considered, we will make a fairly good report at conference.

Quanah.

C. N. N. Ferguson: We are closing our third year on this station. It has been a prosperous year. Bro. Fort, of Lorena, preached for us twelve days in the spring. We had a good meeting. Several conversions, reclamations and accessions to our Church. Bro. Mulkey held a meeting for us in August, which in many respects was a great meeting. About twenty joined the Churches. On the last night of the meeting Bro. J. G. Witherspoon promised Bro. Mulkey to raise money, dig a well and put up a good windmill at the parsonage. This has been done and we now have one of the most convenient and comfortable parsonages in the West. Our work is now well organized. We have a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of twenty-eight members, a flourishing Home Mission Society, a fine Sunday-school, a good Senior League and the best Junior League I ever saw. We have lost heavily this year by removals and

suffered terribly from drouth, but the collections ordered by the Annual Conference and the preacher's salary, which is \$1100, will be paid. If we are not mistaken the Vernon District will be at the front when our reports are made at Fort Worth. This is due largely to the wise leadership and aggressive spirit of our presiding elder, Rev. J. G. Miller.

Palo Pinto.

Thos. Hanks, Oct. 27: We have had over 100 conversions and 96 have joined the Methodist Church, and only 24 have been dismissed by certificate and otherwise, which leaves us a total gain of 72. Some fine preaching by Revs. Geo. Lewis, of Harris, Okla.; A. O. Evans, of First Church, Weatherford; C. G. Shutt, of Dawson, and the pastor, has been wonderfully blessed of God to the good of both saint and sinner. Last Sunday we sang the doxology with much joy after Cedar Springs had paid up what remained of \$150 quarterage and \$50 on the collections, which was considered as their part of all to be raised. Our conference collections will all be in hand on good time with perhaps some excess. The ladies of the Home Mission Society will give the preacher a new conference suit, and the stewards will work to come out in full. The prospective Oriental tour brings new subs. to the Advocate.

Clarendon Station.

G. S. Hardy, Oct. 26: We have held two meetings during the year—one in the spring, in which Rev. J. H. Stewart, of Vernon, assisted us ten days, but was greatly interfered with by rain, also by having the measles thoroughly distributed over the town; still we had a good meeting, resulting in about twenty-five conversions and reclamations and fifteen accessions to the Church. Bro. Stewart did splendid preaching and is a favorite among our people. Two weeks ago we began another meeting which closed last night resulting in forty conversions and reclamations and in twenty splendid additions to the Church. Rev. C. M. Shuffler, of Ballinger, was with us eight days, preaching a strong gospel, which yielded immediate fruit and will tell in the years to come. I never had more satisfactory help than Bro. Shuffler rendered. Rev. J. Sam Barcus was with us in both meetings, rendering valuable assistance. Rev. S. E. Houk, of the Holston Conference, preached frequently during the last meeting and was always listened to with interest. He comes to us by transfer this fall, and the charge that gets him will get a first-class man. We have with us Bros. Tucker, superannuate of the Tennessee Conference, and Morris, superannuate of our own conference, and a number of faithful local preachers who are always ready to help along every good work. All the machinery of the Church is in operation in Clarendon. The best Sunday-school I ever saw. One of the best Home Mission Societies in the conference. The Foreign Missionary Society has grown much in membership and interest and the Leagues were never doing better work than now. About 100 accessions to the Church during the year; \$5,000 raised for all purposes; full financial reports on all items. Clarendon College is flourishing like a "green bay tree." Additional grounds have been purchased and a \$20,000 brick dormitory is being projected by President Barcus. Bro. Sherman, our new elder, has been abundant in labors and has given great satisfaction throughout the district. He expects to have a fine report at conference.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Ponder and Krum.

L. G. White, Oct. 26: Our first year on the Ponder and Krum Mission is coming to a close. Our report is everything in full, with 60 conversions and as many reclaimed, 51 accessions. By conference we will have painted and improved every church on the work, four in number. At Ponder we have built the best and prettiest frame church for its size inside and out in the conference at a cost of \$1,500 and nearly every cent of it paid up at this writing, with but 42 members all told, to draw on. The seats has also been purchased at a cost of about \$500, which will arrive on or before the first of January, at which time the church will probably be dedicated. While we have had many a hindrance this year, sickness especially, it has been a happy year; several of the promising young people of the work have been converted and are now our helpers. The people have shown their love and appreciation in many a kind way, and this pastor has a tender place in his heart for one and all of the flock he has tried to serve this year. In three of the meetings we tried to hold we were rained out, but God knows best and we are satisfied it was all for the best. Ponder not only overpays double the amount that is usually assessed for the preacher, but hands us \$21 on a new buggy. May the Lord bless them all.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

West Texas.

The West Texas Conference Brotherhood will hold their annual meeting in conference room at Austin, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p. m. W. H. H. BIGGS.

Applicants for admission on trial in the West Texas Conference will please meet Committee at conference room Nov. 3, 9 a. m. W. H. H. BIGGS.

The Committee and class of the first year in the West Texas Conference will meet in Tenth Street Church, Austin, Texas, at 9 a. m., Nov. 3. A certificate of the correspondence School for the first year's course will be accepted in lieu of examination. C. M. THOMPSON, Chairman of Com.

The Class of the Third Year, West Texas Conference, will please meet at the church on Tuesday morning at 9 a. m. T. GREGORY.

BOARD OF MISSIONS, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

In accordance with resolution passed at the mid-year meeting in San Antonio, the Board of Missions is hereby called to meet at Tenth Street Church, Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 2 o'clock p. m. It is desired that every member of the Board be present. It is also desired that all applications of presiding elders to the Board for aid to charges shall be presented to the Secretary, Rev. A. L. Scarborough, before the meeting of the Board. B. HARRIS, Chairman.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The class of the second year will please meet the committee at the place designated by Bro. Bradford, Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 9 a. m. JOE F. WEBB, For the Committee.

RATES FOR THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

All the railroads traversing the territory of the West Texas Conference have agreed to give a rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip to Austin and return. Tickets will be sold on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 3 and 4, limited for return to Nov. 10. STERLING FISHER, Secy.

Northwest Texas.

The Board of Missions of Northwest Texas Conference will meet in First Methodist Church in Fort Worth on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 9:00 a. m. HORACE BISHOP, Pres.

The Committee and Class of the Fourth Year in the Northwest Texas Conference will meet in the First or Fourth Street Methodist Church, South, Fort Worth, Nov. 10, at 9 o'clock a. m. J. HARALSON.

The presiding elders of the Northwest Texas Conference will please meet in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Fort Worth, Texas, Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 2 p. m. E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

Pastors of the Abilene District will please meet me at the conference room in Fort Worth at 8 a. m., Nov. 11. Let each pastor hand me a copy of his statistical report as soon as he can after reaching Fort Worth. E. A. SMITH.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE RAILROAD RATES.

Rates will be made by all roads traversing our territory on the convention basis, which is practically one fare plus 10 per cent. Tickets will be on sale Nov. 10 and for trains arriving in Fort Worth Nov. 11, limited to Nov. 19 for final return. If your local agent has not received spe-

cial order, ask him to write to his G. P. A. for it. JNO. M. BARCUS, Sec. N. W. Tex. Conf.

The Class of the First Year of the Northwest Texas Conference is requested to meet in Fort Worth, Texas, at such place as the Committee of Arrangements may provide, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 9 a. m. J. SAM BARCUS.

The Class for Admission on Trial is called to meet in the lecture room of First Church, Fort Worth, at 9 o'clock a. m., Nov. 10. G. S. HARDY.

North Texas.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE RAILROAD RATES.

All the roads traversing the territory of the North Texas Conference have made a rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale November 22, 21 and 25, limited for return to three days after the close of the session. If your ticket agent has not received instructions to this effect when you go to buy your ticket, have him give you a receipt for the amount of your ticket. ROBERT GIBBS MOORE, Sec'y N. T. Conference.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE-ATTENTION!

Preachers, will you bring your wives to conference? Homes are being assigned and we must know not later than Nov. 9 what preachers will bring their wives. Do not expect entertainment for them if you fail to comply with this request. If you have any requests to make regarding your entertainment, make them known at once. JOHN M. MOORE, Chairman Entertainment Committee, 27 Live Oak St., Dallas.

The candidates for admission in the N. W. Texas Conference will meet the Committee in the First M. E. Church, South, in Fort Worth at 9 a. m., Tuesday, Nov. 10. T. J. DUNCAN, Chmn.

Texas.

PREACHERS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Brother, I find it will be out of the question for me to provide homes for your wives who desire to attend the conference. I regret this very much. E. L. SHETTLES, Bryan, Texas.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Chicago-Account National Live Stock Exposition one fare plus \$2, Nov. 28 to 30 limited Dec. 9.

Dallas-Account Baptist Minister's Conference and Women Workers' Convention, convention rates, Nov. 4, 5 and 6, limited Nov. 12.

New Orleans-Account Four States Immigration League one fare for the round trip, Nov. 7 and 8, limited Nov. 12.

Waco-Account Masonic Grand Lodge, convention rates, Nov. 22, 23, 24 and 25, limited Dec. 12.

Dallas-Account Boll Weevil Convention, convention rates, Nov. 4 and 5, limited Nov. 8.

Fort Worth-Account Convention Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, convention rates, Nov. 9 and 10, limited Nov. 14.

For further information see any agent or write W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

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## The Home Circle

### THE TONE OF THE VOICE.

It is not so much what you say.  
As the manner in which you say it;  
It is not so much the language you use,  
As the tones in which you convey it.

The words may be mild and fair,  
And the tones may pierce like a  
dart;  
The words may be soft as the summer  
air,  
And the tones may break the heart.

For words but come from the mind,  
And grow by study and art;  
But the tones leap forth from the in-  
ner self,  
And reveal the state of the heart.

Whether you know it or not,  
Whether you mean or care,  
Gentleness, kindness, love, and hate,  
Envy and anger, are there.

Then, would you quarrels avoid,  
And in peace and love rejoice,  
Keep anger not only out of your words,  
But keep it out of your voice.

—The Youth's Companion.

### SMALL ACTS.

We do not know the far-reaching in-  
fluence of small acts. We perform a  
deed of simple honesty, justice, pity,  
helpfulness, and straightway forget it.  
And there are many hearts to-day  
lonely and weary for lack of the  
peace of God, and waiting till some  
one shall come to them with the mes-  
sage of salvation, and with words of  
love and peace. They need some one  
to take them by the hand and lead  
them forward into paths of faith and  
obedience.

God is knocking at the door of  
every one's heart, and by some small  
act and loving word, we could lead  
many to open the door of their heart  
and say, "Master, come in."

There are many sad and lonely  
hearts we can cheer and fill with  
love by only small acts and loving  
words.

There is so much good we can do  
if only we would look around us and re-  
spond to every opportunity that pre-  
sents itself before us.

The time is fast advancing when  
one and all will have to stand before  
the judgment bar of God and hear the  
biography of our lives read. And oh,  
how little we are preparing ourselves  
for that one appointed time. I know  
not the time; I know not the mode;  
but the days of our lives are being  
subtracted away and we shall come  
down to the time when we have to  
fight the last battle, and I tell you,  
we will want something better than a  
strong arm, a good aim and a trusty  
sword when we come to the last bat-  
tle. We ought to be willing to ex-  
change our body for an incorruptible  
body and an eye that blinks not be-  
fore the jasper gates and the great  
white throne.

(MISS) LUCY LEA MAYES,  
Elkhart, Texas.

### THE GREATEST EVIL OF OUR LAND.

By Mrs. S. E. Suddath.

Strong drink is the greatest evil of  
our land. It is like the deadly serpent  
that coils itself around the animal and  
crushes out its life.

The boys and young men who have  
fallen victims to its deathly sting  
know its awful effects, the brain is  
soon crazed and the body wrecked.  
There is a great curse pronounced up-  
on a man who deals whisky out to the  
people. Listen, "Woe unto him that  
giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth  
the bottle to him and maketh him  
drunk." Oh, saloon man, when you  
go, not behind your own bar, but be-  
fore the judgment bar of God to tell  
of the mother's sons you have made  
lunatics and murderers, snatched  
from our loving arms and cast into  
prison, how will it be with you? Our  
heads are turning white, our hearts  
are breaking, but we can only go to  
our Father who said: "Cast all your  
burdens on me." Fathers and sons,  
why don't you rise up like soldiers in  
battle array and strike the death blow  
to the whisky curse, wipe out the sa-  
loon from our State and nation? Many  
happy homes are ruined by drink as  
the one we give below.

Tom and Mary, two young people  
refined and well to do, started out in  
life together, but in a few years the  
serpents fastened itself about the hus-  
band and father and soon the prop-  
erty was gone. As Christmas drew near,  
poor Mary who had toiled hard was  
anxious about her little children who  
knew nothing about Christmas cheer.

Lucy had so longed for a doll all  
her own, while baby Katie wanted  
candy and nice things to eat.

One day a neighbor handed the wife  
a letter from a friend, and it contained  
a ten dollar bill to be spent for Christ-  
mas. Tears of joy ran down Mary's  
cheeks and the children danced about

with glee. They begged papa to spend  
this Christmas at home with them as  
they loved him so dearly. He prom-  
ised that he would be a man and for  
once stay sober. Plans were laid for  
a nice dinner and toys to gladden the  
hearts of the children. All went well  
until Christmas Eve, and after the lit-  
tle ones had been put to bed to dream  
of Santa and his pack, Tom and Mary  
went to town to purchase the toys.  
The night was dark and the snow al-  
ready falling, but their light hearts led  
them on to the store. The last pur-  
chase was made, and while the little  
packages were being wrapped and tied  
Tom said to Mary, "There is a fine  
quality of tobacco sold in the next  
door, won't you give me just one quar-  
ter to buy some?" The bill had not  
been broken and Mary in full confi-  
dence handed it to him telling him  
not to stay long as the night was cold  
and stormy and they must be going.  
In a short time the bundles were ready  
and Mary sat down to wait. Custom-  
ers came and went, the hours passed  
by but Tom came not. She waited  
until twelve o'clock when the stores  
began to close, and with throbbing  
heart and faltering voice she asked  
the clerk if he would please take back  
the toys; for just across the street a  
saloon with open doors, glaring lights  
and entrancing music told the story  
too well! Her husband had been al-  
lured there and the money was spent.  
She made her way home through the  
fierce rain and cutting sleet to find  
her little ones awakened and fright-  
ened by the storm. But no toys, no  
Christmas dinner came. Oh! cruel  
monster!—The Savoy Star.

### LAMP SENSE.

There was no evading the question.  
Something must be done at once. The  
evening luminary, an ancient brass  
lamp of undoubted respectability, had  
suddenly balked. Nobody could fath-  
om the difficulty. There was a wick  
and there was oil. I was not a foolish  
virgin. But it simply wouldn't go up,  
and wouldn't go down. It refused to  
be coaxed; it resisted all harsher  
measures, and nothing remained but  
to take it to the place where lamps  
were created. That meant a long ride,  
and a long walk in the rain, which,  
however, had their compensations.  
What is more delightful, in this hum-  
drum world, than to suddenly encoun-  
ter an original character? Here was a  
choice specimen, enshrined in the  
earthly tabernacle of a shrewd, mid-  
dle-aged clerk.

