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Editorial.

THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The West Texas Conference adjourned last Sunday night after a very harmonious and profitable session. All the preachers and delegates were present except the most of those from the San Antonio District. The quarantine prevented their presence, though their reports were filed with the Secretaries. They were very much missed and nearly every prayer that was offered remembered them tenderly at a throne of grace. Special prayer was also made for them. By reference to the appointments it will be seen that all of them in the infected districts were returned to their old charges. Austin gave to the conference a royal entertainment and all seemed highly delighted, preachers and people. The preaching on every occasion was spiritual and effective. On Sunday all the pulpits of the evangelical churches were thrown open to the brethren without a single exception. Bishop Duncan preached a great sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at Tenth Street Church. His theme was the request of the mother of James and John to have her two sons sit the one on the right hand and the other on the left of the Master in his kingdom. He commended the mother for her interest in her sons and said that all mothers had the right to ask the very best things and highest places for the boys in the kingdom of truth. The next thought was that high places in all departments of life are open to those who are prepared for them and who are willing to pay the price of sacrifice. He then took up the question of envy as evinced in the case of the ten who had indignation at their two brethren on account of their mother's request. These thoughts formed the staple of a discourse that furnished food to the preachers and the people for serious thought. For nearly an hour the Bishop held the attention of his packed audience and they were amply repaid for their hearing. His presidency also gave great satisfaction. His bearing was pleasant and brotherly with an occasional flash of humor and sally of wit more than refreshing. Once in a while he was very plain and pointed, but never waspish or unduly rasping. He gave to all the brethren a patient hearing on the floor and met them kindly in the social circle. But he inquired diligently and closely into the character of work done by every one. Occasionally he was a little restive in the face of excuses on the part of such as had failed at some important point, and he always took advantage of such pretexts to point out a helpful admonition. Wherever a brother had made a faithful effort, whether he succeeded or not, the Bishop spoke a word of encouragement. In the main, he was tender and considerate, but not at the expense of duty. The conference has had a hard year. The boll weevil scourge, the low price of cattle, and the yellow fever scare militated greatly against the work; nevertheless, under the circumstances, the preachers did well. We think the reports will show an increase over

last year. During the year there was no death among the brethren, no case of discipline, and no elders to be ordained. All received their appointments with apparent zest and we heard no complaints from any source. The conference made a fine impression on the city and left an abiding influence for good. The Advocate received generous treatment on all sides and many words of appreciation were spoken in its behalf. The West Texas Conference is composed of a heroic set of men. They possess brawn and brain and when the Church issues orders to them they march to the contest without a murmur or a note of discord. May the present year be one of great success.

MRS. BOOTH-TUCKER'S DEATH.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker, the second daughter of General Booth and Consul in America of the Salvation Army, was killed in a wreck near Dean Lake, Mo., October 29. The train ran into an open switch at night and the Pullman in which she was asleep struck a steel water tank with such force as to completely demolish the car and the good woman was almost instantly killed. Her distinguished father in England and her husband in Chicago were prostrated with grief when the news of her untimely death was broken to them. And her little children in New York were heart-broken. She was born in Gateshead, England, in 1860; was trained from a youth in the work of the rescue movement; was in charge of a great concourse of young women at twenty in the Training Home. She was married in 1888 to Frederick Tucker, and at once went to India to inaugurate the work of the Salvation Army. In 1896 she came to this country to take charge of the Army work following the disaffection of the Ballington-Booth disaffection. She and her husband have been here ever since and they have been inseparably connected with the Army in America. She visited this city with General Booth several months ago, and we heard her speak in the opera house on Sunday afternoon. She had as sweet a face as was ever given to a woman. Her voice had marvelous compass and melody and strong men melted under her words. She was tall, slender, dark complexion, with soft brown eyes and an expression akin to something of heavenly origin. She was a wonderful woman and her death is a loss not only to the Salvation Army, but to Christendom. But the good Father above doeth all things well, and in his own good time and way he will bring blessings out of this apparent calamity.

THE TWO BAPTIST CONVENTIONS.

We have just had two notable gatherings in Dallas, both of them representing our Baptist brethren in Texas. The first one was a convention of what is known as the Church Party in the State. Dr. S. A. Hayden leads in this movement. It is an offshoot from the Texas Baptist Convention which formerly met as one body, or rather it is one division of that convention. A few years ago this body met in San Antonio and drastic measures were adopted to drive Dr.

Hayden and his followers out of the body. The movement was a success. Out of that effort grew the ugly litigations which have been in progress between the two factions for so long a time. The matter is still in the courts. The lower and the Appellate Courts gave Dr. Hayden a verdict of \$15,000 and the case is now before the Supreme Court of the State. These lawsuits engendered a great deal of bad feeling and personal strife, so much so that the gulf between the two divisions is impassable. Finally the "Church Party" organized a convention of its own. It held its third session in the city a few weeks ago. The gathering numbered twenty-five hundred or three thousand. They represented all parts of the work throughout the State. And it was apparent that this faction had the masses of the rural membership with them, with no small sprinkling from the smaller towns and villages. It has increased in numbers and influence very rapidly within the past year. The other faction is known as the "Board Party." At least that is what the "Church Party" calls them. It is led by Drs. Cranfill, Carroll, Buckner, Truett, Gambrell and others. It represents a strong and influential element. In fact, it largely has the Church machinery, the wealth and the city charges on its side. Several thousand of them were in the convention here last week. They were an imposing body of men. During the year the work they represent has made great progress. They have raised very large amounts of money for their educational and missionary operations, and they show tremendous energy and enterprise. But the two factions are as hopelessly divided as if the Atlantic Ocean were running between them. Like the Jews and the Samaritans, they absolutely have no dealings. The one turns its back upon the other, and the strife has gone out into the towns, the villages and the rural districts. Often in each small town they have their separate organizations. Dr. Hayden never loses an opportunity to turn the batteries of the Texas Baptist-Herald loose on the "Board Party" and upon many of its individual members. But the Baptist Standard rarely ever makes mention of the faction led by Dr. Hayden. But once in awhile Dr. Gambrell makes the fur fly through the columns of his Missionary Worker, a bi-monthly paper. Nevertheless both factions seem to thrive on their opposition to each other. The one is a stimulus to the other. The condition of things is a puzzle. No other Church organization could survive such a state of things. It would be morally impossible in the Methodist Church. Our law and government would not tolerate it for a moment. But the Church that has a congregational form of government has no immunity from the deplorable condition that obtains among our Baptist brethren. It is proof positive that without a well defined system of government and laws that no Church can free itself from strife, discord and division. We now have two separate and distinct Baptist Churches in Texas with all the bickering and contention of a robust family quarrel. And the end is not yet.

THE TIME LIMIT IN THE MINISTRY.

Four years ago the Methodist Episcopal Church, in its General Conference, abolished the time limit in the pastorate. It was done after great discussion in the papers and in the body itself, and when the vote was taken the majority was so large and emphatic that it seemed the question was settled for all time to come. It has not yet been tried a full quadrennium, but, like Banquo's Ghost, it will not down. It is again up in the conferences and in the Church papers. Many of the conferences have already memorialized the approaching General Conference to restore the time limit. Some of the ardent advocates of its abolition four years ago are now on the other side and want to return to the old landmark. Its operation under the new law is not satisfactory. Those who expected so much from the settled pastorate are disappointed and they now want the five-year pastorate. Dr. Buckley strongly opposed the new arrangement and threw the force of his editorial ability against it. Of course he is now where he was then. Therefore when the General Conference meets next May at Los Angeles, Cal., this time-limit business will be one of the live questions before that body. The battle will be fought over again, and it awaits to be seen whether or not the five-year limit will be restored. Our Church has never seriously contemplated the abolishment of our four-year system. It works well and produces satisfactory results. There is not one charge in five hundred among us that would be benefited by the change. Four years is long enough for most any preacher to stay with one congregation. At the end of that time he will have accomplished all that is possible and some other man will come and bring up other phases of the work according to his gifts and abilities. Four or five good pastors will produce better results in the course of ten or twelve years with one congregation than one man can possibly do in the same length of time. A moving stream keeps its water pure, and a changing pastorate keeps a man fresh and gives to a congregation variety and additional life and interest. It gives to every charge a preacher and to every preacher a charge, and when the time comes to give both a change, the time limit accomplishes it with such ease and facility as to produce no faction or schism. We are glad that our General Conference has never introduced any such innovation, and if we are to judge from what the papers and the conferences up North are saying, the Methodist Episcopal Church is sorry that it has tried the experiment. We will watch their discussion on this subject and their final action with reference to it with no small degree of interest.

No man can afford to trifle with his conscience. At all times he needs to measure it by the standard of God's word and then heed its voice. To trample it under foot is to weaken its power of acuteness, and when to weaken its power of acuteness, and when tutition or inertia.

A FEW POINTS.

H. G. H.

W. W. Horner writes a column and a half article on "What Shall We Do with Whisky-Drinking and Dancing Church Members?" and yet fails to tell the young preacher what he is to do after he has done all suggested. All that has been tried time and again, and found to be a failure. Administer the law—yes, we would like to see the young or old preacher do it in our average congregations. Everybody says, "Administer the law," but judge, prosecution and jury are nowhere to be seen, and the whisky-drinking, card-playing and dancing church member remains in full fellowship right along.

In the letter in Advocate of October 15th, written by John Wesley in 1762, he describes the average modern holiness evangelist. A few years ago men and women of this style roamed at will throughout the churches of Texas. Only the rear-guard of the vanishing army is now and then seen.

Why should a man write on the subject of "The Relation of Sin to Law" in an incomprehensible manner? Deep thinkers—yes, but deep thinkers are always clear in the expression of their thought. Why should a writer tangle himself up and try to tangle his readers up with the suggestion that an act of human volition, involving evil or good, is an entity? Man is an entity, but the act of man is sin, backed by intent to violate the law.

J. W. Hill did not give us his second chapter of "Chronicles," but Beckham does the Atchley and Young debate up brown in the following passage: "After Elder Young had spoken long and loud, and foameth at the mouth, and ran violently down a steep hill and were choked in the sea, he said, 'Lord, when thou comest into thy kingdom remember me.' So the choking in the sea did not kill the hogs or Young; for, according to the facetiousness of Bro. Beckham, the hogs or Young one straightway arose up out of the sea (water) and made a quotation from the thief on the cross long before the cross or thief were elevated in the air. It must have been Young who 'came up out of the water,' for had it been the hogs their keepers would have had little cause for getting miffed at the devils or Christ; for a little washing does not hurt a hog, and it certainly is not apt to hurt a Campbellite.

W. T. Ayers in last Advocate gives a strong and timely hit at the nonsense and uncalled for handling of the Divine will in some funeral services. Only of late years have even church members quit accusing the Almighty of killing nearly every infant or saint that dies, and many of the fraternal organizations to this day rashly charge God with the taking off of their members—and sometimes it is whisky or bullets that does the work. I enjoy reading a piece full of brief, clear, logical facts.

Mr. Editor, your trip to the banks of the majestic Arkansas River reminds many of your readers (including this one) that they were in two battles under two Missouri generals on the banks of that river, in both of which the Confederates had to retreat—the Battle of Little Rock, under Sterling Price, and the Battle of Pine Bluff, under the long-haired Marmaduke. As brave as Price was, he knew when to retreat. Powell Clayton, ambassador to Mexico, commanded the Federals at Pine Bluff. We fought all day Sunday, but could not dislodge the Federals from behind cotton bales. I entered that battle with some fresh hog meat in my haversack, snatched by the light of the moon. 'Tis true Dr. Borling had said grace over the meat, but that did not keep the dying squeal of the hog from echoing in my ear when a bullet would come near me. I think Ben E. McCulloch, of Austin, was in that scrape, but I know Powell Clayton raised \$10,000 in Mexico for the Galveston storm sufferers.

LETTER FROM MISSOURI.

This letter is not only from Missouri, but will be written away from Missouri, as the writer is now rusticiating in the Wichita Mountains in Southwest Oklahoma.

My reference in my last letter to Protzman's sermons brought me a letter from an old friend, which began thus: "I wonder if I am addressing an old friend? If so, you knew my first husband," etc.

So I did, and hereby hangs a tale that I must tell. It has already been told in "Annals of Methodism in Missouri," but as very few of your readers ever saw that valuable book I will "tell it again."

In 1858 I was sent to Carthage Circuit. The junior preacher who was on the circuit the year before and was that year on the Neosho Circuit had a sweetheart in Sarcoxie. While assisting him in a meeting in Neosho in December I asked him how he and Miss Alice were getting along. He answered me that they had agreed to disagree and played quits. Then added: "I am going to get married when I find a girl

that suits me. I am 30 years old and think I am entitled to a wife."