"How can you expect a wick to do  
up and down when the little teeth  
that hold it is all eat off? But you  
ain't to blame. I can see you haven't  
got lamp sense. It's a thing that folks  
have to be born with, same as a gift  
for music or engineerin'. I shouldn't  
wonder a mite, now, if you could write  
poetry."

The wiry, gray-eyed purveyor of en-  
lightenment busied himself for a brief  
space of time, and behold! my lamp  
was as good as new.

"No, you couldn't have fixed it your-  
self; it had to have this new part in.  
And you ain't no lackin' in sense as  
some, for you do keep your lamp clean.  
Bile it in sody once in a while I ex-  
pect. But we do have some queer ex-  
periences here. A man came in yest-  
terday in a tearin' hurry, with a great  
porcelain lamp.

"There!" said he, slammin' it down,  
if you can tell what ails this thing, it's  
more than I can. Anyhow, fix it up,  
so I can take it home to-night." When  
he came back, I said: "Sav, haven't  
you got a new girl at your house?"

"Yes, we have—a green Swede; but  
what's that to you, and how did you  
know it, anyway?"

"Well, I guess she didn't under-  
stand where the kerosene can was, for  
we found about a quart of thick mol-  
lasses in your lamp. 'Taint in nature  
to expect much light under them cir-  
cumstances.' And that man was at  
the head of a great office, and had  
fifty clerks under him. But, you see,  
he was just destitute, as you might  
say, of lamp sense."

It is not, then, an easy matter to  
let our light shine. If one is so unfor-  
tunate as to be born without lamp  
sense, it must, at all hazards, be culti-  
vated. I go into house after house,  
otherwise immaculate, and see be-  
grimmed chimneys, or uneven wicks, or  
some other impediment to a clear and  
perfect light. The consensus of opin-  
ion seems to be that anybody can take  
care of a lamp, when heaven knows  
that natural endowment, suppli-  
mented by determination and experi-  
ence, are scarcely sufficient for the  
task. An ill-kept lamp is a depressing  
index of character. It is like dealing  
with one's own soul and spirit. How  
keep the errant, truant thing to the  
clear and steady flame of which it is  
capable? Do we not all, in our better  
moments, resolve to reach that per-  
fection for which we were created? A  
vision of myself as I might and ought  
to be—trained, puri-

fied, with the inner light unobscured  
by carelessness or neglect! Oh, how  
the thought rebukes and yet encour-  
ages me! For even to believe in that  
ideal self is a great gain. After such  
a glimpse, even if we never have it  
but once, the wonderful possibilities of  
our lives still remain in sight, enrich-  
ing and beautifying the common daily  
grind. "The true light which lighteth  
every man that cometh into the  
world." More or less obscured, it is in  
us all, our one eternal link with the  
Infinite Love. The lowest prison  
convict can not, if he would, put out  
that faint, steady glimmer. All the  
smoke of the world's struggle and self-  
ishness is only a sign that there must  
be fire beneath; the flame that must  
surely grow brighter and brighter in  
every soul, until the fulness of the  
time shall come. Let us cultivate our  
spiritual lamp sense, and cast away,  
one by one, the obstructions that hin-  
der our realization of the divine—the  
kingdom of heaven within us.—Eliza-  
beth W. Denison, in Interior.

### A FINE ANSWER.

From the Alaskan mines comes a  
story which is worth repeating. A  
young Swede, whose opportunities  
had been so limited that he was noth-  
ing but a stable boy before he went to  
the mines, was fortunate enough to  
secure a good claim, and to dig a con-  
siderable amount of gold out of it.  
His partner, also a Swede, asked him  
one day: "What are you going to do  
with your money?" "I mean to do  
more for the world," was the quiet  
answer, "than the world ever did for  
me." He meant it, too, for this ex-  
plorer has since given something like  
fifty thousand dollars to endow a col-  
lege and a hospital in the far West.

The more one considers the answer  
and the deed the nobler they appear.  
So many men ask bitterly, "What has  
the world ever done for me?" and thus  
justify the spending of their all upon  
themselves. So many workers say,  
impatiently, "Why should I do better  
work than the world pays for me?"  
and thus toil grudgingly on. So many  
souls quarrel with life because it does  
not give them all they desire, and thus  
become self-pitiful, self-indulgent fail-  
ures. How different the spirit of this  
Swedish stable boy, whose generous  
soul accepted the hardness and indif-  
ference of the world, asked nothing  
from it, but desired all the more to  
benefit it, and make it a better place  
for others than it had been for him.—  
Wellspring.

### A LAWYER'S REMARKABLE WILL.

The following document, a will fram-  
ed with such perfection of form and  
detail that no flaw could be found in  
its legal phraseology or matters, yet  
"devising" only those beauties and  
blessings which the Great Father long  
ago devised to all human creatures,  
was recently rescued from a large col-  
lection of other legal, but less interest-  
ing, papers:

"I, Charles Lounsberry, being of  
sound and disposing mind and mem-  
ory, do hereby make and publish this  
my last will and testament, in order,  
as justly as may be, to distribute my  
interest in the world among succeeding  
generations.

"That part of my interest which is  
known in law and recognized in the  
sheep-bound volumes as my property,  
being inconsiderable and of no ac-  
count, I make no disposal of in this  
my will. My right to live, being but  
a life estate, is not at my disposal, but,  
these things excepted, all else in the  
world I now proceed to devise and be-  
queath.

"Item: I give to good fathers and  
mothers, in trust for their children,  
all good little words of praise and en-  
couragement, and all quaint pet names  
and endearments, and I charge said  
parents to use them justly, but gener-  
ously, as needs of their children shall  
require.

"Item: I leave to children inclusive-  
ly, but only for the term of their child-  
hood, all and every one, the flowers of  
the fields and the blossoms of the  
woods, with the right to play among  
them freely, according to the customs  
of children, warning them at the same  
time against thistles and thorns. And  
I devise to children the banks of  
brooks and the golden sands 'neath  
the waters thereof, and the odor of the  
willows that dip therein, and the white  
clouds that float high over the giant  
trees.

"And I leave the children the long,  
long days to be merry in, in a thousand  
ways, and the night, and the moon,  
and the train of the Milky Way, to  
wonder at, but subject, nevertheless,  
to the rights hereinafter to lovers.

"Item: I devise to boys jointly all  
the useful, idle fields and commons,  
where ball may be played, all pleasant  
waters where one may swim, all snow-  
clad hills where one may coast, and  
all streams and ponds where one may  
fish, or where, when grim winter  
comes, one may skate, to have and to  
hold the same for the period of their  
boyhood, and all meadows, with the  
clover blossoms and butterflies thereof,  
the woods, with their appurtenances,



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the squirrels and birds, and echoes and  
strange noises, and all distant places  
which may be visited, together with  
the adventures there found. And I  
give to said boys each his own place  
at the fireside at night, with all pic-  
tures that may be seen in the burning  
wood, to enjoy without let or hin-  
drance, and without any encumbrance  
or care.

"Item: To lovers I devise their  
imaginary world, with whatever they  
may need, as the stars of the sky, the  
red roses by the wall, the bloom of the  
hawthorn, the sweet strains of music,  
and aught else they may desire to  
figure to each other the lastingness  
and beauty of their love.

"Item: To young men jointly I de-  
vise and bequeath all boisterous, in-  
spiring sports of rivalry, and I give to  
them the disdain of weakness, and un-  
daunted confidence in their own  
strength. Though they are rude, I  
leave to them the power to make last-  
ing friendships and of possessing com-  
panions, and to them exclusively I  
give all merry songs and brave  
choruses to sing with lusty voices.

"Item: And to those who are no  
longer children or youths or lovers, I  
leave memory, and I bequeath to them  
the volumes of the poems of Burns  
and Shakespeare, and of other poets,  
if there be others, to the end that they  
may live the old days over again, free-  
ly and fully, without tithes or dimini-  
tion.

"Item: To our loved ones with  
snowy crowns, I bequeath the happi-  
ness of old age, the love and grate-  
tude of their children until they fall  
asleep."—The Farmer's Advocate.

### MAX.

A collie dog that will go to the post-  
office Sunday morning, take his place  
in line, and ask for the mail of his  
master is owned by Elmer E. Pyle, of  
Benton Harbor, Mich.

The dog learned its trick from see-  
ing Mr. Pyle making his way to the  
carrier's window Sunday morning. It  
is accustomed to rear up on its hind  
legs, place its forepaws on the shelf,  
and then to the carrier, who knows it,  
the dog barks out his want and it is  
quickly filled. Receiving the bunch of  
letters and papers, the dog trots off  
to his home, holding the stuff in its  
mouth until taken out by its master.

This is only one of the tricks of the  
dog which is called Max. It will meet  
the carrier on week days in the street,  
and looking him squarely in the face,

will, say, as plainly as if he could  
speak: "Anything for Pyle?"

If there is, the dog gets the mail  
and takes it to the shop where his  
master stays on week days.

Max's most constant companion is a  
bay horse eight years old, called Jerry.  
The dog rides Jerry bareback, the lat-  
ter seeming to have no objection. The  
horse has a strange fancy for the dog,  
and being told to kiss Max delibera-  
tely lowers its head and licks the face  
of the collie. Not long since the horse  
succeeded in pulling a board off his  
manger and got his head fastened in  
the opening. Max discovered the  
horse's predicament and raced off af-  
ter Mr. Pyle and brought him to the  
rescue.—Chicago Chronicle.

### A BRAVE HEN.

An Oregon woman is the owner of  
a hen that she would not trade for an  
entire flock of poultry. A Philadelphia  
daily declares this hen to be the only  
one in the United States that ever  
fought and killed a hawk.

The hen was tending her brood in  
the usual way, when a chicken-hawk  
made its descent. The hen did not  
squawk and run, but with a fierce and  
well-directed blow buried her bill un-  
der the hawk's left wing.

It may have been a chance blow, but  
it did its work. The hawk seemed  
surprised and dazed. It rose feebly,  
flew aimlessly against a clothesline  
and dropped dead.



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THE W. H. M. SOCIETY NEEDED IN COUNTRY CHARGES.

(A paper by Mrs. W. A. Sampey read before the Joint Conference of the W. H. M. and W. F. M. Societies of the Waxahachie District at Hillsboro, October 15, 1903.)

When I read our District Secretary's letter I wondered why she ever came to give me this subject. Then remembering that a person who never brought up any children could tell exactly how they ought to be reared, I thought the rule would work here. A person who never had any experience might be able to tell how to organize and maintain auxiliaries in the country charges better than one who had made the attempt. Such an one would have this advantage—the subject would be quite new. However, I have been deeply impressed with the importance of this work, and I will proceed to relate, not my experience, but what I think about it.

I imagine the same things necessary for country that are found to be necessary in town, viz: a good leader and the hearty co-operation of the pastors. Without these a society may be organized, but cannot be maintained. When the Home Mission Society, as a whole, devotes as much time and care to the problem of organizing the country places as they have done for the development of city charges, the country will blossom as the rose. We, countries, are susceptible of progress. We do not have your society fads, progressive euche and all the other clubdoms to take up our time. Therefore, with a little instruction and encouragement, we would move right into line, and bring things to pass. But we are novices in this work. How can we learn except we have a teacher? How many of your Superintendents of departments, your District Secretaries, have been out among the country ladies to explain their work? We, in our neighborhood, have not seen the picture of one, and we have picture agents galore, too. Country people, as a rule, think town folks hold themselves above them, and sometimes they are not missing the mark very far. Why, I heard a large town boy say, "There goes an old country; he don't know straight up, either." Well, we don't know much about the Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South. Some of us don't know that there is such a thing as the Searritt Bible and Training School, if perchance we have heard of it, we don't know whether it belongs to the Woman's Home or Foreign Mission Society. We don't know a thing about schools for Chinese, Japanese, Cubans, Indians, negroes, or for the poor of the mountainous districts. And if we were asked for a donation for the Mission Home and Training School in Dallas, would say, "Let Dallas take care of her own schools; what have we to do with Dallas?" Being ignorant of the fact that if one of our own loved girls should be led astray that same Home is the asylum where she could have a chance to be brought back to a pure life, and thus save her soul. How can you expect anything of us in a connectional way when we don't know what you mean by connectional? When we are told that our own parsonage needs repairs, we readily understand. There is before us the object lesson—a dilapidated house, or no house at all. See! How much do you find in "Our Homes" or the "King's Messenger," and they both contain superior literature, about country auxiliaries? Everything is city missions, kindergartens, settlement homes, etc. All this is well in its place. I have not a word against it, but go farther—encourage your country relatives some. When you are reading so much about child slavery in the North, labor in the cotton mills, do you ever think of the little slaves of the cotton patch in the South? Just think of the children of this great cotton belt who are deprived of the little six months' public school! They go to the cotton patch by the time they can toddle; they drag sacks in all kinds of weather. Last winter was enough to make a heart of stone melt, to see bright little girls and boys in the mud and rain, gathering the top crop, when they should have been in school. I heard one girl say that she had been picking cotton six months. And, now, what you philanthropists are doing for the city's poor, Mr. Boll Weevil is doing for the country's poor—giving them a chance to develop brain as well as brawn. If you ask us to tithe, we don't know what you mean. Why, I heard a lady say, "Do you expect us to pay a tenth to the W. H. M. S.; then how will we meet the other claims?" If you ladies working for foreign missions ask us for money for China or Japan, we tell you that they are better off than we are. We have just read about a minister to China spending an immense amount for fine wines and cigars. Strange conduct for a preacher! We don't know the difference between a D. D. and a U. S. minister. With us all ministers are preachers.

If we needed help on our parsonage,

we would not know how to get it. One pastor of a country charge failed to get help when he needed it. Although the committee knew of the sore need, yet, on account of a discrepancy in the application, they could not grant the aid. Treasurer Robbins is not the only man who has to deal with red tape. No, not by any means. We are not to blame because we don't want you to come to us on dress parade. We don't know any better. If a preacher, or his wife, dresses up, we say, "I won't pay anything to him; they dress better than I can. I don't support such extravagance." We have not learned that that very suit was a present from the last charge served, and perhaps the preacher has all his worldly possessions on his back. Some of the preachers have learned this lesson. Your presiding elder can don his second best suit and get next to us; woe unto him if he comes in his dress suit! Listen to a message over the phone in Ennis, having called for long distance: "Hello, Mary; send me my dress suit on the evening train. I thought I would go to the country; but I find I will have to preach in town, and this suit won't do." Now, who is to blame for this? We are. We have not been taught any better. The secular world has begun to realize the importance of cultivating the acquaintance of their rural sisters. In all of our towns, they are building rest-rooms for the exchange of ideas! We will not be able to talk to these city ladies about the Elks ball, or the latest novel, and such like; but they will find many who can converse intelligently of Gibbons' Rome, McCauley's England, Prescott's Conquest of Mexico, or even a little of Shakespeare.