I replied that I knew a girl who would suit him exactly. That she was a jewel and would marry no one except a Methodist preacher. "But," I added, "she is too far away and it is useless for me to tell you anything more about her." He replied: "I have an excellent horse and could and would go a long ways to get a jewel. Tell me more about her, and where she lives, her name," etc. I told him her name, and that she lived in Texas, and gave him a full description of her person. He then requested me to write to her and open the way for a correspondence between them, which I did. The correspondence followed. In September, 1859, he got in his buggy, drove to Texas, and four days after reaching there they were married, came back to Missouri, was present and answered to his name when the roll of his conference was called in Independence, and was that year stationed in Osceola, where his wife had been raised. He was a deeply pious young man, a thorough scholar, a brilliant writer and a splendid preacher. Had he lived he would have been an editor or some high official in the Church. He died in Arkansas in 1862 while on his way back to Texas, and his widow subsequently married another preacher in Texas. She is now a widow and living in the bounds of the North Texas Conference. Before receiving her letter I had often wondered if she were yet living.

Our Veteran Missouri Methodist Preachers' Association held its annual meeting in Farmington one month ago. It was the most enjoyable meeting we have ever held. We had a good attendance, among whom was Rev. J. C. Berryman, now in his 94th year and the 76th of his ministry. The place where our meeting was held was an appointment on his first circuit, seventy-five years ago. He gave us a reminiscential talk of nearly an hour's length, which he concluded with the song, "I am nearer my home to-day than I have ever been before." He sung every line. Sung it distinctly, all alone, so that the vast audience could hear him. Handkerchiefs were in demand. Nothing was heard but the singing and frequent amens. God was in the midst of his people. It was good to be there. The experiences of that hour will help me heavenward through all the coming years.

So far as I know, since the death of Dr. A. H. Mitchell, of Alabama, Bro. Berryman is the oldest Methodist preacher now living. One year ago last August Allen F. Seruggs, a member of our association, died, being in his one hundredth year. We have one other member, Daniel Penny, who was 92 last September.

Why don't you Texans organize a Veteran Association?

I attended the Indian Mission Conference last week in Oklahoma City. It is a large, intelligent body of consecrated Methodist preachers. As your Agent, Rev. W. A. Bowen, was there, and I suppose will give you a write-up of the conference, I will not attempt it. This much, however, I will say: I have attended four Annual Conferences this fall, and heard some good preaching at all of them; but the most forceful gospel message that came to me was brought by Geo. S. Sexton, of Texas, and delivered in Oklahoma City, Oct. 21, 3 p. m.

Oklahoma City is a great city—one of the world's wonders. I thought for a while I would extend my itinerary in this charming country and take in the conferences to meet in Fort Worth and Dallas, but must forbear.

W. S. WOODARD.
Mountain Park, O. T.

DALLAS CITY BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Our Discipline directs that "City Boards of Church Extension may be organized in cities having three or more pastoral charges of the M. E. Church, South." For a number of years Dallas has had the requisite number of pastoral charges, but no steps were taken toward the organization of a City Board. The result was that Methodism in Dallas has not been a unit. If a Church wanted to project a certain work, the work was carried on without consulting any one but the Church interested. The work would likely be beneficial to the Church in question, but not always helpful to the other Churches in the city. This was seen and keenly felt, so our presiding elder, Rev. I. W. Clark, on the 7th of April, 1902, organized the City Board of Church Extension for the city of Dallas. All the Churches in the city are in hearty sympathy with the Board, and the work accomplished thus far has indeed been marvelous.

The members of the Board consist of the pastors and two lay representatives from each Church, with the provision that First Church be allowed four representatives. The members of this Board are elected by the Quarterly Conference, hence we have men well qualified for the work and men who love and care for the Church.

This Board has authority to locate Churches, and those who are acquaint-

ed with the situation in Dallas know that our churches have been badly located. The Board has taken the matter in hand and three of the churches have been moved from their old locations during the present year. Floyd Street and Haskell Avenue have been consolidated, at the corner of Haskell avenue and Junius street. This is decidedly the best located church in the city. Improvements are rapidly being made in that direction, and Grace Church commands the situation.

The old Haskell Avenue Church has been moved to Grand avenue, near the Fair Grounds, and christened "Clark's Chapel." Should the Fair Association do away with the Fair and open up their grounds for resident property, Clark's Chapel will be a strong appointment in a few years.

Ervey Street has bought a very fine lot at the corner of Ervey and Corinth streets, and gives them a decidedly better location than the former one.

As a result of the Board, Trinity and Grace are building magnificent structures, and Ervey Street is planning to build as soon as the old Church property can be disposed of.

Brother Clark certainly deserves much credit for the masterly way in which this forward movement has been handled. There seems to be very little, if any, friction between pastors or Churches, but the spirit of harmony prevails.

One other thing should be mentioned: that is, the Board has taken up the subject of missions, and going over the ground carefully, and before another year passes we feel confident a number of missions will be established, which will be under the care and supervision of the various Churches of the city.

Our leading laymen say that Methodism is far in advance of what it has ever been in Dallas. God's approval seems to be on the work.

W. F. BRYAN,
Secretary of Board.

TEXAS CHRONICLES.

By Gulliver.

Chapter III.

Now it came to pass that when George had read the letter from Anweezer the Great, he set his heart steadfastly to carry out the purposes and follow the instructions of his lord. He called unto him, therefore, Barney and Roger and Horace and privily conferred with them concerning the King's matter. Now this Barney was a shrewd man and a politic, and one whose mind was busy day and night on how to catch the main chance and at the same time secure the collateral. He was not a far-seeing man as his end proved. He could discern the face of the sky, but could not discern the signs of the times. Behold this is an infirmity of all time-serverers, since the world was. Barney, therefore, did George employ to read the Holy Scriptures to the people and also the tradition of the elders, especially those rules and regulations of the people called Methodists, and to prove therefrom that while red liquor was a bad thing, it could not be voted out, nor could those who traffic in strong drink be made to cease from trading in the land. Moreover, he showed by many infallible proofs that from the days of old men had mingled strong drink and had put the bottle to their neighbors' mouth also, and had made him drunken withal. He read to the people out of the Chronicles of Israel how that the patriarch Noah was himself at one time as drunk as a fool, and how that David said, "Wine maketh glad the heart of man." In all this, Barney dissembled, even with his voice, weeping withal and rolling up his eyes, insomuch that many people cried out saying, "Behold how his heart is in this matter! Verily Barney is a bird!"

But Roger was set for a different work. In former days he had companied with the men of Israel, and had even sat in the great Sanhedrin of the scribes and elders; but being a heady man and a violent, had lost the confidence of the more prudent among the people and had separated himself, saying that Israel was gone astray and that he was the only spoon of strained honey in the whole jar—the only sound apple on the tree. Behold it hath been observed since the days of old that when a man ceaseth to be good and profitable unto the Church he bringeth a railing accusation against his brethren. Even so did Roger. Him, therefore, did George select as a proper person to throw dust in the air and to curse the priests and elders of the people. So he went forth, carving as he went—vomiting hot air and raising sand—and crying, "Sourge them back! Cut off their rations! Behold, hell hath opened her mouth and is full of preachers! Down with the long-haired preachers and short-haired women! Kill, slay, burn! Whoop! Whoop! Whoopee!" Thus did Roger curse.

In like manner, each in his own tongue, did Horace and others stir up the Dagoes, the greasers, the men of Ethiopia and other strangers and foreigners in Israel.

But the elders and people of Israel assembled themselves and chose an

elder named Carroll to carry their white standard, while many principal men of the more prudent sort were sent forth to withstand George and his crowd to the face. Among the men who were thus sent out were John, whose surname was Reagan (an ancient counselor and a wise), Joseph, surnamed Bailey; David, surnamed Culberson; Samuel, surnamed Lanham, and others who were men of renown in the council of the nation and were held in great honor among the people of the province. Also certain scribes, to-wit, Waverly, surnamed Briggs, and an elder named Cranfill, wrote unto the people that they should stand together against Anweezer and his servants and put a stop to the fearful curse of red liquor in the land.

But to these men George and Barney and Horace and the men of their party answered, "Behold, ye are playing a losing game! We will beat you in this fight for strong drink and then we will show you under when you stand for office among the people. Ye all are dead men!"

But David and Joseph and Samuel and John answered, saying, "Nay; the mighty Anweezer may triumph at this time, but our cause is just and must at last prevail. Behold no man can afford to do evil much less teach men so to do; and we will trust in the right and cast our lot with those who labor and pray for God and home and native land."

And it was so that when the lots were cast the people of Israel were beaten before the men of Anweezer, and the victory was great for the aliens and strangers in the land! And all Israel lifted up their voices and wept, and every man went to his own tent.

THE THEOLOGY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

By George Baker Stevens, Ph. D. D.D.

This is an 8vo. book of 619 pages. The author, Dr. Stevens, writes with smoothness, caution and disguise. One purpose which he seems to have, and which purpose is manifest everywhere in the book, is to disguise the creed which he persistently promulgates. Whatever would tend to array opposition to his creed he carefully excludes. Whatever brings prominently to view the issues which these dogmas involve he never has time nor space nor purpose to discuss, nor even to state in form or force. No author ever surpassed Dr. Stevens in pronouncing his system in insidious form, and yet ever keeping his creed before the reader. In order to quietly insinuate the heresies contained in his creed this author eschews the polemic spirit. In the treatment of his themes he puts the problematical always on the side of the evangelical dogma, and conducts his criticism in such a way as to place evangelistic doctrines at a disadvantage. Dr. Stevens teaches the allied doctrines of the Arians, the Socinians and the Unitarians, and this without saying anything distinctively about the issues which these dogmas originate, the Trinity and the Atonement, as held by evangelical teachers, this author leaves out of the gospel altogether, and this he does with such adroitness and with such cunning that the unwary never suspect that anything of the kind has been done. In cautions from Dr. Stevens assails the inspiration of the holy scriptures.

Those who do not take care to look beneath the disguises with which this author covers over his real sentiments might suppose that he is orthodox throughout. It has been reported that a certain college under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has adopted this work as a textbook. This book is heretical, as is clearly demonstrated on every page of the six hundred and nineteen pages. Every tenet of the evangelical creed is repudiated by the author of the "Theology of the New Testament." Dr. Stevens artfully sates his Arian heresy in the following words: "It is certain that the Son is the Representative of God." "The pre-existence asserted was an ideal pre-existence only." Upon this basis he adopts "a working hypothesis for his construction of the apostolic theology." In further heretical statement he says: "The question at this point is not, Did the primitive apostles believe in the pre-existence or essential divineness of Jesus? but what views of his person is for us naturally involved in the facts which they believed and asserted."

This author, Dr. Stevens, holds, in common with other Arians, that there are several grades of the supernatural; that there is the supernatural human, and there is the supernatural prophetic, and there is the supernatural angelic, and there is the supernatural divine. In the ordering of the Arians none of these grades reaches the height of God. Here this adroit heretic holds that Christ is the supernatural manifested in the highest grade, that is to say, the divine grade. But for the distinctions which he makes in the supernatural grades the reader might be led to believe that Dr. Stevens holds that Christ is divine in the meaning of being God. When his real idea is as-

certained it is seen that he gives a supernatural divine of Jesus which grades him below God in nature and in fact, in person and in essence. These flippant writers tell of the glory divine that was in Christ, and of the transcendent prerogatives pertaining to his ministry, but when the analysis of the theory has been made it is found that they hold that the glory divine is only deposited and the prerogatives are only superhuman. They are not his essentially nor of the nature of God.

If in the unity of the God-head there be three persons of one substance, power, and eternity, and if the Son be the very 2d eternal God; and if the Holy Ghost be the very and eternal God; and if the holy scriptures be inspired, and contain all things necessary to salvation; and if Christ shall return to judge all men at the last day, then let the Methodists hold the form of sound words, and cast away this heretical book of Dr. George Baker Stevens. Let heresies and heresies be rejected.

ANSON WEST,
Birmingham, Alabama.

THE PLAINS AS A MISSION FIELD.
No. 3.

On the third Sunday of September Rev. A. Bishop, D. D., Missionary Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference, visited Plainview, and spent two days with us, and gave us much information (mostly on foreign mission work), which we probably should never have received from any other source. His lectures were very instructive, and his sermon, on the "Brotherhood of Man," as exemplified by Christ, and his disciples, was sublime indeed.

I think his visit will be productive of much good.

Rev. J. M. Sherman, our presiding elder, is alive to the mission feature of this district, and as result of his vigilance in having new settlements looked after this summer, he was planned for two self-sustaining circuits of the Lubbock Circuit and other adjacent territory is being looked after. More men and more money is our great need to plant and develop Methodism in this country. I preached last Sunday in a new school-house, ten miles from any Methodist Church. A Latter Day Saints' preacher had preceded me two weeks, and an old-school Presbyterian (Northern brand) preached the same day in the afternoon. The Baptists are to preach there next Sunday. So you see other Churches are looking after these new settlements, and we can't afford to sit still and let others take our crown. So let us enter every open door as quickly as possible. May the Lord direct us in planning wisely and executing vigorously for the future, and early development of this promising field.

Rev. C. G. Shut, in his Danger Signals No. 3, "hits the nail on the head." If all our pastors, local preachers, presiding elders, etc., would look after all the unoccupied territory within reach, we could soon be compactly building in all our Southern country.

GEO. F. FAIR,
Plainview, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Quarterly Conference of Franklin Station with the request that they be published in the Texas Christian Advocate:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God the great Founder and Head of the Church to remove by death from the officary and membership of our Church Judge John E. Crawford; and,

Whereas, We recognize the wisdom of his counsel, the strength of his leadership, the purity of his life and the consistency of his devotion to all the interests of the Church, together with the consecration of his great powers and unabated zeal to the Church of God; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we bow with Christian resignation to the will of God and the order of heaven in his removal from us.

Resolved, 2. That we do not believe there has ever been connected with the membership and officary of one Church a more efficient and active member than he was.

Resolved, 3. That we will strive to imitate his earnest life and zealous concern for the continual welfare and enlargement of the Church which he loved so well.

Resolved, 4. That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be spread upon a separate page of our Quarterly Conference records and that one also be sent to his deeply afflicted family, together with our prayers that God's richest blessings and most abundant grace may be certainly vouchsafed unto them and that finally, when life's duties are done and its fitful fervor ended, they may come to rest with him

In the land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Where infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

JOHN A. BEAGLE,
M. D. SHARP,
R. S. GLASS.

A SAD NOTE.

On Oct. 29 Rev. W. L. Harris, accompanied by his father, "Uncle Jesse" Harris, en route for Terrell, where "Uncle Jesse" will be placed in the North Texas Hospital for Insane for treatment. We want the prayers of our friends in our behalf, and for father, that he may be sufficiently restored to health, so that he may return to spend his last days. This conference will be the first conference he has missed for nearly forty years.

MATTIE F. HARRIS,
Terrell, Texas.

Devotional and Spiritual

THE SECRET OF GOOD LIVING.

The secret of long life and of freedom from the ills of life is not hidden away in the recesses of some occult science. Our wise and beneficent Creator would not hide from the eyes and understanding of his children a subject of such vital importance, nor limit the knowledge of its principles to a few learned men. God has written the so-called secrets of health and happiness upon tablets so plainly that the wayfaring man may not err, though he be not a physician.

Here are some prescriptions given by heavenly wisdom: "What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." Another is: "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily." Breaking off evil habits, ceasing to do evil and learning to do well, are the greatest "regulators" on earth. Getting one's mind off his own troubles, and caring for others who need our help is a mighty tonic.

Here is another recipe for prostration: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." This is a wonderful sedative. Another, a stimulant: "Pleasant words are as honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones." Here is a general prescription: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee." In olden time the presence of Jesus was a boon to sufferers. The unnumbered multitudes who received healing from his hand were but the vanguard of a countless host who have, or might have, since then

received strength and comfort from the same pitying Savior. The conditions upon which he effected his cures were few and simple—a clean, pure life and faith in God. No better code of healing was ever invented. A life that is right, and a calm, peaceful trust in God as the author and restorer of life and health are still and forever the fundamental conditions of happiness.

Curative agencies do not lie outside of these conditions. The work of curing the sick is but a work of restoring that which was lost. This is what Jesus came to do. Restoration means a retracting of our wanderings; it may include a reclining of our down-hill digressions; it certainly starts where all the rest of the gospel begins, at repentance and reformation.—The Advent and Sabbath Herald.

THE DIVINE PHILOSOPHY OF LIVING BY THE DAY.

The philosophy is expressed in a significant little Hebrew phrase. At the dedication of the temple King Solomon prays that the Lord will maintain the cause of his people Israel "as every day shall require."

But the marginal reading, which is a literal translation of the vigorous Hebrew idiom, is much more expressive, "The thing of a day in its day" (1 Kings 8:59). This is God's plan of blessing. Life is made up of day-sections, and grace and strength are given for only one day at a time.

This leads us to recognize our daily dependence on God. He is both the giver and sustainer of life. We could not live a moment but for the present working of a present God. He is here in his world "upholding all things by the word of his power." We do not draw a breath that is not given of God. Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us day by day our daily bread." We are the children of God's daily care and tenderness and should not be anxious about to-morrow. We may think and plan for the future, but we must not be anxious about it. Thus only by accepting Christ's policy of life shall we escape

"The heavy trouble, the bewildering care, That weights us down who live and earn our bread."

God's gifts are adapted to each day's needs, both in kind and quantity, and are always timely in their arrival. He supplies life's necessities "as every day shall require."

This philosophy of life will help us in our work. Some things can never be done if they are not done to-day. No Christian service is accomplished by delay. The hardest task can be more easily done when divided into day-sections. The burden will not seem so heavy if we remember that we must carry it only one day at a time, and a faithful discharge of the duties of to-day will enable us to perform more easily the same duties to-morrow.

But let us also remember that if we fail to bear the burdens of each day in its day we are heaping up an Atlas load that may crush us in the future.

This philosophy, if accepted in both theory and practice, is a sure antidote for anxiety and worry. Most of the worry in this world is ever trouble that never comes; and what is more foolish than to brood over troubles in anticipation of their coming? It has been truly said that more people are killed by worry than by work. Most of us are capable of a great deal of hard work if we do not get worried about it. Do the task of the day in its day and you will be free from the grinding worry of accumulated duty.

This philosophy of life also enables us to meet our temptations.

God will be our helper in every time of temptation if we call upon him. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

This divine philosophy of living by the day will enable us to encounter life's uncertainties. If we live each day as if it were our last day, we shall always be prepared, and shall have no vain regrets if it should be. If we live each day aright, we shall not meet God unprepared, if suddenly taken away by some awful accident or catastrophe on land or sea. We shall still enjoy God's presence. "What do you think of dying?" said a friend to an old Scotchman. "It matters not," replied he, "because if I die I will go and be with Christ; and if I live Christ will be with me."

This plan of living will best enable us to endure earth's griefs and sorrows. We are sometimes surprised how bravely some Christian woman, who is physically weak, bears up under the most severe afflictions. But God's promise is, "As thy days so shall thy strength be." "My grace is sufficient for thee." He is with us in health and gives us living grace, and when we fall into sickness and death draws nigh He gives us dying grace. "The thing of a day in its day." If you accept this divine philosophy it will bring into your life the sweet content and perfect trust which reliance on God's providence alone can give. Then you can sing and pray:

"My times are in Thy hand!
My God, I wish them there;
My life, my soul, my all I leave
Entirely to Thy care."
"Lord, for to-morrow and its needs I do not pray.
But keep me, guide me, hold me, Lord,
Just for to-day."
—The Watchman.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES.

Many have read: "Come unto me, and I will give you rest." But how differently reads the scholar: "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will rest you." It is not something he reaches out and gives, but something he does himself. He rests, he recreates. The weary one feels in all his muscles the recreative fingers of the Creator.

There is often a suggestion in the common use of words. Take Paul's, "I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand." But he says the time of my casting off the cables and putting to sea is at hand. That one word suggests friends about the going vessel. It makes death a voyage into an unknown country, rich with new scenes; and reunion with the friends left behind is very joyfully anticipated. That is a figure worthy of the wide-sailing missionary. Try another of his expressions: "Most gladly will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me." Read closer and it becomes "that the power of Christ may cover me like a tent, may tabernacle me over," making a shield from that without and a burning glory within. This is a figure for an old tentmaker to relish.

Just a few sentences from this last one is a translation that for alliterative beauty, rhythm of balanced clauses, cannot be surpassed. Paul has been giving the great proofs of his apostleship by the third-heaven visions, when he unconsciously gives a greater proof by the revelation of his spirit. Some of the Corinthians had slandered the apostle and accused him of meanness and he says: "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you the less I be loved." Translation certainly can give no better rendering, but a little study may intensify a point or two. "Be spent" means "used up, utterly consumed" and the position of the "though" tells us that this being used up is

not in consequence of the labors, but in consequence of being loved less. Notwithstanding your slanders I will very gladly spend and be utterly used up, your little love breaking my heart, while I love you more abundantly.

There are certain intensities of meaning the cursory reader does not catch. We never translate the scripture too strongly when it treats of God's thoughts and ways, for they are as high above ours as the heavens are above the earth. There are a thousand things written in the scriptures we do not yet know enough to apprehend, much less to translate or even to believe to be true. The Bible is full of the strongest expressions ever written. It takes all the vigor of the Greek language and reinforces it with intensive particles. When we read, "Comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge," we should read: "Thoroughly comprehend."

We have all read: "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." It is nearer the great intensity of the scriptures to read: "And hope does not shame by causing to be deceived; because God's love has been and continues to be poured out like a river throughout our hearts by the agency of the Holy Spirit who was given unto us."—Bishop Warren, in "The Bible in the World's Education."

JUST BE GLAD.

Be glad. When you have said all there is to say about life's sorrow, disappointment and pain, about selfishness and wrong that sweep over the earth like dark shadows, about the shortness of its days and the certainty of its nights, it still remains blessedly true that the universe is thrilling with the song of gladness.

Be glad for the beauty of the springtime, the blue of the skies, the music of the birds and the glory of the sunsets. Listen to the laughter of the little children, answer the hand-clasp of friendship, grow warm in the lovelight of countless happy homes and be sure that somewhere over and above all is a great Love that makes all these things possible.

Note the noble lives round you—commonplace, it may be, but unselfish, brave and true. Note the deeds of quiet self-sacrifice, the swift rush of human kindness to every place of need, the uprising of stately walls to shelter the weak and helpless, and believe, if you can, that the kingdom of Christ is not coming in the hearts of the children of men.

Oh, put away gloom and grief and complaining! Do His work, trust His promise and be glad.—Selected.

ON GOING TO CHURCH.

We go to the house of God for thoughtful, holy and loving worship and not for entertainment or to gratify curiosity.

Every moment spent there should be spent in true worship.

We should listen carefully to the reading of the holy scriptures; join in the responses where this order is appointed; follow with eager and believing hearts the words of prayer; sing heartily "as unto the Lord," and give devout and self-appropriating heed to the sermon. From the first note of the organ voluntary to the "Amen" of the benediction we should be alert, ardent and sincere worshippers.

There are moments of waiting before the service, and sometimes while people are entering the church and when the appointed officers are taking the collection, which are too often made occasions of idle revery, vagrant glances,

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wandering thoughts and unprofitable conversation. At such times the mind is distracted, the good effects of prayer and preaching neutralized and the soul turned into a secular and hardened wayside, where the seeds of truth are scattered, to be picked up or to be blown away.

Now, these moments of waiting should form a season and a service of holy waiting before the Lord, and of preparation for attention and worship.

To keep idle thoughts out, we must crowd good thoughts in. To restrain frivolity, we must weigh our souls down with truth—God's truth. To prevent wandering eyes, we must fix our eyes upon words of wisdom on the printed page and then close them in secret prayer.

That the services of the church may be most profitable, we should carefully prepare at home to make the best use of the public opportunity. We should meditate and pray before going and while we are on our way. We should frequently, during the week, think of the church and the Sabbath and, by reading, thoughtfulness and fervent prayer, make the day and the service the more helpful when Sabbath comes.—Bishop Vincent.

The great trouble with most of us is not that we have too little in life, but that we expect too much. The sure way to get nothing out of existence is to expect everything. A young woman complained that "life held so little happiness for her." "Have you tried putting some in now and then, and seeing how much it will hold?" was the suggestive reply. Those who put nothing in, and look for happiness to produce itself, are inevitably disappointed.

HAPPY DAYS.

When Friends Say "How Well You Look."

What happy days are those when all our friends say "How well you look."

We can bring those days by a little care in the selection of food just as this young man did.

"I had suffered from dyspepsia for three years and last summer was so bad I was unable to attend school," he says. "I was very thin and my appetite at times was poor while again it was craving. I was dizzy and my food always used to ferment instead of digesting. Crossness, unhappiness and nervousness were very prominent symptoms."