Now, to be serious. How to organize and maintain auxiliaries in country places, is a problem confronting us that must be solved. This question is personal, and this personal question must be answered by personal service. There are many secular duties which must be performed, connected with our church work. We should not neglect to feed the soul; we should not neglect our private religious duties; we should not neglect our public duties. Human nature prompts us to serve by proxy—the easiest way being always to send the other person. Oftentimes the other person will not go, and then the work goes undone. Christ has never been satisfied with proxy work. He wants the labors of both sender and the one sent. He calls for the substitute and the original. It is so easy to say, "I can't." If you fail to do the small things in life, you will never be capable of filling a place of importance. I'll give you an example of personal service: A few months ago, the W. H. M. S. of our neighborhood, in connection with the Sunday-school, gave a missionary rally in the form of a picnic, to draw our people together. Brother T. J. Duncan, of Ennis, was invited to give a talk and to take a collection for foreign missions; and, like the good man he is—ready for every good work—he came, he saw, he conquered. He collected about \$80.00 and captured the crowd. A few weeks afterwards, at the bi-centenary in Waxahachie, some of our people attended and camped on the ground. A gentleman came from the district headquarters to the tent occupied by these Bardwellites. They having just seen Brother Jerome Duncan, he said, "Have you seen Brother Duncan?" "Why, yes," says one; "and he looks ten years younger than he did at the picnic." There is but one Brother Duncan for Bardwell. So much for a man being the image of his father.

There are hearts which will open only to the key of human kindness, interest and love. It is on the principle of personal service, and not proxy, that the Salvation Army does its work with such marked success. We could do much in the way of building up our society in this district by sending out committees to tell of our work and invite others to take part. Oliver Wendell Holmes says, "The human race is divided into two classes: those who go ahead and do something and those who sit around and inquire why wasn't it done the other way." This latter class we do not want; but those who do something we stand much in need of. In secular business we advertise largely; let us advertise for God. Let our work be known, and you will find willing hearts and hands to engage in it. The greatest trouble in country places arises in the payment of dues. This problem would be forever solved if each member would set apart one good hen for this purpose. The profits arising from such such a hen would more than meet the ten cents per month.

To maintain our society anywhere, it is necessary for the pastor to cooperate with us in the work. I have in mind a preacher, who had a down-town appointment. The ladies of First Church went out and organized a W. H. M. Society of twenty-four members. He opposed the movement and changed it to an Aid Society, saying, "We need all at home." He had not learned the proverb, "There is that scattereth and yet in-

crease, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and yet tendeth to poverty." A few weeks afterwards one of the field workers, not knowing of the circumstance, met this same woman must be sent, what is more fitting than that they should be sent by Christian women? This idea gave rise to the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. To increase this work is but to hasten the conversion of the world, and to bring on the millennial dawn. Among the many things which might be suggested as necessary to maintain auxiliaries, whether Home or Foreign, one thing stands paramount to all others—information, information concerning the design of the society, information as to what it is doing. In our thickly settled country, with the mail at our doors, there can be no excuse for not sending out information.

To the members of the W. F. M. Society, would say: we have much that is needed to be done. The fields are white unto the harvest. We can have access to the women of all lands. Do they call for us? Speaking after the manner of the world, I would say, they do not. They know not of us; they know not our Redeemer; they are contented with their idolatry. But speaking after the manner of the gospel, they call for us. The cry is, "Come over and help us, ere we die." Their condition, though unknown to them, invites us over. Shall we go? Christ and humanity say yes; devils and inhumanity say no. How shall we go? Unless personally called to, the best way to go is to send. Missionaries are not wanting; but the means to defray their expenses trail in the dust. The preacher and asked for the name of some influential lady in his charge, that she might write her with reference to organizing a W. H. M. Society. He said, "If I can think of a lady in my charge who will be worth your two-cent stamp, I'll give her name to you." Poor charge! Poor preacher! There has always been objections raised to women helping in Church work; but Paul, bachelor or widower, whichever he might have been, and anti-woman's rights, as he certainly was, had gallantry enough and religion enough to

recognize the faithful women as his true yoke-fellows, laboring with him in the gospel.

I was glad when I read that there was to be a union meeting of the Foreign and Home Mission workers. May the union be so cemented that we may be one grand band of missionaries. The missionary spirit is the very life of the Church. The increase of this spirit indicates vitality. Without this spirit, the Church would take the wings of the morning and fly away to the shades of death. In every age, in which there has been a great religious move, there has been seen the missionary spirit sending the gospel to the regions beyond. Christ was a missionary. He was sent from heaven to earth to rescue men from destruction. All His true followers partake of His Spirit. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His."

One of the grandest conceptions of the age is woman's work for woman. In most heathen lands women are held aloof from society, so that they cannot be reached by male missionaries. This gave rise to the idea of sending

women to heathen lands to teach their women the truths of Christianity. If means to send are as essential as the missionaries to be sent. Then up: "Be strong, quit you like men." To the members of the W. H. M. Society, I would say, follow in the wake of your sisters—hold all the territory won to Christ; let no preacher be without a house in which to live; let no field be left in the rear unoccupied. Finally, some sweet day, having the world conquered to Christ, we will all meet on the other shore and sing, "Harvest Home."

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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Table of Texas Annual Conferences: German Mis., Grassyville, Oct 29; West Texas, Austin, Nov 4; Northwest Texas, Fort Worth, Nov 11; North Texas, Dallas, Nov 25; Texas, Bryan, Dec 2

The preachers of Dallas met last Monday morning and planned for the entertainment of the North Texas Conference which meets Nov. 25. The sessions will be held in First Church and all the congregations of the city will assist in entertaining delegates and visitors. Dr. John M. Moore will act as chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Rev. W. J. Johnson writes as follows from San Antonio, under date of Oct. 23:

"Am afraid that the majority of the preachers of my district will be prevented attendance on the session of conference because of the quarantine restrictions; four new cases of fever this morning."

GENUINELY REFRESHING.

The Fort Worth Record, a notice of which will be found elsewhere, gives a refreshing salutory in its initial number, from which we quote the conclusion:

With very deep gratitude the Record acknowledges the encouragement which the enterprise has received every day since its inception from the people of Fort Worth and from friends throughout the State. Their good will and expectation have put upon the management an obligation to do the very best that is in us. To meet in some measure their hope and prophecy—to be worthy of their esteem and to be true to all the expressed and implied trusts that a public journal assumes—to promote the material and moral good of the people of this city and section; to print an honest newspaper and to merit a generous patronage—to this high calling and honorable endeavor the Record is solemnly committed in the fear of God and in the faith that it will not fail of the reward of a useful and successful attainment.

This is a lofty sentiment and we commend it to the secular press in general. The last sentence is something worthy of emphasis. "The Record is solemnly committed in the fear of God," etc. Why should not a first-class daily feel and express its fear of God? Underneath that sort of sentiment is a spirit of reverence that betokens a high moral ideal very commendable in a journal whose work will have much to do in developing a healthy condition of things in public opinion.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

A live preacher makes a live Church. Apologies were never known to accomplish anything.

The best explanation of failure is that you have failed.

Confession and restitution are twin sisters and they closely resemble.

A toy pistol is a bad thing to have in the home, whether it is loaded or unloaded.

When a man reaches a point at which his conscience never troubles him, he is in a bad fix.

No man is genuinely converted unless he shows a burning desire to see other converted also.

The preacher who crawls into himself and closes the door after him, may be introspective, but he will not touch people and do them good.

The presiding elder is a man who finds all the lame places in the work on his district and then sets himself to the task of pushing and pulling at those points.

The man who is always looking for opportunities without finding them ought to narrow his range of vision and look close about him and he will discover that his path is beset with them.

A SUNDAY AT WHITE ROCK AND ANNONA.

Last Saturday I left this city over the H. & T. C. for Sherman, where I made connection with the T. & P. for Clarksville, thence by private conveyance to the neighborhood of White Rock. At Sherman I had to stop over two hours and dropped round to the College and had a pleasant time with Bishop Key. At the depot I saw Brethren J. A. Old and J. O. Davis, with whom I had a few pleasant words. At the same point Rev. W. H. Brown and I were thrown together for several miles most pleasantly. At Clarksville I shook hands with Rev. L. S. Barton. Brother W. G. Hale met me and drove me to his good country home, where I spent the night. He lives six miles from town in a quiet place. He has been living there and in that vicinity ever since the late war. There he and his good wife reared their family and they are now about all grown. They live in a comfortable dwelling, have an abundance of everything about them and their hospitality abounds. They have large, old-fashioned fire-places and when I arrived there was a good wood fire burning. It reminded me of old times. Three of their children are still at home; also Sister Pryor, widow of the late Rev. W. C. Pryor, who is also a daughter of Brother and Sister Hale. She lives with them. These all constitute an excellent religious family. What a treat it was to get away from the noise and smoke of the city and the railways and spend a night under this Methodist roof! I was brought up in the country and it still has a fascination for me. These good people had never seen me before, but they are readers of the Advocate and they received me as though they had known me always. What a heritage a Methodist preacher has in the homes of our people. We have but little of this world that we can call our own, but we have access to all that our Methodist homes contain. It has been a long time since I spent such a perfectly home-like night away from my own family. These country Methodists deal out hospitality with a lavish hand. In fact, all good Methodists do. But I did enjoy the freedom of this good home beyond measure. Wish I could have stayed a week with them. They showed by every token that they esteemed it a privilege to have me. On Sunday morning we drove out to the church. The day was ideal. There was not a cloud in the sky. I soon saw why the church is called White Rock.

It is built upon a ledge of white rock. The structure is a substantial frame house, with a Masonic hall in the second story. It has been built a long time, but it is still in good repair and with its white coat of paint it forms a sort of picture back in its beautiful grove of trees. It has an enclosure of sixteen acres, and near by is a large shed for summer meetings. And not far away is a good school building. Rev. E. L. Egger is the pastor and he has the distinction of being the only station preacher in charge of a country congregation in Texas so far as I know. He has a fine congregation, and they are devoted to him and his family. He has two Epworth Leagues and his Missionary Societies, together with a fine Sunday-school. In fact, he has all the Church appliances and enterprises found in the town and city stations. All his collections are up and he is ready for conference. He has a nice cottage parsonage home not far from the church. I had the pleasure of dining with his good family after service. It was delightful to be with them. This is the home of the Terrys. The elder Brother and Sister Terry settled here in the long ago and brought up a large family. Nearly all of these are living in the vicinity. They are all Methodists to the manner born. At the morning service the house was packed with people as long as they could get into the auditorium and a number stood without. I preached to them the best I could and they manifested a deep appreciation of the service. I met scores of them at the conclusion. Nearly all of them read the Advocate and they greeted me as an old friend. It was a privilege to meet them and to know them personally. Brother Egger is doing a fine work among them. This is his second year and they are anxious for his return. He is a young man of large promise and is adapted to the work of the itinerancy. So is his wife. The people there are fortunate in having such a preacher and his family among them. In the afternoon, Brother Terry drove Brother Egger and myself over to Annona, a distance of six miles, for the evening service. At Rev. J. A. Wyatt's we met Bro. Casey, the presiding elder. After supper at the parsonage we met a large congregation at the church. We had an excellent service. The people gave heed to the Word. Bro. Casey and myself spent the night at the parsonage. Bro. Wyatt and his wife know how to entertain. They are delightful in their home life. They have good children. I had a night of delightful rest. Annona is a flourishing town. The country adjacent is fertile and the crops are fine. A large cotton gin and an oil mill are among the enterprises. The business houses and the residences show thrift and contentment. Annona is a half station, having one strong country appointment attached to it. The two make a vigorous charge. Bro. Wyatt is popular with his people. He is a good man with a great big heart in him. He loves his people and they love him. He has their interest in mind and works for their spiritual weal. Sister Wyatt is good and true. Her children show what manner of woman she is, and so does her house. Bro. Casey reports well of his charge. His work will come up in good shape. In Red River County the crops are good. Cotton is fine and they were receiving 15 cents for the best quality of it in Clarksville Saturday. The grain crop was luxuriant. In Lamar County the cotton has died fearfully. In passing I saw fields of it as dead as weeds in December. However, the corn and other products are good. On my way home Monday I had a stop over in Bells and went to the parsonage and sat awhile with Bro. Whitehead and his wife. His health is good now, but one year ago when I was there he was down with a long spell of the fever. He told me that his work is very fair condition. He is quite cheerful. It was night when I reached home, after having had a fine trip to those devoted people. Such a visit is refreshing. I would love to spend more time in the country.

G. C. R.

A NIGHT IN GRANDVIEW.

I gave an account of our work at Grandview last summer, at which time I spent a Sunday in that good community. I will not repeat here what I then said. But last week the good women, together with their pastor, invited me to lecture for them in the interest of their Home Mission Society. So I went down and spent a night with them. I am willing to do all I can to help the work of the Church, not only in editing the Advocate, but in preaching and lecturing wherever and whenever it is possible. True it puts a good deal of extra work on me, but that is exactly what I am for. So I never decline to serve the people at any given point when it is possible. In fact, I love to do it. Bro. Lane met me and took me to his delightful parsonage home. His wife knows how to preside over and give direction to that sort of an establishment. I had a most pleasant time with them. I always do when in a Methodist home—especially a Methodist preacher's home. At night we repaired to the school building, where there is a fine auditorium. It is better suited to an entertainment of this sort than a church, though we have an excellent church building in Grandview. I found a good audience, and I lectured to them for a good long time, but it was their fault. They told me to go on. If they got tired they did not evince it in their lack of interest. They gave me a fine hearing. I trust the ladies made a neat little sum. I met at Bro. Lane's Bro. A. J. Barnes, who lives in the country a few miles. He has five or six married children, and he sends the Advocate to all of them at his expense. He is a Georgian and a Methodist to the bone. He is a prosperous farmer. I met a number of our good people who are habitual readers of the Advocate. I am always at home among them.

G. C. R.

A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

A beautiful wedding occurred Wednesday afternoon of last week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Blaylock in this city. Their daughter, Miss Georgia, was married to Mr. King Vain Bunting, of this city, a popular traveling man. The wedding was a home affair, but it was largely attended, and the reception which followed was graced by hundreds of the friends of the family. It continued far into the night. The home decorations in the way of floral display were the most transcendently beautiful we have ever seen. The walls, the tables and the nooks and the corners were wreathed and festooned in flowers of every hue and evergreens of rich variety. The refreshments were delicious, and we have never seen such a handsome and valuable array of presents. The ceremony was performed by the editor of the Advocate, and the occasion was elegant in its simplicity and delightful in its ease and gracefulness. It was an intensely home-like occasion. The young couple are held in high esteem, as was evidenced by the innumerable company present to wish them a Godspeed in their life journey. May joy unalloyed be their portion!

LOCAL OPTION NOTES.

There are only two counties now in the tolls of a local option campaign, and they are Clay and San Saba. We hope to win in both of them. The pros are wide awake and standing by their guns.

The injunction in the Grimes County case was sustained by the Court of Civil Appeals at Austin recently, until it can be heard on its merit. The aspect involved grows out of the fact that some sections of the county were given several weeks after the first of February to pay their poll tax. But the antis contend that the election Judges followed the Constitutional Amendment rather than the legislative permit and refused to recognize poll tax receipts issued after February 1. The court will look into this later.

The Grayson County case was decid-

ed by the Court of Civil Appeals last Saturday and as we felt sure they would do, the injunction was dissolved. The Court held, however, that an outside Judge had the right to issue injunctions where property rights are involved. No one doubted this for a moment, but where it is alleged that elections are illegal and injunctions are asked to restrain the officers from putting the result in force, is another question altogether. The Court also held that the local option laws of Texas are constitutional. An appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court. So the matter goes hobbling along. In the meantime the antis are selling liquor in Grayson against the will of the people. On with the battle!

FORTH WORTH DAILY RECORD AND REGISTER.

We are glad to place on our exchange list the Fort Worth Daily Record, which absorbs and succeeds the Daily Register of that city. The company back of the enterprise is composed of Clarence Ousley, C. W. Hutchison, J. W. Spencer and N. Harding, of Fort Worth; R. M. Johnston, of Houston; Frank P. Holland, of Dallas; Jo Lee Jamison, of Beaumont. Mr. Ousley is the editor-in-chief of the paper. It is a 12-page journal, and takes on the size and form of the Houston Post. It is first-class in every particular. Its news department, State, national and world-wide, is complete. Mr. Ousley is one of the most facile and incisive writers in Texas, and he has had large experience in editorial work. The gentlemen associated with him are leading men and able to back the enterprise with brains and capital. We predict for the Record a successful career.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Capt. W. A. Kendall, of Pilot Point, made us a pleasant visit recently.

Last week we were delighted to have a visit from our old friend, Rev. R. C. Armstrong, D. D. He looks as young and fresh as a boy.

The nineteen-months' old baby of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hudgins, of Weston, died recently after only a few hours' illness. We extend them sympathy in their bereavement.

We caught a glimpse of Rev. O. P. Thomas, of Terrell, and Rev. Foster Pierce, of Gainesville, on the streets last week. We suspect that they called to see us while we were all at the wedding at Brother Blaylock's.

Rev. George M. Boyd, son of Rev. G. F. Boyd, of the North Texas Conference, was recently received on trial into the Tennessee Conference and stationed at Cherokee Park, West Nashville. He is a most promising young man.

A note from Rev. W. J. Johnson, presiding elder of San Antonio District, states that Rev. R. E. Nunn, of Eagle Pass, has been transferred by Bishop Morrison from the West Texas Conference and stationed at San Francisco, Cal.

Rev. J. S. Huckabee, of Aledo, writes us that he organized a good Home Mission Society at one of his country appointments. He says it is the result of the talk we made to the young preachers at the Georgetown Institute. At that time he thought it could not be done, but he has changed his mind.

Elsewhere will be seen a touching note from Rev. James B. Rabb, a superannuate member of the North Texas Conference. He has just entered the eightieth year of his age, but his interest in the Church is still buoyant. He is a native of Alabama, where he joined the conference and traveled a number of years. For a long time he has been in Texas, where he has done effective work. He now lives at Lone Oak, a sweet-spirited and a consecrated old man. All the brethren and thousands of friends love Brother Rabb. God bless the old hero!

CHURCH NEWS.

A house worth \$1000 has been given the Board of Missions by a good woman of Iuka, Mississippi.

"Bishop Hoss," says the Holston Christian Advocate, "read and expounded St. Paul on death in the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians.



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No food like it was ever before administered to the brethren. Many joined their spirits with the apostle's when he exultingly declared: 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?'

Bishop Wilson has returned from Brazil where he held our Portuguese Conference. He is now at his home in Baltimore.

Rev. Sam Jones has been formally invited to hold a union meeting, during the latter part of October, in Memphis, by the Methodist Preachers' Meeting of that place.

Bishop Galloway has been appointed as one of a commission to search the archives of Europe, Mexico and Cuba, for data concerning Mississippi history.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate is our authority for the statement that "There will be nearly twenty-five female delegates to the General Conference of the M. E. Church." What will happen when the sisters get to have the majority?

EPWORTH LEAGUE CULTURE COURSE.

Through the courtesy of Dr. H. M. DuBose, we are in receipt of the "Epworth League Culture Course," comprising the following most helpful and charming books: Four Princes, by Scherer; Korean Sketches, by Gale; Back to Oxford, by Potts; and A Betrayed Trust, by McClure. Dr. DuBose says: "The three things aimed at in this course are, first, the selection of real books; second, of books that are to be immediately useful; and third, of such as preserve a continuity of ideals. The books are expected to become the classics of a life school." These are laudable purposes and aim, and the books before us indicate the sort of style of work to be done in this reading course.

"The One Woman," by Thomas Dixon, Jr., is the second work of this new writer of books. It is not equal in interest to his former work, "The Leopard's Spots," but it is an interesting story. However many features of it have met with severe criticism. It is issued by Doubleday, Page & Co.

"My Moving Tent," by Mrs. Sue F. Mooney. Mrs. Mooney is well known as a writer to our religious papers, as she corresponds with a number of them. Her book is before us and it contains real touches of merit. She draws largely upon her own experience and observation, and especially upon her personal acquaintance with many leading characters. She writes in an easy, fluent style and those who want real literary recreation and enjoyment will find her volume very delightful.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The October number of the Illustrated Methodist Magazine is rich in its several departments. As a periodical, it is unique and up to date.

The November number of "Good House Keeping" contains many very interesting contributions, aside from its editorial articles and suggestions to housewives. It is handsomely illustrated.

The October Atlantic Monthly is up to its usual standard of excellence. It is a splendid magazine of literature, science, art and politics. To read it is to keep up with the progress of the world in all these matters.

The October Clarendon College Magazine is issued by the Literary Societies of that institution and it is a very creditable periodical gotten out by those young people.

The October Methodist Quarterly Review, edited by Dr. J. J. Tigert, is one of the most interesting to the general reader he has yet issued. Many of its leading contributions are biographical and practical in character rather than recondite and abstruse. The leading contribution is from Dr. Tigert himself and the subject is "The First of Englishmen." Of course John Wesley is the theme and it is a good piece of work. "Emerson and His Centennial," by James Mudge, D. D., is worthy of a close reading; and "Joseph Parker," by Rev. W. Harrison, is most instructive and entertaining. "Frederic W. Farrar," by Eugene Parsons, D. D., is a popular theme and treated in a popular manner. These subjects will give our readers an idea of the interest in this number of our Methodist Quarterly Review.

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Gleanings from the Exchanges

A SLANGY, FLIPPANT VEIN.

Midland Methodist: Sometimes a preacher mars an otherwise excellent sermon by dropping into a slangy, flippant vein. He speaks a sentence that has a studied smartness, evidently intended to make the groundlings laugh. Our young preachers should beware of the danger. Sprightliness and chaste humor are entirely different from the particular foibles to which we refer. A coarse suggestion is out of place in a sermon, no matter how much it may stir the risibles of the hearers. Smartness for the sake of smartness is exceedingly tiresome. Freshness and originality, if spontaneous, are all right; but when they are put up to order, the effect is a weariness to the flesh.

TOO MUCH MARRYING.

Nashville Advocate: A minister at a certain conference reported over nine hundred marriages last year. It will be no matter of surprise that he has now located in order to give proper attention to this extraordinary avocation. We should think it no pleasant thing to reflect that without question a distressing proportion of these marriages were hasty, ill-advised, unhappy. We repeat—for it cannot be too often repeated—that, next to the divorce evil, and contributing to perpetuate it, is the evil of hasty and loveless marriages. The minister who looks upon weddings merely from the mercenary point of view, without considering that he ought to join no couple together unless he can ask and expect God's blessing to be upon their union, is prostituting his sacred office.

A ROOSEVELT IN ROME.

Methodist Protestant: On a Vatican mission, an American claiming to be a relative of the President charged with a matter of confidence an American bearing the family name of President Roosevelt and claiming relationship with him has arrived there, charged by the President, it is reported, with a confidential mission to the Vatican.

The above in display type appeared in the New York Herald Sunday, October 11th. Our attention was directed to it, and we clipped it. We cannot believe the story, but should it prove true, the President is putting himself into a position that demands the severest censure. This country recognizes the absolute separation of Church and State, and to establish diplomatic relations with Rome, or to send a representative who is to have "confidential relations" with Rome is a matter too serious to be permitted to pass. It may be that it is only another "feeler" to indicate how much the American people are willing to bear.

READING DUTCH DIVINITY.

Baltimore Richmond Advocate: "A scholarly divine" assimilates the dullness of the works he feeds on. The habit of swallowing large quantities of crude and unfermented alien stuff (sucked up, like the Mexican pulque, by the mouth as a siphon and squirted into huge gourds) swells into a conceit of learning. He is always under the influence of this raw product, flavored by the saliva of the personal pump—the German. He "points with pride" the saints and Sunday-school scholars to the groaning shelves of "imported" wisdom. Such soaking of his mind in this Dutch Dead Sea converted him into pulpit peat. His sermons are a dull, dim, smothered makeshift for fire and light. Its smoke chokes it out, else it would have sulked in its own soot "from morn till dewy eve."

A pine knot is worth a cargo of Dutch sobby saw-dust. Native genius and seasoned sense, fat splinters and a back log of hickory suit a sanhedrim of Solomons or a big meeting in the mountains.

The Teutonic mind has the method and movement of the river dredge. It goes to "the bottom of things," but only to bring up the mud, lifting it on high, and then, by a congenital flaw, it slips a cog and tilts its bucket of muck, tumbling the contents back into the stream. It darkens the waters by its clumsy toil.

AN INCREASED SALARY.

Michigan Advocate: It should not be forgotten that the Lay Electoral Conference of Western Michigan adopted resolutions urging a reasonable increase in the salaries of pastors to meet the increased cost of the necessities of life. That "increased cost" is a very perceptible thing. Actual statistics prove that it takes about \$1100 to-day to do what \$700 did four years ago. This is an increase of over fifty per cent in the cost of necessities, and our Churches should remember this fact in fixing

the salaries of their pastors. No one wants clergymen to be extravagantly rewarded. Clergymen themselves would not approve such a proposition. Most of them belong to the number who "would rather eat a crust from the altar than acquire competence in a secular calling." They are not preaching the gospel for the commercial reward. But every man of them does want a sufficient allowance to enable him to live comfortably and pay every honest debt. He does want returns adequate to the task of clothing and educating his children, entertaining his inevitably large number of guests and if possible to lay up a dollar or two for emergencies and for that dreaded day when he must put off his armor and leave the active field to the command of younger men. To this extent every accredited clergyman has a legitimate claim upon the Church. The servant is worthy of his hire. The Church must cease to single out her promising young men for the work of the ministry, and let Zion languish for leaders, or else she must properly care for those upon whom she places the signet of her approval.

A SAD CONTRAST.

New York Advocate: The glory of those who live by entertaining the public often becomes dim while they die. A few years ago the name of Janaushek would attract an immense concourse ready to pay almost any price for admission. To-day she is an invalid, hopelessly paralyzed, and a saloon keeper in Brooklyn having in his possession a large quantity of costumes and other theatrical belongings of hers, desires to sell them for her benefit. About two years ago the Actors' Fund Society gave an exhibition, the proceeds to be given to her. Though they amounted to about five thousand dollars much of the money had to go for the payment of debts.

It must come to something like this in every case. The great lawyer, the celebrated preacher, the renowned physician, and the merchant prince may not indeed come to poverty, but they often do; and whether it be poverty or not, the end of all things by sudden crash or slow decay is the universal doom of mankind. Those only are happy who, when all they have shrivels up into the small compass of the sick room, have learned the art of looking, not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

TO THE BROTHERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I have just finished the plan of my charge, including inventory of parsonage belongings. It is made out under the following headings:

OFFICIAL ROLL.

- Sunday-School Superintendents. Stewards. President Epworth Leagues. Church and Parsonage Trustees. Church Secretaries. Subscribers to Church Papers.

all of which are followed by proper address. Then follows alphabetical roll of Church membership by Churches, with this explanatory note to begin with:

"N. B.: In the following lists those names marked thus, X, live in town. Where they live in the country the figures following a name indicates the distance, while the letters indicate the direction. A number preceding a name indicates the amount paid by its possessor for conference collections, or more properly, the sum subscribed."

District Steward and Recording Steward also appears. For instance, a name appears like this (I choose at random): "\$20 T. H. Taylor, 20 S." It is very little trouble, but it is a wonderful help to my successor. He finds it in the Stiles list, and it tells him that Bro. Taylor lives 20 miles south of Stiles, and that he paid \$20 on the conference collections. It is so with every name in the list, and gives to the preacher an incalculable advantage at once. Then follows

APPOINTMENTS.

Then comes a heading that is of the greatest interest—and sometimes importance—to the itinerant.

PARSONAGE FURNISHINGS.

which I have made out as completely as I well could. This data I shall take with me to conference and place in the hands of my successor—unless the successor be Bezzo—to start him off well on his new work. If I am called to serve a new charge I wonder what kind of plan of the work will be handed me. May I be allowed to say in all kindness that I have never yet received a good one? "A word to the wise—" etc.

ANDREW HENRY BEZZO. Sterling City, Texas.

Some of the most effectual prayers have been made with the feet.

A TOUCHING NOTE.

Permit me this day, as an old octogenarian, to hail and greet you—an old, worn-out Methodist preacher, who has been an itinerant Methodist preacher from my youth up to this day. I entered the Alabama Conference January, 1846; transferred to East Texas Conference in 1858; thence to North Texas Conference in its organization. I think I fully comprehend all that Jacob meant when he replied to Pharaoh: "Few and evil have the days and the years of my life been." The long voyage of life has been rough and tempestuous. To-day we hear the swelling tide of time beating heavily upon the eternal shore.

JAS. B. RABB.

Lone Oak, Texas.

"THE GREAT WEALTH OF METHODIST PREACHERS."

It is a fact that Methodist preachers own stock in more varied interests than almost any other class of men in all the land. They own an interest all over this country in ranches, farms, cattle, horses, sheep, stores, snuff, tobacco, and sometimes, sad to say, in vile intoxicants. They do not always take this stock willingly, but willingly or otherwise, it often becomes their own.

On one work my salary was short \$45, all of which I unwillingly invested in the various interests of the community. One man promised to pay \$5 more if he did not buy a certain tract of land, but he bought the land. I own \$5 worth of land. One lady would have paid \$3 more, but her daughter's eyes needed attention, and I paid \$3 on that bill. Another member would have paid \$5, but his boy broke his leg and \$5 of my money went to defray expenses of that accident. Another good man would have paid \$20, but during the year a little cherub came to live in their home and he paid \$15. One good old couple loved us much and made many professions of friendship, but had no money, even though they neither ever lacked for a liberal supply of the "weed" in its various forms and that of the costliest brands. So it was that my deficit was absorbed in the different interests of that community, and as mine went so has gone the salary of hundreds of other Methodist preachers. Why do people make the preacher take stock in their business and pay their bills any more than the butcher, the baker or the candlestick maker? JOHN M. LINN.

TO TEXAS CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

Dear brethren, I have just mailed out the fourth quarter drafts to our missionaries. They are past due, but we have delayed till now, waiting for the replenishment of our Treasury. I hope you will send in your money at once so Bro. Hotchkiss can pay these drafts promptly, as they come into his hands. Let these men who have served in weaker places have their money now; it's due. J. T. SMITH. Tyler, Texas.