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West Texas Conference

The West Texas Conference met in Austin on Wednesday morning of last week with Bishop W. W. Duncan in the chair. The city has long been associated with the progress of Methodism. Among the early preachers who visited and preached here were Homer S. Thrall, J. J. Whipple and others. The first Methodist Church was built in 1847. It cost \$600, and it was a good church for that day. It is said to have originated in a great revival held here by Dr. McKenzie, and the meeting was held in the old Capitol building. There are only three people now living in the city who entered the first organization of the Church—Mrs. W. M. Wilson, Mrs. P. A. Glasscock and Mrs. Frank Brown. The frame work of the old church is still in use in the Cabanis Livery Stable. It has been in this use since it was abandoned as a church in 1854.

the ravages of the boll weevil. Rev. Dr. Thompson, Agent of the American Sunday League, was introduced and made a strong speech in the interest of the maintenance of our American type of Sunday. He received individual attention. All matters which came before the conference during the morning session received close thought. The Bishop brought out all points in connection with the reports of the young preachers. One of them had left his work without consulting his presiding elder. The Bishop stressed the fact that no preacher could do this without seriously involving the itinerancy itself. The case assumed such serious aspect that it was referred to a committee for adjudication. One brother's name was called, and it was announced that he was in the city, but not in the church. The Bishop said: "We will not pass his character till he is in his place and makes his report. A preacher coming to conference has no business to be rambling around the city or standing about the door while the conference session is going on." At night Dr. Thompson made a strong address to a large congregation in the interest of Sabbath observance and the best means for perpetuating the Sabbath as a Christian institution.

and hence he did not pass his examination. Nath Thompson said, "Bishop, that examining committee has a worse effect on nerves than heavy books." Rev. New Harris, of San Angelo, had everything up in full; said "We have a whole lot of Advocates taken." Nath Thompson made a good showing; said that one out of every four of his people took the Advocate. I. K. Waller, of Floresville, made a cheering showing; twenty-eight copies of the Advocate taken. I. T. Morris said that many of his people were moving out of his section, and he had to report a loss; thirty-one Advocates taken. Rev. J. B. Sears, of the Texas Conference, was present and had a good time for a day or so. Rev. B. C. Roach's name was called, and it was reported that he had surrendered his credentials, and this fact settled the disposition of his case. Rev. P. A. Gregg, of Brady, had many good things to say of his charge. They read their Church papers; finances were full. Z. V. Liles did a fine year's work and his charge is in good condition. Brother Long reported one good woman who had been taking the Advocate forty-two years, and she has always paid for it in advance. The Bishop remarked, "She is all right." Rev. W. H. Wages, formerly of the North Texas Conference, was readmitted into the conference.

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very happy address to the children and also expressed the thanks of the conference for the delightful entertainment thus furnished.

The conference also accepted an invitation to visit the Insane Asylum, and many of them were present. These are as handsome grounds and buildings as need to be seen. They are crowded with inmates, and they are splendidly cared for. Dr. Worsham is the right man in the right place, and he threw open the apartments to the visitors and explained the methods of treatment practiced. It was a most interesting occasion and the preachers appreciated the privilege accorded them.

Saturday morning found the conference ready for the reports of the committees, all the preachers having been called and passed. The Committee on the Rescue Home at San Antonio made a favorable report and asked for a special agent to visit the charges and ask for support of this worthy enterprise. The report was adopted. The Church Extension Board reported a gain in collections for this cause over last year of a little more than \$600. The Board of Education made an exhaustive report and, in addition to the discussion of the University at Georgetown, it also dealt generously with the Medical Branch at Dallas. The conference schools came in for their share of attention. Dr. Hyer was introduced and spoke for Southwestern University. He said the school was in most favorable condition. The attendance at present is twenty-five pupils in advance of the same time last year. The whole attendance last year, including the Summer School of Theology and the Normal, amounted to something over eight hundred. Rev. James Kilgore, the commissioner of Southwestern University, addressed the conference. He spoke of the harmonious relation between the Coronel Institute and the San Antonio Female College and the University. He spoke most encouragingly of his private work in soliciting funds for the endowment of the school; said he was greatly encouraged in his work, and said the future was exceedingly bright.

Rev. Sterling Fisher spoke in the interest of Coronel Institute. He spoke of his connection with the school and the interest he felt in its welfare. He expressed his conviction that he would succeed, because of the co-operation of the trustees and the sympathy of his brethren. The attendance is fine, now being over two hundred, seventy-five of whom are from outside of San Marcos. He spoke of the advantages of co-education, as illustrated in the school at Coronel. They have built a boarding house for boys, and it is under the special charge of Prof. Crutchfield and his wife. The town is under local option. There has not been a saloon there in eleven years. This is one of the marked advantages of San Marcos as a fit place for a Church school.

Brother Fisher made a happy impression on the conference. All the speeches were brief and to the point. In the absence of Dr. Harrison, Rev. J. D. Scott spoke clearly of the San Antonio College. The school has provided additional room for boarding pupils and the college was never more prosperous. Its outlook is most encouraging.

Bishop Duncan made an interesting talk on the course of education generally. He never talks without saying something worthy of attention. He said that we can not afford to let our people increase in numbers and wealth without increasing also in their liberal donations and bequests to their central school. He emphasized the fact that our own schools ought to educate and train our Methodist boys and girls; other schools may educate those coming from them; our own schools are prepared to take the right care of our children. Our great need is a class of educated men and women who are more in line with their Lord than with the world and society. The Bishop also spoke in high terms of the work of the Summer Institute of Theology. If you are capable of learning anything, then go to that institute; go there with a teachable spirit, and you will learn; otherwise you will be like the man who sends his chickens out without feathers on them. This is a thinking age in which we live, and you keep pace with the processions; stand by your schools." The report was adopted.

The Sunday Observance Committee made a strong report. It recommended the closing of the gates of the Dallas and San Antonio Fairs on Sunday. The report also took in temperance, and it commended the Advocate very highly for its work in behalf of local

option. Brothers Fisher and Renfro were appointed to attend the Congress of Sunday Observance.

The Joint Board of Finance made its report and apportioned the fund among the claimants.

The report on the American Bible Society memorialized that organization to appoint a superintendent or agent for Texas, and it was adopted.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made an excellent report, and the Texas Advocate was generously noticed and highly endorsed and commended.

The editor was introduced and spoke for the Advocate. He received cordial attention. Brother Everett spoke for the Publishing House, and he was given a good hearing. The report was adopted.

Just at this stage Governor Lanham was introduced to the conference. The Bishop spoke some kind words of the Governor and he spoke in turn to the conference. He said: "I am not what I ought to be in the Church, and I say it with shamefacedness, but I love the Church. If we had to give up either the Churches and the preachers or the court-houses and the Sheriffs, I would rather abandon the latter. We can not get along without religion; our people make better citizens as they make better Christians. Permit me to urge you to be loyal; take your appointments when you receive them and do your best. The good Bishop cannot please you all; I have failed to do that in my office; but when he has done his best, then accept the result and make your work tell. I thank you for your kind attention."

There were only two applicants for full connection, and they were called to the altar and answered the Disciplinary questions and the Bishop addressed them briefly. "Have you faith in Christ? Are you going to make a Discipline for yourselves, a marriage ceremony, or a baptismal service? Some preachers do this. They think that the General Conference did not do its duty in these matters. Will you visit from house to house? Some preachers do not. They say they have no talent for that sort of work. I do not hesitate to say they have missed their calling. Do not be loafers; be industrious. We have no place for a lazy man. Go wherever you are sent, and stay with the work. You may think this will sometimes kill one. Well, it is sometimes a privilege to die for Christ. Not many people do it. Be consecrated to your work. That means you will put your energy, your talent in it. Consecration is not a momentary experience. It is life-devotion. That is what the Church needs. Be one of one work. Turn your backs upon everything else. Do not meddle with politics. Preach and pray and live for God. Let the Governors, the legislators and the judges run the politics of the State; but you run the Church. Go and vote, and when there is a moral issue involved do your duty, but do not give yourselves to politics. You are not to go to your charges to be taken care of, but to take care of the people; then they will care for you. They may not feed you on batter-cakes; they may have to give you corn-bread, but they will feed you. Be good and true, and God will bless you and you will bless the Church." These are a few words uttered by the Bishop in his wise address.

The conference held its first afternoon session at 3 o'clock Saturday and continued to hear and discuss committee reports.

The Sunday-school Board submitted its report, which gave a summary of the financial strength and the statistics of the work throughout the conference. There was read an interesting report from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which showed a great deal of activity and enterprise upon the part of the good women on this subject. The report was ordered published in the Advocate. The report of the Committee on the Orphanage showed that the collections for this cause were full, which amounted to \$1,050. The conference declined to accept an increase in its assessment for the Orphanage over that of last year. The conference voted to hold its next session at Cuero.

The Committee on Public Worship announced the appointments for Sunday, and all the Churches in the city were provided with ministers.

The Committee on Episcopal Residence reported, ratifying the appointment of Thos. Gregory and J. G. Johnson as Trustees of the Residence from this conference, and that the presiding elders and the pastors give to all our people an opportunity to make a free will offering to this worthy cause. The report was adopted.

Saturday night was the Missionary Anniversary, and it was addressed by the editor of the Advocate. Nath Thompson took the collection, and it was a success. This was Nath's first debut in Austin and, to use the language of society parlance, he made a hit. We have but one Nath, and we

could not get along without him, but the Lord only knows what we would do with another one. He belongs to a class to himself and it would be impossible to duplicate him. But he is as true as steel, thoroughly religious and self-sacrificing. Everybody loves Nath.

Sunday morning came in beautiful and bracing. All the city pulpits were occupied by the preachers. A great love feast was conducted in the conference room by Brother Gillett. He is one of the charter members of the conference. He is now old and gray, but his spirit is as cheery as in the olden days. Scores of the brethren and sisters spoke and the occasion was very tender and spiritual. Brother Monk, the grand old man of the conference, made a most touching talk. The service left the audience in fine trim for the sermon of the Bishop, which followed. It was a deeply thoughtful and penetrating discourse and very applicable to the occasion.

In the afternoon there was a great League Rally, conducted by Sterling Fisher. At night the editor preached to a great audience, mostly drawn there to hear the appointments. After the sermon the Bishop made an inspiring talk to the brethren and then announced the appointments. The doxology and benediction followed and the conference session passed into history.

CONFERENCE NOTES.
H. G. H.

Some of the brethren presented reports that had a sort of agricultural sound, exposing the true inwardness of the boll weevil.

The Bishop refused to be tangled up in sympathy in case of a brother who twice left his work without consent of his presiding elder.

Anent the services on Wednesday night, Jesus Christ did not certainly address that wonderful prayer in St. John to his Father in a pompous style.

It is strange that a committee appointed to handle money should remain a year without a treasurer, and then some member of it get up and complain that there is no one to pay the money to.

Young I. W. Black made the best report from a far-away mountain circuit we have heard for years.

On the first day of conference a Moon appeared among those stars of the West.

To stand in the presence of the noble Mrs. Rebecca Fisher, of this city, it is difficult to believe that she is the same person who, as a little girl of six years, was once a prisoner among the Indians. Her distinguished husband, Rev. O. Fisher, deceased, was once pastor of this fine congregation who are so handsomely entertaining the conference.

Where one of the elegant stores of this city now stands, once stood the small log law office on the floor of which Homer S. Thrall slept when he was pastor here during the early days of Texas.

Dr. Thompson need not have expressed regrets that he was not born down South. Many of the finest citizens of this splendid capital were born up North—and we are all Americans.

The Bishop lays special stress on the value of the Advocate among the people, for wherever the Advocate is found, that house is stamped as an intelligent Methodist home.

The schools, colleges, State University and State institutions of the city extended courteous invitations to the conference to visit them.

Thursday at 12:30 o'clock one hundred members of the conference knelt in prayer for a little sick girl in the Orphans' Home.

As a host D. K. Porter was first-class, assisted by State Treasurer Robbins and Capt. Ben McCulloch.

In the State Cemetery of this city rest the remains of Col. C. C. Gillespie, first editor of the Advocate and formerly one of the great preachers of Texas.

The Indian camp-fires once lighted every hilltop in this now beautiful capital, and every foot of ground on which these preachers tread is historic.

One of the most attractive features of this city is its large number of beautiful and cultured women, a great many of whom constantly attended the sessions of conference—but the number of men has been very limited.

These people are used to great occasions. They have listened to the eloquence of Kavanaugh and Pierce, the

oratory of Houston and an hundred noted statesmen.

A few only of the old Rio Grande guard are left—John S. Gillett, J. T. Gillett and this writer.

The unity of our sessions was greatly marred by the absence of most of the San Antonio District members and its presiding elder.

F. H. C. Elliott was partly raised in Austin. His report was in full and that was a comforting message he sent to conference.

The first work ever traveled by this writer, in 1859—Uvalde—has developed into two works, has two preachers and sends up fine reports.

It was intimated on the conference floor that it might be an effort to master "Tiget's Logic" that affected the nervous system of some of the young men.

Nath Thompson's station—Ozona—is seventy-five miles square, circumference indefinite, and it takes a big man to fill it.

One layman near Laverna was reported to have taken and paid for the Texas Advocate in advance for forty-two years. His character was passed

Such a scarcity of connectal men in attendance upon our conference was unaccountable.

For a long time will members of the conference cherish memories of the unbounded hospitality of the people of Austin.

There were so many attractive places to visit and stately buildings to excite admiration that for several days the conference appeared socially demoralized, and some of them paid but little attention to business.

Every communication to the conference, and upon many subjects, received respectful attention.

Some one privately said that the Lampasas preachers had so won the hearts of the people there that they now were fully reconciled to their transfer to West Texas Conference.

The Preachers' Aid Society made the best showing of its history in its anniversary Friday night. The conference claimants are not forgotten.