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## The Sunday-School Department

Fourth Quarter, Lescon 6, Nov. 8.

### DAVID'S GRIEF OVER ABSALOM.

2 Sam. 18:24-33.

Golden Text: "A foolish son is a grief to his father."—Prov. 17:25.

Time: B. C. about 1023.

Place: In the wood country of Ephraim.

Bishop Hoss gives the following summary of the lesson history:

Note.—On the approach of Absalom, David and his friends fled from Jerusalem. The sagacious Abithophel, whose practical wisdom was such that he was said to speak like an oracle, advised Absalom to make an immediate pursuit. If this advice had been followed, it would probably have resulted in the complete success of the rebellion. But it was set aside at the suggestion of Hushai the Archite, who had been left by David in Jerusalem that he might, by feigning loyalty to the new order of things, become possessed of all-important secrets and communicate them to the aged sovereign. Having carried his point, he at once sent a message to David by Ahinoam and Ahimaaz, the sons of the priests Zadok and Abiathar, urging the immediate passage of the Jordan as a means of safety. This is only the briefest outline of what took place. The whole narrative should be carefully read in chapters 15-17. It has been well said that no other day in Hebrew history has received so full and vivid a record. When David crossed the river he was met by the three friendly Princes, "Shobi, the son of Nahash of Gath, the son of Ammon, and Machir, the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim." These generous friends not only gave him the encouragement of their presence, but also furnished him with needed supplies. In a little while he recovered his spirit, reorganized his army in three divisions under Joab, Abishai, and Itai, and from Mahanaim as a center took steps to make a vigorous defense against the prospective attack. It was almost three months later when Absalom, having collected a great force, appeared on the east of the river and offered battle. David himself at first proposed to take the field in person. The old martial instinct was not by any means dead in him. But the people, rightly declaring that his life was worth ten thousand men to the cause, would not listen to such a proposal. With some reluctance he accordingly said: "What seemeth you best I will do." There is a deep pathos in his farewell charge to the commanding officers: "And the King commanded Joab and Abishai and Itai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the King gave all the Captains charge concerning Absalom." The battle was finally joined in "the wood of Ephraim," and the tide turned against Absalom. Absalom himself was caught by his long hair "in the thick boughs of a great oak," or terebinth tree, and was put to death by Joab's own hand, in defiance of the King's command, three darts being thrust through his heart. The ten young men that bore Joab's armor then literally hacked him to pieces with their swords, after which he was cast into a deep pit, and covered with a pile of stones. Ahimaaz, the son of the priest Zadok, besought the privilege of bearing the tidings to the King, but was denied the request, probably because it was supposed that he would hesitate to tell the whole truth to the distressed old man. A runner named Cushai was sent on the errand, and an hour later Ahimaaz was also permitted to set out, and, contrary to expectations, he "overran Cushai."

Dr. Whitehead, in the Sunday-School Magazine gives us the following doctrinal teachings of the lesson:

Is there in all literature anything more pathetic than the cry which smote the evening air at Mahanaim, as the broken-hearted King, a victor but thoroughly miserable, mounted the stairway to his chamber over the gate, there to give unrestrained expression to his sorrow? "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" That cry came from a broken heart. It was, in one sense, madness and folly; it might have forever alienated every faithful soldier he had. It deserved in no little degree the rough reproof and expostulation with which Joab aroused the lamenting and wretched monarch, but it was instinctive and natural to a man like David. He felt, too, that his own miserable sinning "in the matter of Uriah the Hittite" had no little to do with the dreadful fate of his son. So to speak, his iniquity sharpened the darts which from Joab's strong and merciless hand flew swift and straight to their mark

in Absalom's heart as he hung by his hair in the great oak. His sins heaped up the stones which forever hid from sight the bloody form of the handsome son who had turned against his own parent. But for all, we cannot wish that he had done otherwise than wall out the grief of his wretched soul. His cry has furnished many a father, since his day, with a voice when viewing with a breaking heart the ruin of a child whom he had loved and cherished in vain, who had gone down to darkness and eternal undoing under a load of guilt and inexcusable wickedness.

It mattered not how little Absalom deserved the King's lamentation. And yet there was in him that which, under the government of better principles, might well have called forth a strain "in sadness to outlast the morn!" What splendid physical beauty! Can we see "the fine gold dimmed," and not weep? Inherited probably alike from one parent and the other, there had been ruddy beauty in David's youth, and barbaric splendor might, in some lingering traits, have descended on the mother's side, a Princess of those times. So it was; his equal in this respect was not in the land. "Who would not weep for Adonai?" And had religion and integrity been at the helm, his fascinating manners might have been the natural dress of a gallant if not a great soul.

To David he was inexpressibly dear. Possibly, as is often the case, the beautiful child whose hands, in the charm of innocent loveliness, had gotten such hold upon the father's heartstrings, never lost, in the changes and developments of after life, that sweet relation to the father. Absalom was always, in his eyes, the little boy upon whom a fond father lavished all the wealth of a gushing affection. Neither time nor sins could obliterate that picture stored in the innermost cells of his heart.

Thus the old King voices our grief when, like him, we strive to forget all unworthinesses of an ungrateful or unthankful child and weep over beauty and the gifts of Providence bestowed in vain. What are thrones and kingdoms to one who has lost all the heart held dear in its happiest days, when "from love's shining circle the gems drop away?"

Even griefs like David's may be sanctified by the Divine Spirit. The old King wiped away his tears, resumed his public duties, drew the veil over the wounds which would bleed to the end of life. Upon his "deeply thoughtful heart" one lesson would be indelibly engraved. If he had ever doubted it, henceforth it was written with the point of a sword. That was, that God the Father loved him better than children or friends or subjects. The Being who spared not any stroke of rebuke or chastening needful for his salvation would not forsake or cast off the humbled and suffering soul which out of the depths of the greatest distresses looked to him and cried day and night to him. When he wandered from his best Friend and grieved the Holy Spirit who led him toward everlasting life, the Divine Father chastened him, but did not give him "over unto death." Out of all the sorrows and losses which sin brought, God was bringing a good worth all it cost, the deeper and more saving knowledge of himself. David's tears were those of a "broken and a contrite heart," whose "repentance" was "unto salvation not to be repented of."

## 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.

Bishop Duncan has signified his willingness for the Cabinet of the North Texas Conference League to present the League work at the session of the coming Annual Conference, though necessarily he cannot at this time designate the date. The President will speak on the need of thorough district organization, while each of the Vice-Presidents will present the work of their respective departments.

Many excellent articles which ought to appear in this department are being printed elsewhere in the paper from time to time. If our Leaguers will mark their communications, "For League Department," or send them di-

rect to me they will reach the proper column.

Bro. Gober lead the devotional service at the League in Van Alstyne Sunday, Oct. 18, and did it in his usual happy style. He is a whole-soul Leaguer.

A good Baptist brother once said to me that he objected to the Baptist Young People's Union and the Epworth League, because, if given full sway, they would soon absorb the Churches! I told him so far as Methodism was concerned such a thing was impossible, as the Epworth League is a part of the Church, and subordinate to it. Occasionally I find a Methodist who does not know any better than the Baptist brother. For one there is an excuse, but for the other there is none.

Bro. Marvin Nichols' batch of "Bible Facts," published in a recent issue of the Epworth Era, ought to be clipped out and preserved by every Leaguer. Bro. Nichols is a genius at gathering such information, and his "Heart Talks" in the Era constitute one of the most interesting pages of that most excellent paper.

G. W. T.

## REMINISCENCES OF FRONTIER LIFE.

No. 5.

In the year 1860, the Rev. Thomas Ferguson was preacher in charge of Stephenville Mission. This mission then embraced Comanche, Erath and Palo Pinto Counties and about twenty preaching appointments within its limits. The country was sparsely settled, the appointments wide apart, and to fill them monthly required the preacher to ride much and to expose himself to great danger. The Indians then and for many years afterwards depredated upon the country. They usually raided on the light of the moon, selecting now one and then again another neighborhood as the field of their operations. On these predatory incursions they would steal horses, murder and scalp indiscriminately men, women and children. Sometimes they would seize helpless women and children and carry them into a captivity more bitter than death itself. Having put in their fiendish work, they would betake themselves to rapid flight, and before the news of their atrocities could spread and the settlers gather, arm and prepare for effective pursuit, the wily savages would make good their escape from the country.

Such, in brief, was the state of affairs when Bro. Ferguson was on the mission. He, however, was equipped with a good horse and arms, and was, moreover, of a fearless disposition. Although Indian alarms and depredations were rife in the country during the year, yet he was always at his appointments ready to preach as occasion offered. Once, however, he made an escape from the Indians which seemed almost on the miraculous. He and a gentleman at whose house he was stopping, in the upper part of Erath County, rode one day over the surrounding country to ascertain if there were any Indians about. Bro. Ferguson rode a horse belonging to his host on the trip and left his own horse hobbled to graze during his absence. They returned late in the afternoon, without discovering any indications of Indians being in the country. After they got back to the house, Bro. Ferguson, with a feeling of perfect safety, started, afoot and unarmed, to see after his horse. When he came to a wooded ravine, thinking that perhaps the horse had fed to the other side of the ravine, he crossed it, and just as he emerged from the skirting of timber beyond, he saw a band of about fifteen mounted warriors riding briskly up the ravine. The Indians discovered him at the same time and, wheeling their horses, started to him. His condition was now perilous in the extreme.

### Never Neglect Constipation.

It means too much misery and piling up of disease for all parts of the body. Death often starts with constipation. The clogging of the bowels force poisons through the intestines into the blood. All sorts of diseases commence that way. Most common complaints are dyspepsia, indigestion, catarrh of the stomach, liver complaint, kidney trouble, headaches, etc. The bowels must be relieved, but not with cathartics or purgatives. They weaken and aggravate the disease. Use Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine instead. It is a tonic laxative of the highest order. It builds up and adds new strength and vigor. It assists the bowels to move themselves naturally and healthfully without medicine. One small dose a day will cure any case, and remove the cause of the trouble. It is not a patent nostrum. The list of ingredients goes with every package with explanation of their action. It is not simply a temporary relief, it is a permanent cure. Try it. A free sample bottle for the asking. Vernal Remedy Co., 40 Seneca Building, Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all leading druggists.

He was a half mile from the house, with the ravine between, unarmed and afoot. The Indians, as cruel as hungry tigers, were advancing upon him. In this dilemma he was almost dazed for a moment. Then, recollecting that he had noticed, while crossing the ravine, a stick about the size of a gun, and resembling one in shape, he retraced his steps to the bottom of the ravine and picked up the stick. When the Indians saw him do this, they turned and went away. They probably supposed that the stick was a gun; that the preacher was a scout; that armed men were concealed near by; hence, deciding that "discretion is the better part of valor," they left without being dainty of leaving. After the Indians departed, the preacher found his horse and realized that "all is well that ends well."

Bro. Ferguson, at that time, was 25 years old and unmarried. His education was good, he having studied in some of the best schools in Southern Texas. He had a logical cast of mind and preached well. He was, withal, a consecrated young man and had the spiritual welfare of his people much at heart. In the discharge of pastoral duty he could not be swayed either by fear or favor. I have his picture, a present from him, which I have kept through all the long years that have come and gone since last we parted. Sometimes I look at it, with mingled feelings of joy and sadness, as memory retouches the past. I hope we will meet again in heaven.

T. S. EWELL.

Dublin, Texas.

Bob, the negro janitor in a New England college, is as quick-witted as the students who joke with him. One day he had burned off some of the dead grass in the college yard when a Freshman came along, and said, "Well, Bob, that grass is just the color of your face, isn't it?" "Yes, sah," said Bob; "and in about three weeks it will be just the color of yours."

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NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the West Texas Conference will be held in San Marcos, Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. All delegates and visitors are urged to send their names at once to Mrs. Ed Christian so that we may have homes for all who come.

MRS. STERLING FISHER, San Marcos, Texas.

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MRS. J. B. MARTIN, Corresponding Secretary.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of Avalon was organized two months ago by Mrs. Sampey with 10 members. Our society is doing nicely, but have had only two meetings, but hope by Christmas to donate to our parsonage. Our society has ordered mite boxes and have begun work.

MRS. ESTELLE HEMPHILL, Corresponding Secretary.

DISTRICT MEETING.

The W. H. M. S. and the W. F. M. S. of the Waxahachie District united in a district meeting, which convened at Hillsboro Oct. 14, 1903, at 2:30 p. m. Delegates from nearly all the auxiliaries were present and a number of visitors from places where there are no auxiliaries. Wednesday afternoon was devoted to organization, address of welcome, response, reports of delegates and District Secretaries. Wednesday evening Bro. Sensabaugh preached an excellent sermon, and the usual collection was taken.

Thursday morning some valuable papers were read, which were enjoyed by all who had the privilege of hearing them. "City Mission Work in the Waxahachie District," by Mrs. Hawkins, of Waxahachie; "The Special Need in Cuba; Our Duty," by Mrs. Owen, of Milford; "Our Schools, Home and Foreign," by Mrs. Smith, of Ennis, and "How to Organize and Maintain a Society in Country Churches," by Mrs. Sampey, of Bardwell, were interesting and instructive papers. Each was followed by discussion, which proved so interesting that the time for closing came before the program for the morning was completed.

The afternoon was given over to a "Workers' Conference," in which topics of practical value were discussed. A social hour closed the meeting. The Hillsboro auxiliaries served refreshments at the church, and the delegates and visitors departed better acquainted with each other and we trust with renewed zeal for this important work.

The presence of Bro. Sensabaugh during the entire meeting was a help and a benediction to us all. He truly follows St. Paul's injunction to "Help those women which labor with me in the gospel." We trust that this meeting may uplift and strengthen those already engaged in the work, and that it may open the way for the organization of new auxiliaries in both the Home Mission and the Foreign Missionary Societies.

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SUPPLIES.

Investigation as to needy preachers in our conference—the Northwest Texas—has shown but three. This investigation was as thorough as I could make it, having received replies from four of our presiding elders. But I took it for granted there was no need for our work in the districts of those who did not reply. The three found are all being provided for, I trust, as I have sent their names to societies wishing to send boxes. I have also written to every District Secretary and sent a card through them to each Auxiliary urging the sending of boxes. It is a matter for congratulation that there are so few needy preachers in our conference, but we must not forget those in the far distant West, where times have not been so prosperous as in our State. Mrs. Yarbrough can likely supply names for all who wish to send to those. Brother G. S. Slover, who has lately taken a position in our Orphans' Home at Waco has appealed through our District Secretaries for

clothing for boys. While this institution is not under our Woman's Home Mission Board, yet it appeals to us as Methodists and Christians, and I think a liberal response will be made. But while doing generously for the preachers and the orphans, let us not forget our Mission Home needs. There the unfortunate inmates have only our W. H. M. workers to look to, and their needs are always great. With hearts full of love to all the unfortunate, let us verify the reputation of the virtuous woman. "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." I will append to this some instructions sent me by Mrs. Yarbrough.

Since writing the above I have heard from Mrs. Yarbrough that she has more applications from Auxiliaries than from preachers. So it is useless at present to write her for name of needy preacher. Let us then turn our tide of generosity to our own institutions, rejoicing that our preachers are generally cared for.

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MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, Superintendent.

MILES, SERVICE, TRAVELS, AND ELSE.

Miles Station is a little town on the Lampasas branch of the Santa Fe Railroad, in Rannels County, midway between Ballinger and San Angelo, being twenty miles from either place. In 1894, when I traveled the Paint Rock Circuit, Miles was the 5th Sunday appointment, and getting two Sundays per month. The town and the Church have grown fast in the last nine years. Then there were about six families in the town. Now there are about seven hundred people. Then there were a very few Methodists. Now there are 110 on the Church roll. The surrounding country is rapidly settling up with a good class of working people. Bro. M. T. Allen, the pastor, has a good Sunday-school with more than seventy on the roll, a Good Senior League, and a prayer-meeting, and he gives us the good old gospel of Jesus Christ two Sundays in the month. We have a good house of worship, which has a small debt on it, that we hope will soon be paid. The outlook is good. I am settling here. My postoffice is Miles, Texas. My friends, please write to me at this place. It is a great pleasure to this old preacher to get a letter from a friend, whether man, woman or child. I am partial to the dear children, and appreciate their little letters very much.

Mr. Editor, as the conference year is nearly gone, may be you will allow me to make a little report. I have preached 39 times, and made 179 visits and calls (some of which were criticised) and have done some other religious or spiritual work. I have had a good year because the Lord Jesus Christ has been with me. Thank the Lord! I am boarding at the house of Bro. John Alexander, two miles from town, while he is building a little house for me in town. He and his family are very kind to me. In town I found my

old friend, Bro. E. Boykin, who, with his widowed sister (Sister Williams), are still keeping hotel, as they were in 1894, but on a larger scale. They both showed me much kindness and he invited me to stay at his hotel as long as I pleased. I also met other old friends of the town and country, whose names are in the "Lamb's Book of Life." This is the anniversary of a memorable day in my life. Forty-three years ago, Oct. 29, 1860, I crossed Red River, and got into Texas. The East Texas Conference met at Jefferson, Texas. Bishop James O. Andrew presided. Forty-three summers have come and gone! Then I was a lonely stranger. Since then God has given me a good wife, five children, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, four grandchildren and a host of friends. The best of all is, God is with me. Glory be to his holy name. R. M. LEATON.

Miles, Texas.

REMINISCENCES AND ELSE.

On October 3, 1868, I was licensed to preach, Rev. Richard Lane, P. E., W. P. Petty, P. C., Wm. Newberry, Sec'y, of Quarterly Conference. October 26, being 21 years of age, I passed examination before R. Lane and Jas. L. Terry for admission on trial into the Annual Conference in the town of Dallas. October 28 I was admitted on trial with Rev. S. S. Cobb, Bishop Doggett in the chair; Rev. W. C. Young, Secretary. This being my first conference to attend, and the last attended by my father, Rev. H. D. Palmer, he being the first Methodist preacher licensed in Texas, by Littleton Fowler at Box's Fort, March, 1838, being one of the members of the first Texas Conference, in Ruterville, Texas. My father gave me his Bible 25 years ago and after this length of time

we are to meet again in Dallas. But few of the then members are on the roll now. I was then a beardless boy, just having reached my majority; now, the 26th of this month, will be 56 years of age. My beard is perfectly white; have traveled 25 charges in 35 years; have seen hundreds of souls converted; witnessed the triumphant death of many. This, the 23d day of October, 1903, I feel confident that there are some at the beautiful gate watching for me. In July, 1871, I held a meeting at Red Oak, three miles west of Detroit, Red River County, Texas, where the power of God was wonderfully manifest. At this meeting, among the number that were converted and united with the Church was Miss E. O. Womack. Her conversion was clear and demonstrative. October 24, 1872, she became my wife, and October 24th of this month is the thirty-first anniversary of our wedded life. We have both grown older, but are hopeful of being able to be effective for some years to come.

On the 18th of October, at the residence of Dr. S. A. Guinn I united in marriage Mr. G. C. Dresser and Miss Meda Sanford. He is a young man of sterling worth, having a home for his young wife. He has captured a noble heart, she first giving her heart to God. Now she becomes the wife of G. C. Dresser. They seem to be equally matched. May their lives comport with the vows taken at the marriage altar. L. F. PALMER. Marysville, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Oct. 22.—S. F. Chambers, sub. G. V. Ridley, subs. J. M. Adams, sub. C. W. Dennis, subs. T. J. Milam, subs; 2 cards. M. W. Clark, sub. T. S. Armstrong, subs. O. C. Sweeney, sub. J. D. Scott, sub. L. P. Smith.

subs. C. W. Perkins, sub. Eugene T. Bates, sub. A. O. Evans, subs. P. R. White, sub has attention. J. P. Paterson, sub. W. H. Crawford, subs.

Oct. 23.—J. J. Canafax, subs. T. J. Milam, sub. W. D. Mountcastle, sub. Thos. Reece, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, change made. C. D. West, subs. L. A. Clark, sub.

Oct. 24.—W. A. Edwards, sub. E. R. Patterson, subs. W. J. Holder, sub. G. H. Phair, subs. T. N. Weeks, sub. J. C. Huddleston, sub. W. K. Simpson, subs.

Oct. 26.—J. H. Chambliss, subs. W. T. Gray, sub. T. J. Milam, sub has attention. Chas. E. Brown, subs. W. H. Carr, sub. S. B. Beall, trial subs. W. A. Gilleland, o. k. D. A. McGuire, subs. R. D. Moore, sub. V. G. Thomas, sub.

Oct. 27.—J. N. Hunter, sub and trial subs. W. B. Wilson, sub; Jas. A. Wall-up, sub. G. W. Riley, subs. M. H. Neely, subs. M. B. Johnston, sub. W. J. Holder, subs. J. T. Bloodworth, subs. B. H. Greathouse, sub. G. W. Kinchelee, subs. J. C. Weaver, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub.

Oct. 28.—Geo. A. Nance, sub. J. R. Atchley, sub. G. R. Hughes, sub. Jas. M. Baker, sub. J. J. Canafax, subs. M. F. Mayne, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. T. B. Williamson, sub.

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In addition to the above, the Publisher has engaged Rev. Geo. S. Sexton to go with the party as his official representative, to see that every thing necessary for the comfort and pleasure of the party is supplied. He has traveled through every country embraced in the Pilgrimage and is acquainted with the customs of the people and the peculiar needs of a traveler. The Itinerary has been prepared under his supervision, and he will see to it that it is carried out to the minutest detail. The idea has been to plan a high-class trip, without undue extravagance, with all necessary expenses included—first-class saloon ocean, satisfactory railroad service in Europe, full board, three meals a day throughout—French breakfast, meat luncheon and table d'hote dinner daily, except that during the Palestine tour in camp and the horseback riding, meat breakfasts will be served. The membership in the party will be strictly limited—the idea being to limit the party to those for whom time has been allowed to make the careful advance plans.

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DUBOSE.—Thomas Turpin Dubose, youngest child of F. H. and M. C. Dubose, was born in Nueces County, Texas, February 23, 1880, and departed this life July 20, 1903. Thomas was a switchman on the Aransas Pass Railroad, and on July 15 met with a serious accident while in the discharge of his duty. He was carried to the hospital at San Antonio, where he had the best attention that could be secured. His mother, Sister M. C. Dubose, who lives at Alice, was at once called to his bedside, where she remained until his death. He joined the Methodist Church in his childhood, but as he grew up and went out from home and among new associates, he became worldly. During his last illness, conscious of the fact that death was near at hand, he talked freely with his mother about his financial affairs and told her that all he had would come to her. He was devoted to his mother and always thoughtful of her. His mother, a good Christian woman, said to him, "Now you have attended to your business affairs, what about your soul; have you asked God to forgive your sins?" To which he replied, "I have not been good; I have sinned, but have asked God to forgive me, and I believe that he has." With this assurance from him to his mother, after much suffering he passed peacefully away, and as we have reason to believe into that world where accidents are not. We laid his body to rest in the old Lagarto Cemetery. Lagarto was the home of his childhood, and at the grave were gathered a host of his old schoolmates and lifelong friends to pay him the last tribute of respect. To the bereaved mother, father, brothers, sisters and friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy and pray that our heavenly father's blessing may be upon them in their sorrow.

JOE F. WEBB.

MCKINLEY.—Mrs. Mary Bouville McKinley was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 28, 1828, and died at her residence in Orange, Texas, August 14, 1903. She moved with her parents to Nashville, Tenn., in the year of 1849, where she lived until she moved to Orange, Texas, in 1872. She was married in Nashville to David B. McKinley, December 25, 1847, with whom she lived until his death in 1899. She was the mother of eight children, six daughters and two sons, all survive her except one daughter, Sister McKinley was converted under the ministry of Rev. Fountain B. Pitts and received by him into the Methodist Church when she was 20 years of age, and ever afterwards was a faithful and consistent member of her Church. Her influence upon her family was strong for good, and she lived to see all her children brought into the Church. Sister McKinley had a good heart and a strong mind. She both knew and loved the doctrines of her Church. She was a faithful attendant upon the Church services even in her old age, and her presence was an inspiration to the preacher. She was a true mother to her children, and they feel that they have lost their best earthly friend. May they all be finally reunited, an unbroken family in heaven.

J. W. JOHNSON.

TEAGUE.—Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Teague, was born Jan. 24, 1892, and, in spite of all that loving hands could do, on June 17, 1903, God saw fit to transplant this pure bud in the flower garden of Paradise. Oh, how sad and desolate their home is now; how they miss the sweet face and the prattling tongue of their little one; but God knows best, and we know that if our eyes could penetrate the veil that hides that bright world from view, we would see little Edith safe and happy in the arms of the dear Savior. Then, dear parents, dry your eyes and look upward; your darling is beckoning you to come and live forever with her in that land where there is no more sorrow and suffering. HER AUNT.

J. W. JOHNSON.

ARMSTRONG.—James M. Armstrong was born in Gibson County, Tennessee, March 28, 1856; was married at Millsap, Texas, April 25, 1883, to Miss Ella Trammell, with whom he lived happily till Sept. 16, 1903, at Amarillo, Texas, when he passed from the trials and troubles of this life to a home beyond the cloud and beyond the tomb. He leaves a heart-broken wife and six children, besides an aged mother, who is only waiting the time of the reunion with patience and submission to the will of God. Oh, how lonely are they, since that loved one has left them and gone to that beautiful home above. His toils are all over and he is resting in peace, happy in the association of Jesus and his sainted father, who died Jan. 1, 1902. His father's last request was for all his loved ones to meet him in heaven; and now father and son have met where they can sing and shout, their trials o'er, safely housed from the storms of life, resting under the protecting branches of the tree of life. Weep not, dear loved ones. Though he is gone, you will meet him in the sweet by-and-by, where no farewells and tears are known. God bless the wife and children of this sad home. May they all meet in heaven, in the prayer of his friend.

MRS. SENTERS.

KING.—Samuel Foster, son of Samuel E. and Mattie L. King, was born May 1, 1891, and died January 17, 1903. Little Foster was permitted to bless the home of his parents only a short time, but his life was a benediction to all who knew him. With sad hearts we laid his little body in the grave to await the resurrection of the pure, but we know that his soul is with Him who said "Suffer the little children, to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." May the God of all grace keep, comfort and sanctify the sorrowing ones till all may find a resting place beneath the shadow of his wing. J. C. STEWART, P. C. Lexington, Texas.

SIMS.—Miss Eppie Sims, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sims, was born in the year 1883, January 19. She departed this life September 3, 1903. Her parents died when she was but a child and she was taken by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Clark, of Italy, Texas, where she lived until death claimed her. Under the pastorage of Rev. Jno. R. Morris she was converted and joined the Methodist Church. She was a faithful and worthy member of the Sunday-school and similar resolutions were made concerning her life and death by the school. She was taken suddenly ill with fever while on a visit to Eastern Texas and died there after a few days' illness in the home of her aunt, Mrs. D. W. Moore. Her death was a great shock to all of us in Italy. She went away on the visit so hale and happy, but of such is this our mortal existence. She was laid to rest in the grave at Jefferson, Texas, beside her parents to await the resurrection morn. O. P. KIKER, Pastor.

SEALE.—Little Ruby, the darling babe of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Seale, was born Feb. 15, 1902, died Sept. 11, 1903; age one year six months and twenty-four days. Little Ruby suffered seventy-four days with slow fever and everything that loving hands and tender hearts could do was given her, but, alas, the death angel came and bore her spirit to that home where tears or sorrow are never known. Sometimes we feel as though our burdens are more than we can bear, but Jesus has said, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." So, look up, loved ones; for we know little Ruby is flitting around the snow white throne of God. As we laid the little form in the snow white casket, bore it to its last resting place, strewed flowers upon the sacred mound, we felt as though the chords that were broken could never vibrate; but, oh what a consolation it is for us to know, if we follow the steps of the Savior, we will, "some sweet day," meet where we will sing and rejoice forever more. MAY BACHMAN, McCulloch, Texas.

MARTIN.—John Henry, son of Andrew and Mollie Martin, was born in Lec River County, Texas, Nov. 13, 1885, and died Sept. 19, 1903. He had never made an open profession of religion, but during the meeting held a few weeks previous to his death he showed a deep concern for spiritual welfare, and it is believed was converted. There was so little change necessary in his case that it was hard to tell when a new life began. He was universally loved by his neighbors and was never known to swear. He was devoted to his mother, and when she said to him, just a little before his death, "Go to sleep," he replied, "I am going to sleep directly, and will sleep a long time, and sweeter sleep than this." J. A. WYATT.

KEAN.—Eulalia Kean was born Nov. 28, 1883; born into the kingdom of Christ August, 1899; united with the M. E. Church, South, August, 1900; died at her home, near Bryson, Texas, Aug. 8, 1903, in the triumphs of a living faith. She lived a beautiful and consistent Christian life; had many friends both young and old; was loved by all who knew her. She suffered intensely for three months from bone cancer. No one ever bore their affliction more submissive than she. When told by her physician that she must die, without a change of expression she said, "I am ready to go," though so weak she could scarcely be heard speak. When the end came, with her arms around her brother's neck, she sang in a full, sweet voice, "Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly," and continued singing until she fell asleep, to awake in the bosom of her Savior. She leaves a widowed mother, two brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives to mourn her death. Weep not, loved ones, but live to meet her at God's right hand. Her pastor, J. B. PARR.

WILLIAMS.—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Fannie Williams, the aged widow of Wash Williams, was born Feb. 13, 1821. She came to Texas with Mercer's Colony in 1844, and settled near Dresden, Navarro County. She soon afterwards moved to Hill County and located in the forks of Kachland and White Rock Creeks. She was the first white woman who lived in that part of the county. She was one of the charter members of the old Salem Church, near fifty years ago. She was the real mother of seven children, four of whom now live, and the foster mother of nine others. She was a mother to several orphans, some of whom now live in the community and call her mother. In fact, she was a mother to the whole community, as many testified when we laid her to rest in the old Salem Cemetery. She was near 83 years of age, and died at the home of her son, Mc Williams, in Colorado City, Texas. Many saints have been laid to sleep in the old Salem Cemetery, but some said she was the saintliest of all. Sleep on, dear mother, till thy God shall bid thee come forth in the likeness and image of thy risen Lord. Then shalt thou "shine as the stars forever," for thou hast "turned many to righteousness." W. H. CRAWFORD.