The Church Extension Board made a gain of over six hundred dollars on the collection over that of last year, not only donating the largest amount

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THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

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

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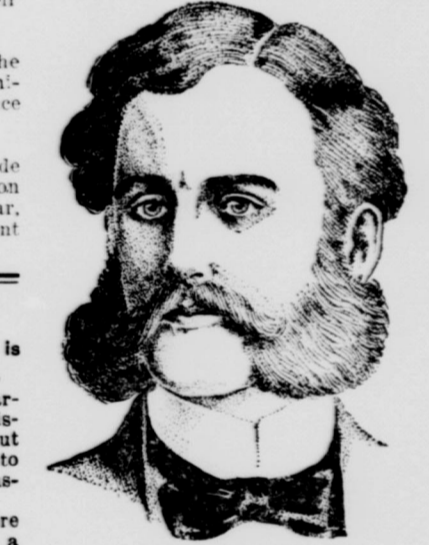
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Inextricable; then we see
How skilled a guide that hand must be.

And so in faith we day by day
Take both the toil and pain,
Knowing the work and warfare each
Shall end in heavenly gain,
And those who have through patience won,
Shall hear the master's word, "Well done!"
—G. M. Taylor.

A GIRL'S PLACE.

Every girl, if she be not thoroughly selfish, is anxious to lift some of the burden of household management from her mother's shoulders on to her own; but, unfortunately, many girls want to be asked to do things, instead of being constantly on the lookout for little duties which they are capable of doing.

If you would be of any real use in the home, you must be quick to notice what is wanted—the room that needs dusting, the flowers that need rearranging, the curtain which has lost a ring, and is therefore drooping; and then you must not only be willing to do what is needed, but willing to do it pleasantly, without making people feel that you are being martyred.

It is almost useless to take up any household duties unless you do them regularly. If you do a thing one day, and not the next, you can never be depended on, and if some one else has to be constantly reminding you of, and supervising your work, it probably gives that person more trouble than doing it herself would cause.

Have a definite day and a definite time for all you do. The flower vases will need attention every other day, the silver must be cleaned once a week, and there should be one day kept for mending and putting away household linen. Begin, too, directly after breakfast and keep on steadily till your work is done.

If you begin by sitting down "just for a minute" with a book, or think you will "just arrange the trimming" on your new hat, the morning will be half gone before you know where you are.

A girl who has brothers may spare her mother all those tiresome little jobs which boys are always requesting to have done for them, if she will only do them kindly; but a boy will not come and ask his sister to repair frayed-out button-holes, and to make him paste for his photograph album, if she snaps and says he is "always bothering."

It is not easy work, but it is quite possible for the daughter at home to make sunshine.—Philadelphia Ledger.

OLIVE'S IMPULSE.

"I wonder who will wear this," said Olive Enstis as she took the last stitch in a dark woolen dress. "It looks real pretty and comfortable, even if it is plain, and I've enjoyed making it so much. I should really like to know who will get it."

"Why don't you put a note in it?" asked Cora Deane, laughing.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle were sewing for a mission box to be sent to a friend who was teaching in a large school in the West, where the pupils were nearly all destitute of many of the necessities of life, to say nothing of its comforts. Olive looked up at Cora's suggestion.

"Thank you for the thought. I suppose you will laugh at me," she said, "but I feel a 'moving' as Aunt Harriet says, to do as you suggest."

"Indeed, we won't laugh. I think it would be ever so nice for you to do it. There are pencil and paper on the table."

Olive wrote a few lines, slipped the note in the dress pocket, and folded it for the box.

"I might as well give up first as last," said Ruth Crosby; "everything goes against me. It took all I earned this summer to pay the doctor's bill, and now the cow has died. I shall have to give father the money I had saved for my dress, to get another cow, and I can't come back to school without a dress. It does seem too hard. I meant to be something, and help the rest, but there isn't any use. I do want to come back so much this fall."

"I think you can, my dear," said Miss Preston. "You can pay your way in school, and I know where you can work for your board."

"But, Miss Preston, I haven't a dress fit to wear away from home," said Ruth.

"My friends in the East have sent me quite a box of clothing to give away; there are several things that will be just right for you. I am sure, a gray woolen dress for one thing.

Can not you thank God and take courage now?"

"I don't know," answered Ruth, sadly. "I am thoroughly discouraged; it seems to me that there is nothing but trouble and disappointment for me. I wonder how it would seem not to be so awfully poor."

The gray dress proved to be just right, but Ruth looked at it dubiously. "I don't believe I shall ever dare wear it," she said, "it is so nice."

It was not until she had reached home that she put her hand in the pocket and found Olive's note. It was only a few lines.

"Dear Unknown Friend—Something impels me to send you my verse, as I call it. It has been such a source of help and comfort to me, perhaps it may be to you. This is it. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

"I have lost all my dearest ones. I am the only one left of my family, and oh, I am so lonely! but I just cling to that verse. It seemed hard and unjust to me at first, but since I learned these words I feel different. If he loved me enough to let his Son die that cruel death for me, he surely would not deny me any earthly happiness, unless there was some wise, good reason. I know I can trust his love after that proof. Are you ever tempted to doubt it? Just cling to my verse if you are, won't you?"

I do not know how many times Ruth read that note, but as she read, the hard look in her face softened. Was it possible that there was a wise, loving reason for all her hardships and disappointments? She had almost felt that her lot was harder than any one's else; but here was this girl left desolate.

"I am going to write to her" she said two or three weeks after, "and tell her how her verse has helped me, and thank her for sending it."

So it came about that the two girls so widely separated came to correspond, and Olive knew all about the poor crops and the loss of the cow, and how Ruth longed to educate Teddy, who was so bright. And then came books, papers and magazines to the lowly Western home, which were perfect treasures to the recipients.

And then finally came the request that Olive might be allowed to educate Teddy. "My brother wanted to be a minister if he had lived," wrote Olive; "may I not educate Teddy in his place?"

"I wish," Ruth wrote back, "that I could put a monument over that cow's last resting place. If she had not died just when she did, I should not have needed the gray dress, and so should not have received your dear little note. I think no matter how long I live or what comes to me, I shall never doubt again like that, and every night of my life I thank God for putting it into your heart to write those kind words to me."—American Messenger.

THE CHICKENS' NAPKIN.

"Your napkin, dear," reminded mamma, gently.

Bernice, across the table, lifted her little bread-and-buttery face, and the best of scowls creased up and down between her eyes. Napkins were such a bother.

"I wish there weren't any!" she murmured, getting down from her high chair to pick hers up. "They always drop an' they get all mixed up when you fold 'em up."

"When you don't fold 'em up," corrected Earl, laughing.

"You couldn't have any teeny, tony, dear napkin ring if there weren't any napkins," remarked Esther, wisely.

Bernice turned her dainty, beloved little ring over and over thoughtfully in her small hands.

"Then I wish I was a chicken," she announced, slowly.

"Oh, chickens use napkins regularly at every meal," said papa.

"Chickens?"

The word came in an astonished chorus from all the children.

"Why, of course. Did you think they hadn't any manners at all? I can tell you Mother Biddy is bringing them up better than that. After dinner you shall see. She teaches them to use their napkins very carefully."

"Only just one to 'em all?"

"Ye'es," papa said, a little reluctantly, "only just one; but then it's plenty large enough."

The twinkles in papa's eyes were playing hide-and-seek.

"It's so large they share it with their relations, their aunts and cousins and uncles."

"Why, the idea!"

"Oh, my, I don't call that havin' good manners!" cried Bernice, scornfully.

The children started out with papa to the chicken-yard, but mamma had to call Bernice back again to fold her

napkin. That happened very often.

The chickens' meal was nearly over, but they watched them take the last few dainty peeks.

"That's the dessert. They eat it slow 'cause they've eaten all their hungry up," explained Esther.

"Where's their napkins? I don't see any." Bernice exclaimed in disappointment.

"Wait," said papa.

"Now watch!" he said a minute later, as the downy little fellows finished their last crumbs. They walked away a few steps, and then every single one of them wiped his bill—this-a-way, that-a-way, very carefully, indeed—on the grass.

"Oh!"

"O-oh!"

"O-h, my!"

"Well," Bernice added, triumphantly, "they didn't fold it up, papa."—Messenger.

HEART SERVICE.

On the blackboard in the dining-room where Alice and Lucy were playing, were printed in red and blue letters the words: "Prepare Your Hearts Unto the Lord, and Serve Him Only." Alice spelled the words out slowly. "I don't understand our verse," she said.

"Mother, what does 'pre-p-a-r-e' mean?"

"It means get ready," said her mother.

Then Alice read the words again. "Get ready your hearts unto the Lord. I don't understand," she said.

"Think it over," said her mother. "Suppose I should tell you to prepare this room for your Aunt Annie, what would you do?"

"Why," said Alice, looking round, "I would pick up all the blocks, so they wouldn't be in her way, and take the books and papers and our boxes off the chairs, so she could sit down."

"Yes," said Lucy, "and take that dish of bananas out of the room; because Aunt Annie doesn't like the smell of bananas."

"And we might put some geraniums in the vases, because she likes flowers," said Alice.

The mother smiled at her little girls. "I see you understand it," she said.

"Oh, but," said Alice, "preparing a room is different from preparing heart; and we couldn't do such things for God."

"Why not? Don't you know he said that what we do for others because we love him and want to please him is the same as doing it for him? And there is a great deal to be done to prepare hearts for him. When we feel ourselves growing cross, and want to be sullen, or to speak rude or unkind words, if we would think about keeping our hearts ready for Jesus, and not letting anything into them that he would not like, just as we would keep the room ready for Aunt Annie if she were coming, wouldn't it help?"

"Yes," said Alice, "it would." Lucy nodded her head. She did not speak as much as her sister, but perhaps she thought more.

The afternoon was stormy, and the girls could not go out for their daily run, but had to play in the house. They were much disappointed, and found it hard to be good. Alice especially felt very cross, and snatched her doll away from Lucy, and said in anything but a pleasant voice: "What are you doing with my baby?"

Lucy opened her mouth to say: "I didn't hurt your old doll, so there!" But she didn't say the words; she didn't say any words for a minute. Then she said softly to herself: "Prepare your heart." Alice heard her, and felt ashamed. She turned away, and looked out of the window. In a minute she came back, and said: "I was cross, Lucy; forgive me. You may take my doll, if you want her."

Their mother overheard them, and said softly to Aunt Annie: "The children both understand their verse. I think, and are trying to 'prepare their hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only.'"—Pansy.

SOMETHING MARJORIE DID.

Marjorie is a very little girl. She comes to our Sunday-school; and once in a while, when there is anything special going on, her mother brings her into the big church.

On Children's Day all the Sunday-school girls and boys marched into the Church. Marjorie led the infant class, and that class led first. You may be sure that Marjorie was very proud to be the head one, and she looked so sweet that we were all very proud of her.

Another thing that made the little girl glad was this: her mother had given her two cents to put on the plate for the collection. Generally, she had just one cent to give her teacher on Sunday, so the two cents seemed like a great deal of money.

Now, Marjorie meant to be very good that day, because she was in the big church. The folk at home had told her that she must sit still and not talk. She was good, too, and did not speak a word until—well, what do you suppose that dear little girl did? When



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the man came around with the collection plate, and Marjorie had put her money on it, she was so glad that she had given two cents that she forgot everything else, forgot that she was not to talk at all, and she said right out loud to the man: "I gave you two cents!"

Of course, everybody smiled, and Marjorie smiled, too. She thought the Church folk were pleased because she had given so much money.—Christian Work.

AN ADOPTED MOTHER.

Arthur Allen was a very tender-hearted little boy, and there were tears in his eyes when he came into the kitchen one morning carrying in his arms a big brown hen, which had been run over by a hay wagon and killed.

"What will become of Brownie's little chickens, mamma?" he asked. "They are out under a currant bush, all peeping for their mother."

Mrs. Allen went out in the garden with Arthur to look at the poor little chickens. There were thirteen of the yellow, fluffy little things, and they were only three days old.

"They mustn't die," said Arthur. "I'll take care of them myself."

He brought a basket and put all the little chickens into it. Then he carried them off to an empty oat bin in the barn, where there was plenty of room for them to run about.

The next morning, when Mrs. Allen went out to the barn to tell Arthur to hunt for some eggs, she stopped at the oat bin to look at the motherless little chickens.

There, in one corner of the bin, hung the big feather duster, and gathered under it were all the little chickens!

"I thought the duster could be a mother to them, mamma," said Arthur. So, Mrs. Allen let the duster hang in the bin, and the thirteen little chickens gathered under it until they were old enough to roost on a bar.—Florence Hollowell Hoyt, in Youth's Companion.