COLLIER.—Nancy Caroline Morrison was born near Huntsville, Ala., July 12, 1825; was married to W. C. Collier in 1842; moved to Cherokee County, Texas, in 1850, and settled near Rusk; moved to Robertson County in 1859, and died near Elliott, Sept. 13, 1903. Mrs. Collier was the mother of nine children, five of whom preceded her to the world of spirits, while four are left behind to mourn her departure and to follow in her steps. She was converted to God and joined the Church when she was 14 years old. Mrs. Collier was sick a great deal and suffered much in her declining years, but she believed that the Judge of all our earth would do right, and resigned herself cheerfully to the will of God. She so lived that when the summons came she was ready for it. A mother in Israel has gone to her eternal reward. "I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors." A FRIEND.

OWENS.—Sister V. A., wife of S. T. Owens, was born in South Alabama, Jan. 25, 1848, and died Aug. 9, 1903. She joined the M. E. Church, South, in her 10th year. After her marriage to Mr. Owens they moved to Rely Springs, Texas. At once she attached herself to the Sunday-school and was a faithful teacher of the infant class until last fall. She had to give up her work owing to a cancer of the tongue. The children dearly loved her. She filled an important place in our little town and Church. Her suffering was great at times, but she did not complain. She was patient and resigned to God's will. I visited and prayed with her a number of times, and it was a blessing to all present. God would descend upon us in melting love, and we would be made happy. Her end came quietly and in peace. Her funeral was largely attended, bespeaking her popularity. Good-bye, Aunt Annie. We expect to meet you in the home of the blessed. Her pastor, C. W. JACOB.

WILKISON.—Mrs. Eliza Jane Wilkison was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, February 24, 1842; professed religion about fifty years ago and joined the M. E. Church, South, under Rev. Thomas Bowen, a blind preacher; was married to J. A. Loyd in 1868; married the second time to D. W. Wilkison November 18, 1884. She was the daughter of S. A. and Harriet Mash, members of the Old Salem Church of Tennessee. She quietly passed away near Spring Hill, Texas, October 2, 1903. She was a great sufferer for many months before her departure. The writer visited her several times during her illness, and she talked of her departure and expressed herself as being submissive to God's will and willing to go. On one occasion when I sang "When the roll is called," at the close of the song she remarked, "I'll be there." C. G. SHUTT.

BROOKS.—Nannie Louise, only child of Brother and Sister J. W. Brooks, was born on the 23d day of November, 1901, and died on the 29th day of September, 1903. While she was only with them for a short season, yet her little life was sunshine in the world, and its last ray here will never be extinct as long as the memory of her angelic existence remains. She was kind as a playmate, and loved by all, and the little prattling words of kindness will always stir the life of her little friends to music akin to heaven. She is now in heaven, and the evil-alluring world will never effect her, and her parents should be happy to know that she is free from that danger that confronts all of our precious darlings and so frequently snatches them from our grasp while we are so faithfully striving to get them to "that home beyond." Brother and Sister Brooks will know where to find her, and may they strive to that end, and trust Jesus, their burden-bearer, in this and all other trials. ALLEN TOOKE. Bellville, Texas.

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REV. JOHN TODD.

Rev. John Todd, of Richmond, Texas, died in Beaumont, Texas, on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1903. Such is the news from the Texas Advocate of Oct. 8. Bro. Todd was a local elder in the M. E. Church, South, whom I have known ever since 1889, having met him soon after I came to the State in the city of Houston. I am wholly unfamiliar with his early life. I know that he was in his 61st year, and that he was a preacher in the active work in England, his native country, and that he served for a time as a supply within the bounds of the Texas Conference after he came to the State. He was a man of good scholarship, large reading, considerable travel and large observation, and of splendid preaching ability. He has often preached for me in my pastoral charges, and to me was a most interesting and profitable preacher. He was a man well informed in ecclesiastical and Methodist Church history and unusually well posted in theology and the Christian Scriptures. He was a good man, regarded by some as a little peculiar in some respects, but so far as I know by all as a good man, whose purpose was to do the Lord's will in every relation in life. He loved to preach the gospel and felt himself hampered in that he could not give his whole life to that specific work. He was a bundle of energy, and labored hard all the time for the support of those dependent upon him, doing all the good he could as he went along, preaching as he had opportunity and lecturing in the cause of temperance with much force and considerable power. One of his peculiar delights as a minister of the gospel was to assist in administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. He loved our ritual and seemed to have special delight in this particular service. He was a genial, social, friendly man, and with those with whom he was in sympathy and who were in sympathy with him, he was a delightful companion. He leaves a widow and seven children to mourn their loss, besides many friends who loved him with a true and sympathetic friendship. He had a hard battle with the world, and went down in the end before the foe to whom we all must yield, but I feel sure he went down fighting with an unyielding faith and with the light of victory in his eye.

E. W. SOLOMON.

COOPER.—Duncan, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cooper, died September 2, 1903. He leaves behind father, mother, six loving brothers and a dear little sister, with a host of sorrowing friends to mourn their loss, but our loss is heaven's gain, for Duncan was a devout Christian, belonging to the M. E. Church of Savoy. He died of typhoid fever, with which he suffered for many weeks, but patient and never murmured, and trusted God to the end. He called his loved ones round him and told them the end had come, he was dying, but all was well, he wasn't afraid to die. What a sweet consolation, sorrowing ones, to know your dear son and brother is safe with Jesus. Look up, sorrowing ones, for we shall meet Duncan again where sad parting never comes. He was laid to rest in Carson's Cemetery. In our grief we rejoice, knowing he is safe in heaven. God will sustain the bereaved.

A FRIEND.

CARNES.—Jas. A. Carnes was born in Washington County, Texas, Feb. 14, 1852. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church, South, under the preaching of Rev. H. M. Sears, now a superannuate of the Texas Conference, at Independence, Texas, August, 1889, and he was ever after this an exemplary member. He has lived at Independence, Washington County, Texas, all his life, except about five years, at which time he lived first in Coke County, then in Runnels, and at each place he connected himself with his Church. After this (in 1894) he returned to his old home at Independence, where he lived to the day of his death, which sad event took place at the hospital in Houston, Sept. 8, 1903. At Bryan, in Brazos County, Texas, Aug. 18, 1886, he was married to Miss Minnie Virginia Adams. Of this marriage there were two daughters and a son born. Bro. Carnes was one of the best of men—a safe, good man anywhere—and he will be sadly missed in his home, where he was a good husband and kind father. He leaves a wife and three children, mother, sister and one brother to mourn their loss. We commend his family, his aged mother and other relatives to the tender mercy of our Heavenly Father.

H. D. WILLIAMS, P. C.

BROWNING.—Claude Herschel, son of E. and M. J. Browning, was born in Red River County, Texas, Dec. 22, 1902, and died at the same place July 1, 1903. Little Herschel's life budded on earth to bloom in heaven. The home is darkened by his absence, but heaven is made brighter to father and mother.

J. A. WYATT

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Antonio District—Fourth Round. Travis Park, at Levita, Oct 30, Nov 1. South Heights, at C. C., 1st Sun Nov 8. Prospect Hill, at C. C., 1st Sun Nov 8. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round. Buda cir, at Buda, Oct 30, Nov 1. Kyle and Pleasant G, at K. 1st Sun Nov 8. Sterling Fisher, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Dublin District—Fourth Round. Desdemona, at Dublin, Oct 31, Nov 1. Luckabay, at Dublin, Nov 4. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. Oglesby, 3 p. m., Oct 29, Nov 1. Jonesboro, at Levita, Oct 31, Nov 1. Coryell City, at C. C., Nov 1. Gatesville sta, at C. C., Nov 8. Quarterly Conference, 3 p. m., Nov 8. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round. Dawson, at Dawson, Oct 31, Nov 1. Mexia, at Mexia, Nov 8. Groesbeck, at Groesbeck, Nov 8. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Paducah mis, at Paducah, Oct 31, Nov 1. Wellington cir, at Wellington, Nov 4. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Stratford, at Stratford, Oct 31, Nov 1. Clarendon sta, at Stratford, Nov 1. Jas. M. Sherman, P. E.

Abilene District—Fourth Round. Merkel, at Merkel, Oct 31, Nov 1. Buffalo Gap, at Buffalo Gap, Nov 2. Sweetwater, at Sweetwater, Nov 4. Truby, at Truby, Nov 4. Abilene, at Abilene, Nov 7. E. A. Smith, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. Cuba, at Chappell Hill, Oct 31, Nov 1. Cleburne, at Cleburne, Nov 1. Kennedale, at Kennedale, Nov 7. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Proctor, at Proctor, Oct 31, Nov 1. Brownwood, at Brownwood, Nov 7. W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Millsboro, at Millsboro, Oct 29, Nov 1. Falmers, at Falmers, Oct 29, Nov 1. Ferris, at Ferris, Nov 4. Madisonville, at Madisonville, Nov 4. Ovilla, at Ovilla, Nov 7. Waxahachie, at Waxahachie, Nov 7. Ennis, at Ennis, Nov 7. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round. Abbott, at Willow, Oct 30, Nov 1. West, at West, Nov 1. Fendolope, at Mosquito, Nov 7. Mt. Calm, at Mt. Calm, Nov 8. Hubbard, at Hubbard, Nov 8. B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round. Throckmorton, at Throckmorton, Oct 29, Nov 1. Ennisville, at South Ennis, Oct 31, Nov 1. E. F. Boone, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Sherman District—Fourth Round. Pilot Grove, at Pilot Grove, Oct 31, Nov 1. York, at York, Nov 1. Howe, at Howe, Nov 7. Denis (call session, 2 p. m.), at Denis, Nov 14. Writwright, at Writwright, Nov 14. Travis Street, at Travis Street, Nov 14. Waples Memorial (call) 7:30 p. m., at Waples Memorial, Nov 14. Sherman cir, at Sherman, Nov 21. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Bryson, at Bryson, Oct 31, Nov 1. Jacobboro, at Jacobboro, Nov 1. Archer City, at Archer City, Nov 7. Wichita Falls, at Wichita Falls, Nov 14. Iowa Park, at Iowa Park, Nov 15. Gibtown, at Gibtown, Nov 21. F. O. Miller, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round. Mesquite, at Mesquite, Oct 31, Nov 1. Forney, at Forney, Nov 1. Chisholm, at Chisholm, Nov 1. Royce, at Royce, Nov 8. Kemp, at Kemp, Nov 14-15. Mabank, at Mabank, Nov 15-16. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round. St. Jo and Myra, at St. Jo, Oct 31, Nov 1. Marysville cir, at Van Slyke, Nov 8. Dexter cir, at Dexter, Nov 14. Geo. S. Sexton, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round. Whiterock sta, at Whiterock, Oct 31, Nov 1. Bagwell cir, at Bagwell, Nov 1. Emerson cir, at Sumner, Nov 7. Macey mis, at Macey, Nov 7. Howland cir, at Atlatia, Nov 14. Roxton sta, at Roxton, Nov 15. Chicota mis, at Chicota, Nov 21. E. H. Casey, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round. Grace Church, 11 a. m., at Dallas, Nov 1. Ervay Street, 8 p. m., at Dallas, Nov 1. First Church, 11 a. m., at Dallas, Nov 8. Trinity, 8 p. m., at Dallas, Nov 8. Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth, Nov 14. Oak Cliff, 8 p. m., at Dallas, Nov 15. Clark's Chapel, 11 a. m., at Dallas, Nov 22. Oak Lawn, 8 p. m., at Dallas, Nov 22. No pastor should fail to have full collections this year. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Campbell, at Shady G., Oct 31, Nov 1. Neola, at Wiregrass, Nov 7. Greenville mis, at Concord, Nov 7. Quinlan, at Quinlan, Nov 14. Wesley, at Wesley, Nov 15. Kavanaugh, at Kavanaugh, Nov 15. Lone Oak, at Miller Grove, Nov 21. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Renner cir, Richardson, Oct 31, Nov 1. Frisco cir, Frisco, Nov 4. Prosper cir, Prosper, Nov 7. Blue Ridge, at Blue Ridge, Nov 11. Weston cir, Liberty, Nov 14. Copeville mis, at Copeville, Nov 17. McKinney sta, at McKinney, Nov 19. Farmersville sta, at Farmersville, Nov 20. Plano sta, at Plano, Nov 21. F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Bonham District—Fourth Round. Gober, at Hall, Oct 31, Nov 1. Ladonia sta, at Ladonia, Nov 1.

Randolph, at Edhube, Nov 7. Bailey, at Bailey, Nov 8. Trenton, at Orangeville, Nov 14. Ector, at Ector, Nov 21. S. Bonham, Bonham, Nov 21. We trust all claims will be met in full. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Como, at Picton, Oct 31, Nov 1. Reilly Springs, at Parks Chapel, Nov 1. Cooper, at Cooper, Nov 6. Lake Creek, at Lake Creek, Nov 7. Klondike, at Bethany, Nov 8. County Line, at Yowell, Nov 9. Vernon, at Pine Forest, Nov 13. Weaver, at Weaver, Nov 15. Sulphur Springs, at Sulphur Springs, Nov 17. Cumby, at Oakland, Nov 21. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Henderson cir, at Good Spgs, Oct 31, Nov 1. Henderson sta, at Henderson, Nov 1. Kellyville, at Shiloh, Nov 7. Northside, at Northside, Nov 12. Harrison, at Parsonage, Nov 12. Beckville, at Beckville, Nov 21. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Edom, at Edom, Oct 31, Nov 1. Golden, at Golden, Nov 7. White House, at White House, Nov 14. Waco, at Waco, Nov 14. New York, at New York, Nov 21. Big Sandy, at Big Sandy, Nov 26. Troup and Overton, at Troup, Nov 28. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Houston District—Fourth Round. Wharton and Hungerford, at Wharton, Oct 31, Nov 1. Bay City, at Bay City, Nov 7. Sandy Point, at Riceton, Nov 14. Alvin, at Alvin, Nov 15. Whiteoak, at Whiteoak, Nov 18. McAshan and Brunner, at B., Nov 19. Galveston, at Galveston, Nov 21. Central Church, Galveston, Nov 22. McKee Street, at McKee Street, Nov 24. Shearn, at Shearn, Nov 25. Washington Street, at Washington Street, Nov 26. Tabernacle, at Tabernacle, Nov 27. Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