DO NOT SLEEP ON THE LEFT SIDE

When a patient complains of bad taste in his mouth every morning on waking up, says a physician, the first question I ask him is as to the position he assumes when going to sleep. An immense number of people sleep on the left side, and this is the most common cause of the unpleasant taste

which is generally attributed to dyspepsia. If a meal has been taken within two or three hours of going to bed, to sleep on the left side is to give the stomach a task which it is difficult in the extreme to perform. The student of anatomy knows that all food enters and leaves the stomach on the right side, and hence sleeping on the left side soon after eating involves a sort of pumping operation which is anything but conducive to sound repose. Also the action of the heart is interfered with considerably, and the lungs are unduly compressed. It is probable that lying on the back is the most natural position, but few men can rest easily so, and hence it is best to cultivate the habit of sleeping on the right side. It is very largely a matter of habit, and the sooner it is acquired the better.—Selected.



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How many, alas! the tears I've shed,
And how many the sorrows I've known;
Heavy and hard has been my bed,
While my pathway with thorns was all strewn.

And I long to rest beneath the sod,
And I sigh for my home in the skies;
For that "City whose builder is God,"
Where all tears shall be wiped from my eyes.

As sweet incense, O God! let my prayers,
Though feeble, ascend on high to Thee;
I fain would escape the traps and snares
That are set by the Devil for me.

O City of Rest! home of my soul!
"How I'm longing, yes, longing, for thee!"

By faith I shall reach that blissful goal,
And forever from sorrow be free.

"And God shall wipe away all tears
from their eyes; and there shall be no
more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain;
for the former things are passed away."
—Rev. 21:4. T. H. YARBROUGH.

AN APPEAL IN BEHALF OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

As a Church we are falling far below what we should do for Christian education. We are confronted by conditions which can be solved in no way except by liberal contributions for this cause. That buildings, equipments and endowments are necessary to the success of our schools cannot be questioned. To accomplish this end should be the one fixed and settled purpose of the Methodists of Texas. The time has come for a broad, settled policy in our educational interests in this State. Then, with proper effort, much can be done. Indifference is the one great impediment to our success, as I see it, after a few months of active service in the field. This I believe can be overcome readily by proper emphasis from the press and the pulpit. Our wealthier people have not been aroused to the importance and magnitude of this question. On the other hand, those in limited circumstances do not realize personal responsibility, because they cannot contribute large amounts. Indifference holds us in check, estops our progress and paralyzes our efforts. We have in round numbers about 200,000 Methodists in the State. An average of five dollars would yield one million dollars. This continued for five years would be five millions. This would put us in fine shape. This is not a visionary speculation. This average is possible. This is what should be done. A little self-denial may be necessary in some instances to accomplish this end. But each member should do something. There are but few members who could not give as much as one dollar. There are many who could easily give a thousand. Our people need to be made to realize the importance of this matter. Because some have no children to educate, and others are too poor to patronize a school far from home, they are swayed by selfishness and take no interest, or but little, in the success of our Church institutions. If they would stop and study this question, they would be impressed with the fact that the State cannot, from the logic of facts, properly enter the field of higher education. That the State can only educate with reference to man as a finite being. That the education of the State relates to man as a citizen of this world only. That the best interest of the State, as well as the Church, requires the highest culture possible, physical, mental, moral. That it is possible for the Church, and the Church only, to give such an education, for the reason that the State cannot, if it should so desire, teach religion. Let it be understood that the Church educates with reference to two worlds. It proposes to fit its subjects for citizenship in this world and the world to come. It claims that the gains of knowledge are eternal possessions. That Christian education is a co-ordinate evangelistic force. These facts should and must impress our people. We should remember that an investment made in a Christian school is, in fact, an investment made in Christian character, which is more abiding than the gold itself invested; yea, more abiding than the most durable granite. Indifference and selfishness manifest themselves when men and women of wealth refuse to invest in the moral character of the present and future generation, but invest in bonds and lands and other material things. Indifference and selfishness manifest themselves when those of us who have but little of this world's wealth, refer this matter to our wealthier neighbors, and content ourselves with meeting the current expenses of our local Churches, or some particular local enterprise. Thus, between the two classes, our schools are driven to the greatest extremity, and faithful men and women are working on half salaries. We are doing our school work at the greatest disadvantage, when, with a little effort on our part, everything can be made easy. I appeal to the Methodists throughout this great State to take this matter to heart. Make it a personal matter. Do not seek to shift the responsibility. Every Methodist should make a contribution to this sacred cause, even though it require a

personal sacrifice. Do not plead poverty. Do something, and do it now. Wait not for another year, for you know not what a year shall bring forth. Do something now, and then later do more. A few persons, by practicing self-denial, have done much for the Polytechnic College during the past four years—this proves to me what can be done for our schools if the people have a mind to work in this direction. The Baptists of the State have outstripped us in raising money for Christian education. These people have caught the progressive spirit of the day. We cannot afford to lag behind. The place of Methodists is in the forefront of the battle. Do not disregard this appeal, as a matter of no moment. It is made in the interest, the best interest of the present and rising generation. It comes from one whose interest grows with the continued study of this question. If you are interested in the prevalence of righteousness, in the dominion of God's kingdom, the advance of truth, the success of the Church, the purification of society, the amelioration of our race, the salvation of souls and the glory of God, then, indeed, you are interested in Christian education.

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AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

This is an "institution" of the Church only by adoption, yet it is absolutely essential to the success of our missionary operations. The collections ordered by the conference for this cause rank among the most important. We hope that the preachers in making out their reports will not discriminate against this institution. The District Stewards are required to distribute this amount with the other collections, and it is to be raised in the

same way that the other collections are. Therefore no charge can report collections paid in full unless this "institution" is provided for. A good many charges reported nothing collected for the Bible cause last year. We trust no charge in the Northwest Texas Conference will fail this year. The Bible Society Board will meet in the Methodist Church or room designated by preacher in charge in Fort Worth, Nov. 11, at 2:30 p. m. R. V. GALLAWAY, Chr'n.
Pendletonville, Texas.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM OCTOBER 15TH TO 31ST, 1903.

Houston District—Ellis Smith, Tabernacle, foreign missions, \$77; domestic missions, \$77.
Beaumont District—J. E. Short, Kountze Circuit, domestic missions, \$13.10; Orphanage, \$6.50.
Brenham District—Allen Tooke, Bellville Mission, Bishops' Fund, \$1; conference claimants, \$1; foreign missions, \$1; Church extension, \$1; education, \$1. M. L. Lindsey, Fishhear Circuit, foreign missions, \$20. J. W. Thompson, Milano, foreign missions, \$7.
San Augustine District—J. W. Goodwin, Shelbyville Circuit, Bishops' Fund, \$11.50; domestic missions, \$19.75. W. W. Nunn, Garrison Circuit, conference claimants, \$20. D. S. Burke, Melrose Circuit, foreign missions, \$20; domestic missions \$20; Orphanage, \$8.
Calvert District—H. H. Davis, Franklin Circuit, conference claimants, \$10; foreign missions, \$19. M. L. Story, Leon Mission, foreign missions, \$7.50; domestic missions, \$7.50. D. W. Gardner, Travis Circuit, foreign missions, \$12; Church extension, \$18. W. E. Washburn, Durango Circuit, foreign missions, \$14; Orphanage, \$9.
Huntsville District—H. M. Whaling, Huntsville Station, Bishops' Fund, \$28; Church extension \$60; Orphanage, \$22. C. V. McLarty, Madisonville Station, education, \$16. W. W. Horner, Anderson Circuit, Bishops' Fund, \$5; conference claimants, \$7.50; foreign missions, \$18; domestic missions, \$5; Church extension, \$6.50. A. S. J. Haygood, Hempstead, foreign missions, \$25; domestic missions, \$25. C. H. Adams, Walley Circuit, Bishops' Fund, \$1; Church extension, \$8; conference claimants, \$10; education, \$8. J. C. Cameron,

Montgomery and Plantersville, foreign missions, \$10; Church extension, \$11.30; education, \$12; American Bible Society, \$1; Orphanage, \$3.55. E. S. Hursey, Cold Springs Circuit, Bishops' Fund, \$2; domestic missions, \$7.75; Church extension, \$1.50; education, \$2; Payne and Lane, \$1. Jno. M. Neal, Midway Missions, foreign missions, \$13.50; domestic missions, \$3.50; Orphanage, \$5. E. S. Hursey, Waverly Mission, Bishops' Fund, \$2; domestic missions, \$2.25; Church extension, \$3; education, \$3.
Palestine District—H. J. Hayes, West Palestine Mission, Bishops' Fund, \$7; conference claimants, \$8; foreign missions, \$5.25; domestic missions, \$18.25; Church extension, \$8; Orphanage, \$9.65. E. L. Crawford, Crockett Station, domestic missions, \$19.87; education, \$19.81. J. W. Mills, Trinity and Lovelady Circuit, Bishops' Fund, \$10.50; conference claimants, \$4.
Tyler District—W. F. Packard, Marvin Church, conference claimants, \$14; Church extension, \$67. J. G. Pollard, Lindale, domestic missions, \$19; Church extension, \$18; American Bible Society, \$3. G. V. Ridgeley, Mineola, Orphanage, \$7. W. M. Foster, Emory Circuit, conference claimants, \$11. A. A. Kidd, Edom Circuit, Bishops' Fund, \$14; Payne and Lane, \$3.
Marshall District—A. J. Anderson, Church Hill Circuit, foreign missions, \$24; domestic missions, \$25; Orphanage, \$11.
Pittsburg District—L. H. McGhee, Gilmer Circuit, conference claimants, \$18; Payne and Lane, \$1. W. T. Ayres, Redwater Mission, domestic missions, \$15. C. W. Hughes, Rose Hill Mission, Bishops' Fund, \$6; foreign missions, \$4.70; Church extension, \$5.30; Orphanage, \$6; Payne and Lane, \$2. Stuart Nelson, New Boston and DeKalb, Bishops' Fund, \$15; foreign missions, \$26; Church extension, \$15; education, \$15; Orphanage, \$12. J. B. Gregory, New Boston Mission, foreign missions, \$3.35; domestic missions, \$2.05. Total, \$153.73. L. L. JESTER, Conf. Treas., Tyler, Texas.

All Sunday-schools in North and Middle Texas are requested to elect at least one delegate to the Temperance Association to meet in Dallas Nov. 25, 1903. At the solicitation of many Sunday-schools throughout the State, we publish the splendid program compiled by H. H. Parks, of Kennedale, Texas, from "Temperance Selections," Penn. Pub. Co., Philadelphia, Pa. All ministers of the gospel of all de-

nominations are earnestly requested to preach a sermon on the subject of Temperance on Nov. 22 (that being the next day on which the temperance lesson occurs in our International Sunday-school lessons). All Sunday-school superintendents are earnestly requested to have the following program read or recited on our next temperance day, Nov. 22. Let each superintendent appoint a committee to select readers and reciters of the following program:
Program for Sunday-schools on Temperance Day: Temperance song; recitation, "It is Coming" (see Temperance Selections, page 9); recitation, "Prohibition the Ultimatum" (p. 21); recitation, "One Glass Too Much" (p. 24); song, "Where is My Wandering Boy To-night?" recitation, "Leave Liquor Alone" (p. 128); song, "Down in the Licensed Saloon!" recitation, "Could I Have Borne It?" (p. 163); recitation, "Run the Worst Enemy of the Working Class" (p. 181); recitation, "Strike for Prohibition" (p. 20); recitation, "Temperance" (p. 21); song, and benediction; election of delegates to Temperance Association to meet at Dallas, Texas, Nov. 25, 1903.

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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Held by Bishop Duncan.
Northwest Texas, Fort Worth.....Nov 11
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AN EVENING IN WACO.

On my way to Austin last Tuesday I accepted an invitation of Rev. Jno. R. Nelson of Austin Avenue Church to stop over and lecture to his people in the interest of a local enterprise. I was entertained at the good home of Brother Nelson and family. He and his wife understand the art of hospitality if that sort of accomplishment can be classed an art. I met nearly all the preachers—Brethren Bolton, Morris, Hotchkiss and others. They are rounding out for conference and will have good reports. Bro. Bolton says all parts of his work will show up well. Brother Nelson will make the most remarkable showing of most any pastor in Texas. He brings things to pass. Three years ago he was sent to Austin Street in Waco without a member or even a lot. Now he has one of the finest plants in Texas and a strong membership, whose collections will all be in full. The planting of a little missionary money at that point in such hands has yielded a magnificent return. At night his Sunday-school chapel was full of people to hear the lecture. It was the largest audience I have yet met at a pay lecture, but Nelson had charge of it, and he always succeeds. Brother Vaughan was also present with a number of his orphans. Professor Burkhead was on hand also. I visited the Mission Home enterprise by the good women of the Waco charges. It is a good piece of property, now run as a co-operative home, but as soon as the right woman can be found it will be used in connection with the Deaconess work. Brother and Sister Davis now have charge of it, and they are doing good work. At 12 o'clock I took the Katy for Austin. G. C. R.

I do find it very helpful and interesting. It is my "Sunday reading." I live in the country and often have to pass the day alone.

I take the "Advocate" in memory of my husband, who was a Methodist; I am a Baptist.

If I were a few years younger I would go with the party to the "Holy Land," but will content myself with reading the fascinating letters of our good editor. MRS. J. A. JACKSON.

Renner, Texas.

BISHOP DUNCAN BELIEVES IN THE ADVOCATE.

At the West Texas Conference Bishop Duncan made the interest of the Texas Advocate a specialty. Every preacher making his report was asked by the Bishop, "What are you doing for your paper? How many of your people take it? Are you doing your best to put it in every home? You make it a point to put a Bible on every family table. On the Bible put a Discipline, on the Discipline lay a hymn-book, and on top of these three spread a Texas Advocate; and then you will have your people fixed in their belief as good Christians and good Methodists. I would not nominate any man for steward who did not take and read his Advocate. Any preacher can put this paper in most of the homes of his people if he will try. Your people must know what the Church is doing in order to keep step with its progress." And he spoke very highly of the Advocate as a Church organ. Such work upon the part of the Bishop will bear fruit. We do most surely appreciate his interest in this branch of our Church work. And it is refreshing to find a Bishop who so strongly emphasizes the Church paper from the chair where he presides. Therefore, the preachers had better be prepared to make a report as to the approximate number of Advocates taken in their charges, else the Bishop will embarrass them if he follows the course he adopted at Austin. And he stressed the circulation of our books and periodicals in general.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

Austin did nobly in her entertainment of the conference. Rev. E. S. Smith, Rev. D. K. Porter and Rev. W. R. Campbell, assisted by a number of the lay brethren, looked after the comfort and convenience of all. Rev. C. H. Booth, one of the city pastors, was called away to the bedside of his sick mother.

The different State institutions took much interest in the conference and sent special invitations to the brethren to visit these interesting places. The invitations were accepted and the visits were made. The State House was a place of special interest to all, and its different apartments were inspected. The officials were very courteous.

Governor Lanham visited the conference and was introduced to the body. His address was informal, but popular and appropriate. He and his good wife entertained the Bishop and the mansion was the place where the cabinet sessions were held. The Governor attended both the services Sunday and seemed much interested.

Mr. W. M. Spence, who is an old citizen of Austin, received universal commendation for the full and accurate reports furnished by him for the Austin Daily Statesman. He is an old newspaper man and one of the few who know how to report a Methodist Conference. He is also one of the most genial, pleasant gentleman one needs to want to meet.

Dr. S. H. Werlein goes from First Church, Fort Worth, to Tenth Street, Austin, to take the place of Rev. W. D. Bradfield, who has gone to St. Louis. Brother Bradfield has left this important charge in good condition and Dr. Werlein will receive a warm welcome. He is a capable preacher, a warm-hearted man and a popular pastor. We predict for him a career of usefulness in the capital city.

Rev. C. H. Brooks, long a member of the old Texas Conference, but who was cut off in the territory ceded to the West Texas Conference, returns to

his home body. He has been a faithful worker and a strong man in our Methodism. Age is beginning to tell on him, but he is the same good-hearted man and deeply interested in the Church. His old Texas brethren will receive him gladly.

The writer was delightfully entertained by our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cotton. They are now residing in Austin, but when we were pastor in Houston they were members of Shearn Memorial Church, and they were active and devoted members. They are members now of Tenth Street. It was exceedingly pleasant to share their hospitality again. They and their niece, Miss Hally Todd, make a delightful household.

Hon. J. W. Robbins, State Treasurer, took a deep interest in the conference. He is a working and a paying member of the Church and when among preachers he is at home. We have no better man than John Robbins, and he is as true as the needle to the pole. And he is one of the most capable officials whom the State has ever put into office.

Ex-Comptroller Finney was often present at the services and the sessions. He is a worthy son of the late Dr. Finley of the East Texas Conference and an active member of Tenth Street Church. He is now in private life and following a successful business. We delight to find our preachers' sons doing well, and they usually turn out that way.

We enjoyed the privilege of dining with Mrs. W. R. Shappard, whose husband was long one of the most useful members of the Texas Conference. She and two of her children are living quietly in Austin. They are held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. Dr. Shappard was a popular preacher and did much for Methodism in his day.

The Tenth Street choir, led by Bro. Stacy, rendered most excellent music at all the services. He has a strong, cultivated voice and the music was full of energy and force. He also is the son of one of our deceased preachers and he is a noble Church worker.

The reports, generally considered, were good, but the San Angelo District led the list. The preachers from that section reported everything paid up in full, and they had all had good meetings and many accessions. Rev. J. D. Scott makes an able leader and with his preachers that western country brings things to pass.

Rev. J. W. Stevall, after one year at Bastrop, goes back into the presiding eldership. He succeeds Rev. Sterling Fisher on the San Marcos District. He is no novice in this field and he will take matters up where Brother Fisher laid them down and keep the work moving.

Rev. J. E. Harrison and Rev. Sterling Fisher are well fitted for their school work, and they are having excellent patronage. Dr. Harrison is an old hand in educational interests and Brother Fisher is showing great enterprise in his new field. They are doing noble service for the Conference.

The Publisher of the Advocate and W. C. Everett were royally entertained by the Hon. Jeff Johnson and wife. With this delightful and hospitable family their stay in Austin could not have been more agreeable. Brother Blaylock was at home in Austin. It was there he learned his trade as printer while still a lad. He greeted many old friends, all of whom are a trifle gray now, but he remembered them distinctly.

Rev. Theophilus Lee comes on the Joint Board of Publication in place of Rev. W. J. Joyce, whose term expired under the statute of limitation. He will make a useful member of the Board. No man has served the Church better than Brother Joyce in this ca-

paucity. For many years he has been faithful to this trust, and his love for the Advocate is undiminished. We found him a great help to us in the work of the Advocate. As he retires we welcome Brother Lee to the membership of the board.

There was not a solitary connectional officer at the conference. Evidently they were under the impression that on account of the proximity of the yellow fever to Austin, and its existence under quarantine within the bounds of the conference, there would probably be a postponement of the session. In fact, such postponement was contemplated by members of the conference. So that the Nashville contingent did not appear upon the scene.

We desire to especially commend Mr. S. M. Lesesne, who reported the proceedings of the conference with marked accuracy for the Galveston and Dallas News. He was on hand from beginning to end and took down everything of note for these two great dailies. Brother Lesesne is a Methodist born and trained, and he is perfectly familiar with Methodist terminology; hence the correctness of his reports.

THE GENERAL MISSION BOARD.

We have just learned with great pleasure that the General Mission Board of the Church will hold its next annual meeting in the month of May in Waco. This was decided by the Executive Committee a few days ago, and much of the credit of bringing it to Texas is due almost entirely to Rev. J. T. Smith, aided by Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D. This is a genuine stroke of enterprise, and it will redound to the progress of mission work in our State. Brother Smith has already arranged for his Conference Board to attend the meetings of this gathering, and Dr. Bishop is making similar arrangements. Doubtless the other conferences will do likewise. Really, if we mistake not, there will be an effort made to have at this time a great missionary anniversary in Waco similar to the one held in New Orleans—only it will be largely a Texas affair, we presume. We sincerely hope it will be a great success. There is no reason why it should not, for we will have the leading missionary workers of the Church here, and Texas can furnish the others for the occasion. Therefore, let our Conference Boards join forces in making it a large missionary occasion.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. W. A. Manly, of Albany, was in the city recently and paid his respects to this office.

Rev. E. L. Spurlock, of Celeste, was in the city recently and did not overlook the Advocate force.

Rev. Charles Davis, of Waco, made the Advocate a pleasant visit recently. Also Mrs. Doctor Hill, of the same city, called.

Professor R. B. Cousins, of Mexia, was in the city this week and made the Advocate a pleasant visit. He is a staunch Methodist and an educator of State-wide reputation.

We had a pleasant visit from Rev. M. M. McLaughlin, of Morgan, the present week. He has a son in business in the city and was making him a visit.

Rev. Rufus S. Stout, the General Secretary of the Church Extension Board of the C. M. E. Church, with his residence at Little Rock, made the Advocate a pleasant visit this week.

Rev. J. R. Mood, presiding elder of the San Antonio District in the Mexican Conference, spent a few hours in Dallas Tuesday, on his way to the Northwest Texas Conference at Fort Worth.

Rev. James Weaver Moore, pastor of Travis Park Church in San Antonio, was in the city on Tuesday and called on the Advocate. He has just closed a most successful year in the Alamo City and is now taking a little vacation before entering upon his second year. He says that the habit of attending conference was too well fixed

to have it broken by a quarantine. He will attend the Northwest Texas at Fort Worth—he could not attend his own at Austin.

Rev. H. B. Owens, of Milford charge, made the Advocate a pleasant call. He was en route to Fort Worth, whither he goes to report a successful year's work to the Northwest Texas Conference.

Rev. Jerome Duncan, of Hillsboro, made the Advocate a brief visit this week. He has closed out his year's work very successfully and will render a good account of himself at conference.

In a note from Rev. J. W. Downs, presiding elder of the Pittsburg District, he says his report will be good. He has had something over one thousand accessions and the collections for missions will be in full.

Bro. Harbin was transferred from Pacific Conference to West Texas Conference and appointed to South Austin. He has been in San Antonio for the last six months. Before going to his new work he thought it desirable to spend a few days visiting the Northwest Texas Conference.

Groesbeck Journal: Rev. W. W. Moss will preach for the last time, this conference year, at the Methodist Church Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. He will leave Monday morning for Fort Worth to attend the Annual Conference, which convenes there this year. During his year's stay here Mr. Moss has endeared himself not only to his own Church people, but to all citizens, regardless of Church affiliation or standing, all of whom unite in the earnest hope that he will be returned to this charge another year.

CHURCH NEWS.

Out of a class of 300 graduates from Yale University only four have chosen the ministry.

The Epworth Leaguers of Alabama have pledged \$1000 to Bishop Candler for the work in Cuba.

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will be held in Washington, D. C., next May.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in Los Angeles, California, next May.

Of every 1000 inhabitants of the globe, 346 are Christians, 7 Jews, 114 Mohammedans, and 533 heathens. The Christian religion is spreading more quickly than any other.

Rev. J. H. McCoy has declined a re-election as editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate, and Rev. Henry Traylor has been elected to that position. Dr. McCoy has made a brilliant record as an editor, and we regret to see him leave the craft.

We are in receipt of the first issue of "The Christian Appeal," a new Methodist paper published at Greenwood, South Carolina. Rev. C. W. Creighton is the father of the enterprise. He is a member of the South Carolina Conference. His platform is, "Closer fellowship between the pastorate and the presiding eldership; deeper spiritual life on the part of the Church, and lay representation in the Bishop's cabinet." To the making of newspapers there is no end.

As a rule I have not jumped at the chance of sending a religious paper any money for subscription, as I have always thought them rather dull concerns, but I am glad to send this amount, because your paper appeals to my better judgment, for it brings results. It fights the saloon, and that means something. It brings results; it sets men to thinking; for a man cannot have any confidence in a religious paper that fears to tackle the devil right at his headquarters. I just simply love your nerve, for it tells me that there is something in the cause of Christ besides an advocacy of a particular creed. Dr. Rankin just gets up and goes after them, and it comes pretty near to Jim Hogg's "lights and livers" proposition before he gets through. I never used to look at the paper (my wife has taken it about ten years), but I read it now with as much eagerness as she does, and in reading it I have been blessed in other lines and am trying to be a consistent member of my mother Church. J. M. HUFFINGTON. Longview, Texas.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

BAILEY.

Atticus Webb: Our last Quarterly Conference for this year was held Saturday, Crandall's Chapel is out and over our salary. Bailey stewards told me last night they would come out. Hickory Creek is 83 behind, but I believe it will be about the top of what it has ever been. Our presiding elder, Mr. McLean, is exceedingly popular with all classes. Both in the pulpit and out he captures the people.

SAN AUGUSTINE

A. R. Shadden, Nov. 9: We have a line or two for your pro. column. We are small and few in numbers, but I expect when I tell you that after a hot campaign of about twenty days, with Granville Jones at the off wheel, in the lead and everywhere else, on last Saturday we put the anti to sleep with a solar plexus punch of 561 pro. to 125 anti. Does that not give old San Augustine the blue ribbon for a majority? "On with the battle."

GROESBECK.

J. M. Thurmond, Nov. 9: Our fourth Quarterly Conference has just past and I want to say that while we have had the hardest year since this place was made a station, on account of bank failures and boll weevil and other drawbacks, collections were all reported in full by our pastor, W. W. Moss, who has served us faithfully and is loved by everybody. And I can say as much for our presiding elder, Bro. Barcus. Their return will give perfect satisfaction.

WEST STATION.