Calvert District—Fourth Round. Bremond and Reagan, at B., Oct 31, Nov 1. Calvert sta, at Calvert, Nov 1. Durango, at Durango, Nov 7. Lott, at Lott, Nov 8. Travis, at Cedar S., Nov 14. Rosebud sta, at Rosebud, Nov 15. Marlin sta, at Marlin, Nov 21. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Palestine District—Fourth Round. Kennard cir, at Ratcliff, Oct 31, Nov 1. Beaver Valley cir, at Beaver Valley, Nov 7. Brushy Creek cir, at Necnes, Nov 14. Alto cir, at Alto, Nov 15. Rusk sta, at Rusk, Nov 22. Jacksonville cir, at Earl Ch., Nov 28. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Queen City, at Q. C., Oct 30, Nov 1. Quitman, at Forest Home, Nov 7. Dalby Spgs, at Godsey's Prairie, Nov 14. Cason mis, at Cason, Nov 19. Daingerfield, at Daingerfield, Nov 21. Redwater mis, at Maud, Nov 28. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Huntsville District—Fourth Round. Anderson, at Anderson, Oct 31, Nov 1. Hempstead, at Hempstead, Nov 2. Millican, at Millican, Nov 9. Montgomery, at Montgomery, Nov 11. Huntsville, at Huntsville, Nov 13. Bryan, at Bryan, Nov 15. Bryan, at Bryan, Nov 27-29. Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Leggett mis, at Chester, Oct 31, Nov 1. Livingston, at L., Nov 7. Silsbee, at Silsbee, Nov 14. North End, at North End, Nov 15. China and Sour Lake, at S. L., Nov 18. Woodville, at Woodville, Nov 21. Wallisville, at Wallisville, Nov 24. Call, at Call, Nov 28. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round. Lexington, at Tanglewood, Oct 31, Nov 1. Rockdale, at Rockdale, Nov 1. Pleasant Hill, at Pleasant Hill, Nov 7. Giddings, at Giddings, Nov 14. Chappell Hill, at Chappell Hill, Nov 15. Brenham, Tuesday, 7 p. m., Nov 17. Caldwell, Wednesday, 7 p. m., Nov 18. Cameron cir, Saturday, 11 a. m., Nov 21. Davilla, at Davilla, Nov 22. Cameron, Wednesday, 7 p. m., Nov 25. Milano, at Milano, Nov 28. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round. Burke cir, at Burke, Oct 31, Nov 1. Nacogdoches sta, at Nacogdoches, Nov 1. Center sta, Thur., at Center, Nov 5. San Augustine, at S. A., Nov 7. Timponia sta, Wed., at Timponia, Nov 11. Minden, at Minden, Fri., Nov 13. Clayton, at Clayton, Nov 14. Carthage sta, at Carthage, Nov 15. Hemphill, at H. H., Fri., Nov 20. Sexton, at Geneva, Nov 21. Appley mis, at Appley, Nov 29. C. A. Tower, P. E.

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TWO DOLLARS TO SEND A DOLLAR.

By Walter R. Lambuth, Missionary Secretary M. E. Church, South.

We had supposed that the old objection to foreign missions, "It takes two dollars to send a dollar," had died a natural death. It seems that we were mistaken. Three times during the past thirty days it has been repeated in our hearing. The last time by an intelligent lady who insisted that she had heard it from childhood, and had grown up with the idea that the work of foreign missions was not only exceedingly costly, but wasteful. She had learned better since becoming a member of a Missionary Society, but she was sure that there were many of our people who still cling to the old tradition.

Such ignorance is simply unpardonable in this day of banking and publication. The cashier of any bank knows that funds of Missionary Boards are transmitted to Canada, Europe, China, Japan or other foreign countries by means of New York exchange, with no expense save the postage stamp which conveys the draft.

The Treasurer of the American Board has recently prepared an exhibit showing what is done with the funds passing through his hands. After analyzing the disbursements for the foreign fields, he finds that only \$7.54 in every 100 is required to cover "all cost of collecting and transmitting funds, including agencies, correspondence, publications of all sorts, and all salaries in every department."

He adds the following statement of comparative figures: "In examining the insurance department reports of more than a score of the principal life insurance companies of the United States for 1896, it appears that only two of them can report that the ratio of 'management expenses' to income is less than 12 per cent. In most cases the expenses have been from 16 to 29 per cent; some of them even higher. The lowest of them all is 10.55 per cent, and this fact is commented upon as indicating great care and economy in management. No intelligent person who considers what is required for the scattering of information, the collection of funds, and for the correspondence involved in the sending out and maintaining 543 missionaries in foreign lands, can deem the expenditure 7.54 per cent of income for 'administration' as other than very moderate. It is surely an occasion for rejoicing that so large a portion as 92.46 per cent can go directly to the support of the missionaries and the work in the field. It should be borne in mind, moreover, that should the receipts of the Board increase to \$1,000,000 annually, as they ought to, the cost of administration would be increased but slightly, and the percentage of expenditure in that department would be materially reduced."

We are glad to be able to say that 7 per cent was the proportion last year in the case of our own Board of Missions. Surely these facts should conclusively demonstrate the soundness and economy of the business methods adopted in mission financing.

THE CHAIN LETTER.

The chain letter collection is the most expensive collection in the world. I get a chain letter asking me for one dime and to write five imitation letters requesting each person to send one dime and to write five letters each, on and on. It will cost me two cents to send my dime and two cents each on five letters, or twelve cents. It will cost each person just as much. A collection taken up in this way will cost more than the collection will amount to. It will cost twelve dollars to raise ten dollars. No, sir, excuse me. I never bite at this bait. It is a swindle on the face of it.

GILDEROY.

CALLED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

Our local preachers, it seems to me, put too little stress on their identity in the itinerancy. If you are called to preach, you are going to preach; otherwise you will be a curse on earth. Do you understand? God would have made Jonah palpable to the whale's stomach if there had not been a ready response to obey at that time. A local preacher is equal to a traveling preacher, and a traveling preacher is equal to a presiding elder, and a presiding elder is equal to a Bishop in the Christ sense. All are called to preach the gospel. I really look in amazement at some young men sometimes. They get mad because they don't pass an examination. To preach means to be red-hot. You are not to decide that you are the main fellow, but do what God wants you to do. Your preaching is to be first of all, remember, and if you fail, ask the Lord to show you; but above all things don't get mad.

I am writing rather plain. This is intended, however, mainly for local preachers. I love my work and I assure you, dear reader, that I feel conscious that some local preachers do not put enough stress on their calling. To the front; to the front; no hesitating! Local, circuit, district, all shoulder arms to fight for Jesus.

W. P. DAVIS.

Supt. Jonesboro School and Local Preacher under W. P. Edwards.

POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.

It is with pleasure that we report a profitable week's meeting at Polytechnic College at the beginning of the session. Rev. N. B. Read, pastor of Peach Street Methodist Church, was present and preached at all the services excepting three. Bro. Read is a strong preacher. His sermons made a marked impression and the influence of his personality will abide with us. There were quite a number of conversions and reclamations. Several have already united with the Church and others will join later. Bands of personal workers among the young men and young women have been organized. It is very much desired that the work of winning souls shall become a continuous one, and that greater efficiency be secured in this line of service.

President H. A. Boaz is filling admirably the important position to which he has been called. The college is prospering under his administration. Each member of the faculty is doing excellent work, and the students are well pleased. The new building is commodious, elegant and beautiful. If the friends of Christian education act wisely, Polytechnic College is now entering upon an era of unprecedented prosperity. May no narrowness of vision obscure the future.

E. P. WILLIAMS.

Fort Worth, Texas.

A VISIT TO THE PENITENTIARY.

In December, 1901, I was attending the annual meeting of the Texas Conference at Huntsville. We were visiting our long-time friends, Rev. S. H. Morgan and wife, and as Bro. Morgan was at that time chaplain of the penitentiary, we accompanied them to the afternoon service on Sunday during conference.

It chanced to be the eighteenth birthday of my only son and my habitual solicitude and prayerfulness for him were augmented by thoughts of his fast approaching manhood, and by other associations connected with the day. I hope I may be pardoned for being so personal, but it seemed that everything presented itself to my mind as being in some way related to that boy. I met many dear old friends, some of them former pastors, and immediately I would remember that they had prayed in my house, my boy had shared their friendship, they had helped us to bring him to the fair promise of a useful Christian manhood.

So when we went to the penitentiary the guard who admitted us seemed almost as a son standing where his finer feelings were being smothered, and where he was in danger of losing faith in God and man. Then, when we entered the chapel and were surrounded by those hundreds of criminals, I was overwhelmed by a sense of the monstrous accumulation of sorrow which they represented. I thought of the agony of the mothers who had rejoiced that a man was born into the world, then in bitter heart-breaks had lived to see him come to this.

My fate might have been the same if circumstances of heredity, education and God's crowning gift, a sober, Christian husband, had been different; and I was consumed with sympathy, with an intolerable longing to do something for them, to say some word to show them how great was my desire to benefit them. I had some conception as never before of how the Savior must feel for a ruined world.

At the close of the service, Bro. Morgan invited the visitors to talk to the men and I spoke to a good many of them. Their clean-shaven faces and

the prison complexion made them appear younger than they really were, so that I had no hesitancy in speaking to them as to sons, and as if they had time to retrieve their mistakes.

I said to one young man: "I am so sorry to see you here. I am sure from your face that you can be a good man. Now, if I feel for you as I do, can't you realize that Christ feels still more? He has known you and cared for you all your life. I can only say I am sorry; but, if you will trust Him, He will be with you and help you at all times."

He said: "Do many people on the outside feel towards us as you do?"

I said: "Yes. God puts it into the hearts of all Christians to feel so, and to want to help you to live right."

"Well," he said, "I would never have been here if I had known that. My mother died when I was ten years old, and after that nobody ever seemed to care for me. I got into bad company, then it seemed as if all good people hated me, and I didn't think it much mattered what became of me; but I mean to be a different man. I will try to do as you say."

The officials and guards even when naturally disposed to be sympathetic are forced to maintain rigid discipline, because among the convicts there are many hardened, desperate criminals, waiting and watching for the least opportunity to take advantage. A little leniency or laxity in enforcing regulations may be at the cost of life.

This being the case, all evangelizing or softening influence must come from the outside, and I am convinced that Christians are not doing their duty by these men and by the chaplain. Bro. Morgan and wife did a great work among them, and Bro. W. T. McDonald has had a number of conversions. Thirty have given their names for membership in some Church.

We need to be more alert, that the bad boy, especially if motherless, shall not think that "good people hate him." If he slips through our fingers into the penitentiary, we need to follow him there with sympathy and prayers. Individual effort is good, but organized co-operation is better; and this is embodied in the societies for the friendless and the prison leagues, now at work in a number of States and Territories.

Rev. E. A. Fredenhogen, of Topeka, Kansas, General Superintendent, is to visit Texas this winter. Bro. McDonald hopes to have him at the meeting of the Texas Conference in Bryan.

While in Texas he will visit and preach at such places as there may be opportunity. This organization helps the chaplain to convert and reform the men while in prison, and then helps the men to obtain honest work and to become useful citizens when released.

LIZZIE H. HILL.

Hill's Prairie, Texas.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT To Pastors a Sunday-School Superintendents.

In the year 1903 A. D. it is estimated that the people of Christian lands spend annually not less than one hundred million dollars for Christmas presents to one another. Would it not be pleasing to the Christ, whose birth at Christmas time we celebrate, if the Christian Church would, out of its abundance, supplement this one hundred million dollars, or more, of personal expenditure with a generous offering for the proclamation of Christ's birth in heathen lands?

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The special object toward which the gifts of the Texas Conferences are to be directed is China. Boxes will be furnished free, together with more detailed information and a fuller account of the needs of the above named object. Write to the Mission Rooms, Nashville, Tenn., at once, for sample boxes.

I am proud of the stand the Advocate is taking on the prohibition question. Hope soon to see Texas go dry. I hope the circulation of the Advocate will double itself. I am going to try to help to do it. A. BRADBURN. Marshall, Texas.

PROHIBITION CARRIED.

Mills County went for prohibition last Saturday by a vote of 537 to 207. A few years since in a similar election the vote stood two to one against prohibition. JOHN M. LINN.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

(Read Before the Fourth Quarterly Conference, Lindale Charge.)

Whereas, Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. J. T. Smith, is serving his fourth year's work with us, and that this is the last time likely he will serve us in that capacity, be it resolved,

1. That he has faithfully and judiciously performed and exercised the functions of his office as our presiding elder, and has diligently discharged the duties pertaining to his office.

2. That we heartily endorse and joyfully recommend him to those with whom he may be sent to labor in the future as a man worthy of any honor or trust imposed to him, and we feel in our hearts that those to whom he may be sent will never regret such action of Annual Conference.

3. That we regret very much, more than tongue can tell or words express, to give him up as our presiding elder, as he has, by his godly life and friendly associations with us, bound our hearts close to his by the cords of brotherly love.

4. That our prayers follow him in his work, and that he may be as honored and richly blessed in the decline of life as he has been useful in the meridian of life; that he is borne along Time's ocean, buffeted by the waves, he may be upheld and sustained by God's grace; and that when he approaches the narrow isthmus which divides itself from the sea of eternity beyond, he may receive the welcome acclaim, "Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the following papers for publication: Texas Christian Advocate, Lindale Reporter, Democrat Reporter and Tyler Courier.

Respectfully,

JNO. W. MAYNE, L. P.;

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Marshall District—Fourth Round. (Additional.)

Jefferson ..... Nov 6  
First Church, Marshall ..... Nov 9  
Coffeeville, at Coffeeville ..... Nov 14, 15  
Longview ..... Nov 29  
Kigore, at Belview ..... Nov 28, 29  
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

MARRIAGES.

Harshaw-Lee.—At Trenton, Texas, Oct. 14, 1903, Mr. Claud Harshaw and Miss Toka Lee, Rev. W. B. Bayless officiating.

McGill-Millsap.—At the home of the bride, near DePort, Texas, Oct. 18, 1903, Mr. H. J. McGill and Miss Willie May Millsap, Rev. W. H. McCarter officiating.

Kammann-Gayoso.—At the residence of Rev. W. F. Clark, Dallas, Texas, Oct. 14, 1903, Mr. Warner Kammann and Miss Arrosa Gayoso, Rev. W. F. Clark officiating.

Cox-Vaughan.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Bibb, Texas, Oct. 18, 1903, Mr. Clarence J. Cox and Miss Jessie Vaughan, Rev. Geo. W. Kincheater officiating.

Keen-Rushing.—On the road between Farmer and Oney, Texas, Sept. 27, 1903, Mr. H. C. Keen and Miss May Rushing, Rev. B. R. Wagner officiating.

Planagan-Robinson.—At the residence of the bride's father, C. C. Robinson, Bethany, La., Oct. 14, 1903, Dr. Emmet C. Planagan and Miss Katie Robinson, all at Bethany, La., Rev. W. W. Graham officiating.

Jones-Holmes.—At the M. E. Church, South, Leesville, Texas, Sept. 19, 1903, Mr. K. A. Jones and Miss Edna M. Holmes, all of Leesville, Rev. J. D. Worrell officiating.

Baker-Ellis.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Leesville, Texas, Oct. 1, 1903, Mr. R. H. Baker and Miss Amanda Ellis, Rev. J. D. Worrell officiating.

O'Dea-Vinson.—At the M. E. Church in Windfield, Texas, Oct. 18, 1903, Prof. C. F. O'Dea and Miss Alice Vinson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Vinson, Rev. J. E. Vinson officiating.

Warren-Valentine.—At Joshua, Texas, Oct. 25, 1903, Mr. W. N. Warren and Miss Alice Valentine, Rev. J. P. Mussett officiating.

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