Jas. A. Ruffner, Nov. 4: We are rapidly nearing the end of our first year at West. In many respects it has been a very prosperous one for the charge. About 75 conversions and reclamations and 101 additions to the Church are some of the results. Two good meetings have been held. The one at West in July resulted in about 50 conversions and nearly 60 additions to the Church. The other meeting was held at Snake Creek, an unoccupied point, and resulted in 20 conversions and 15 additions. Many names have been added by certificate during the year, making 101 in all. We have lost 36 by removal, death, etc., but will have a net gain of 65. The collections ordered by the Annual and District Conferences will be paid in full, although the assessment is larger than usual. The salaries of both the presiding elder and preacher in charge will be paid with perhaps an overplus. We have two parsonages. The old one is rented, and the new one, built by Bro. Barcus, is the home of the pastor. It is modern in every respect and cost about \$1250. It has a telephone, electric lights, bath and every convenience that could be desired. We have a good people to serve and the man who comes to West Station another year will have a pleasant charge.

McKINNEY STATION.

N. R. Stone, L. E.: The conference year just closing has been one of considerable interest and moment with our Church at this place. We have had some things to make us rejoice and some to make us weep. In the first part of the year the shadows of death fell heavily upon us, and we lost some of our best and truest members; among them was Judge Beverly who had been chairman of the Board of Stewards for a number of years. His death was a heavy loss to the Church as well as to the county and State. Many great men in politics are not missed by the Church when they are gone, but he that he was a Christian and a faithful steward. Surely in this noble character was the elements of a pure and great man. We made some change in the preacher's home. We disposed of the old parsonage and built a new one, and now we have one of the most elegant and tasty homes for our preacher of any Church in the conference. In our new church there is room for the pastor's study and the parsonage now being near the church makes everything convenient and delightful for the preacher. Brother Abe Mulkey

was with us in the spring and held a ten days' meeting in the church this time. When he was here three years ago we didn't have our new church, and he preached under a large tent near the square. It was at the close of this meeting that the money was subscribed to build the new church. When the Lord made Abe Mulkey he didn't have material enough to make another like him, or he would have made two. This has been the best year in many respects that our Church has enjoyed for a number of years. There has been over 100 accessions to the Church during the year. The congregations have been good and every department of Church work is encouraging and hopeful. Bro. Stuckey is a stirring and an energetic pastor and becomes familiar with all his flock. His preaching is instructive and very entertaining, and I think it is generally conceded by all classes that we have the best preacher in town.

LOTT CIRCUIT.

H. B. Urquhart, Nov. 10: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held the 8th and 9th and gave promise of closing out the year's work well. The indications are that this will be a most successful year. Many members are standing faithfully by the Church. Among the many there are some noble widows who in their obscurity and though very poor, are none the less faithful than those who do more. The pastor feels special gratitude for the manner in which Lott and Chilton have stood by him. Bro. Burroughs, our presiding elder, was with us and demonstrated his practical wisdom in the pulpit and chair. The salaries of our wise leader, he is charming in the social circle, and therefore loved and sought after by all. He weighs men, he weighs the charges and makes up his mind without asking. "Whom do you want for your preacher?" and "Where do you want to go?" "I can say for him when I say he is a presiding elder. The district that has him is fortunate, and the preacher under him is in absolutely safe hands."

SANGER AND VALLEY VIEW.

G. F. Boyd: We are closing up our year's work on this charge with prospects of full reports on all lines. We have a large list of subscribers to the Advocate. It is popular among our people. I hear nothing but commendations for it. We have had 55 additions to the Church. Everything is moving in harmony for the glory of God and the good of humanity. We have organized two Senior Leagues, two Woman's Home Mission Societies, and by the help of Sister Sexton a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Valley View. They are all doing good work and are helping in the conference collections. The League at Valley View paid and pledged the \$19 promised at the District League last Sunday evening. Our parsonage has had an addition of \$26 by the good women of Sanger and the help of others in the charge. It is now a thing of beauty and a joy to the pastor, his family and the people in general. Bro. Isbell, our faithful, popular local preacher, has rendered valuable help on the circuit. Bro. Habern has done good work at his home Church. It is a pleasure to be associated with such men. Our presiding elder, Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, has been a most successful whole soul into the work. He keeps up with his preachers and not only goes at their calls, but leads in every good work. All you have to do is to announce that he will preach and the house is full. It looks now as if our district, under his leadership, will pay the assessments in full.

CANADIAN.

M. W. Rogers: We began our meeting here on October 25 and continued eleven days. The old people said it was the greatest meeting ever held in this country. We had 125 professions; 57 joined the Methodist Church on the last night and several more will join next 57 gave their names for the Baptist and 14 for the Presbyterian Church. The Church members were wonderfully revived and worked as never before. All denominations joined in and I never saw greater work anywhere. Our town is full of young Christians now, ready and willing to talk or pray in public, or do anything for the good of the cause. The truth is we have a new Canadian. I now feel safe to invite parents with their families to move to our town. We will vote out whiskey in the near future. The meeting was done by A. P. Lowrey, of Waco. Some of my brethren know that I am opposed to work that goes no deeper than the surface. Bro. Lowrey's work is not of that kind, but of old-time Holy Ghost power. His success consists of two factors: First and best of all, he is a man who lives with God, and of course has power with Him. Second, he sure gets a move on the Church. When these two conditions are brought to bear in a meeting there must be success. Canadian and Miami is now one of the best charges in the district. The man who comes here next year will have a good people to serve and a great opportunity to do good.

SULPHUR BLUFF.

T. M. Kirk, Nov. 9: When I came to this work one year ago I expected to find it on quite an elevation; or, in other words, on top of a great high hill. This I was disappointed, for I found it to be a level prairie country, productive, and easy of access because of good roads. Once here I found plenty of work awaiting me. The parsonage was in very bad state of repair, one church building off its blocks and the other in very bad state of repair; one other church building needing paint. Some of this work has been done, but not all of it. The preacher has done continuous hard labor through the entire year, and still there is work yet to do. The people have been good and kind to us, showing their appreciation in many ways. The preacher and wife are under many obligations to their parishioners for some special favors shown them. The preacher's salary will be paid in full. I am working hard for the conference collections. I have had 150 conversions on my work this year and will be able to report about 100 net increase in membership for the year. The Lord has been with us in great power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, and shouts of victory have been heard in the camps of Israel. During the conference year now closing I have seen Campbellites come to the altar of mercy, find peace by believing in the atonement of Christ, and join the Methodist Church. I have seen the Methodist and Baptist apostles kneel side by side at the altar and there tarry until ended with power from on high. I have seen mothers and fathers with their children at the altar begging for mercy and the entire family converted to God. I have seen the skeptic quake and tremble under the re-

proving power of the Holy Spirit, rush to the altar of mercy and surrender his heart to God. I have seen little children with the light of heaven beaming upon their faces stand up and witness to the power of God to save from sin. I have seen the Church on fire of the Holy Spirit and heard them shout Hallelujah to the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Brethren, let us preach it.

TWO MONTHLY MAGAZINES IN DALLAS.

We have two monthly magazines edited and published in Dallas. One is "The Home and State," issued by an editor of the Advocate and Mr. W. A. Stevens. It is a family paper containing a digest of current events, a home circle department, a department of reform by the writer, and a full literary and humorous section by Mr. Stevens. There is no other paper exactly like it in the State. It is a home and literary paper pure and simple, with departments of reform in social, moral, municipal and State affairs.

The other magazine is "The American Home Journal," edited and published by Mr. Fred Johnston. It is a home and literary periodical. Mr. Johnston is a man of energy and push and he is making an excellent paper. It is worthy of the success to which it has attained. The November number is before us and it is up to its usual standard of merit. But the two papers are different and distinct, and the editors of the one are in no way connected with the other. "The Home and State" belongs to the writer and Mr. Stevens, and "The American Home Journal" belongs to Mr. Johnston. We make this explanation because many of our readers, seeing the advertisements of the two in the Advocate, get them confused.

An English Author Wrote:

"No shade, no shine, no fruit, no flowers, no leaves—No fever!" Many Americans would add no freedom from catarrh, which is so aggravated during this month that it becomes constantly troublesome. There is abundant proof that catarrh is a constitutional disease. It is related to scrofula and consumption, being one of the wasting diseases. Hood's Sarsaparilla has shown that what is capable of eradicating scrofula, completely cures catarrh and taken in time prevents consumption. We can not see how any sufferer can put off taking this medicine, in view of the early publication of his radical and permanent cures. It is undoubtedly America's Greatest Medicine for America's Greatest Disease—Catarrh.

MAGAZINES.

President Eliot, of Harvard University, opens the November Atlantic with an important article on "The School, its characteristics, what its aims should be, and into what it should develop. Brooks Adams discusses The Economic Conditions of Future Defense, maintaining that force is the only law among nations and that only the fittest survives; William Garrott Brown treats The Problem of the American Historian; and Burton J. Hendrick, A Great Municipal Reform, the new temperance law in New York—a group of notable and valuable papers upon as many different topics, all of which are of national importance.

The November number of Scribner's Magazine contains a most notable article on the work of Mr. John S. Sargent, the foremost painter of our own day and one of the greatest portrait painters in the entire history of Art. This is the first time that permission has been especially given by various owners to reproduce any number of Mr. Sargent's portraits and drawings in a periodical, and offers an exceptional opportunity for a comprehensive view of his work and study of his very individual and distinguished methods. Mr. Royal Cortissoz writes of the artist's career and of the influences that have contributed to his success. The interesting announcement is also made by the Scribners of the early publication of an elaborate volume containing 60 reproductions in photograph of Mr. Sargent's most celebrated paintings, with an introduction by Mrs. Alice Meynell.

The Table—A Bachelor's Thanksgiving Dinner, by Hester Price. Illustrated The Berry of Good Cheer, by Mary Foster Snider. Various Turkey Stuffings, by Frances E. McKim. Thanksgiving Recipes, by Katherine E. Magee. An Indian Dinner, by Jeannette Young. Creole Recipes, by Mrs. Eustis. Shortening Bread, by Pearl Howard Campbell. Brief but Very Important, A Little Cook Book for a Little Girl, by the Author of Gala by Luncheons. Menus for November. Housewifely Hints.

The November Leslie's Monthly is an enlarged and improved magazine, with more pages, more pictures and more stories than ever before. The leading article—and it is one that must attract a great deal of attention—takes up the way in which big corporations influence legislation at Washington, tells how the Lobby is managed, and points out what Senators and Representatives are in the service of the trusts and just what trusts they serve. It is a most striking story and one that is altogether true. There is also a clear-cut sketch of Charles F. Murphy, the present leader of Tammany Hall, with a full-page portrait.

There are seven short stories in this number, including the delightful beginning of a new series of Scotch sketches, by J. J. Bell, the author of Wee Margreger; another of Marion Hill's stories of children and some more of Judge Shute's "A Few Real Boys." There is a series of six full-page football drawings, by Howard Giles, appropriately called "Our College Education," a number of theatrical portraits, together with an article on E. H. Sothern, by Justin Huntly McCarthy, who wrote Mr. Sothern's latest successful play, "If I Were King." There are a number of other features, both short and long ones, and the whole number is a remarkably good one.

LOCAL OPTION CONVENTION.

We are anxious that the people who ought to be interested shall not forget about the State Local Option Convention. This is not a prohibition party movement, but a non-partisan movement of patriotic citizens of all political faiths, to free our State and county governments from the domination of the liquor and gambling element. H. A. IVY, Sherman, Texas.

TO THE LAY MEN AND LAY WOMEN OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Our Orphan Home Board asked us for an increase in assessment, saying they had to borrow money and pay interest in order to run the institution, because we wait so long to take our collections. Now by a vote of the conference the assessment was put at the usual amount and we agreed to raise it on our several charges within thirty days after adjournment. I write this to ask your co-operation. Some preachers are kinder timid on this early collection business. You folks remind them of this obligation. Make them take this collection. Some will feel better; your preacher will feel better and the orphan folks will feel better. Try it if you don't believe what I say. UNCLE NATH.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- Oct. 29.—T. J. Duncan, sub. W. B. Martin, sub. G. L. Piller, sub. J. R. Nelson, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. J. W. Holt, sub. E. T. Bates, sub. C. D. West, sub. H. E. Grimes, sub. W. J. Helder, sub. R. D. Moon, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub.
Oct. 29.—J. M. Perry, sub. has attention. D. C. Ellis, sub. T. J. Milam, sub. W. T. Harris, sub. Jno. W. Goodwin, sub. S. D. Horzes, change made. J. C. Carter, sub. O. P. Hightower, sub. Chas. A. Hooper, sub. S. S. McKenney, sub. G. S. Hardy, sub.
Oct. 31.—H. M. Long, sub. A. C. Biggs, sub. L. C. Matthis, sub. J. R. Atchley, sub. W. T. Morrow, correction has attention. C. C. Davis, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. has attention.
Nov. 2.—R. S. Helzer, sub. R. L. Ely, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. T. J. Beckham, sub.
Nov. 3.—T. V. Callaway, sub. T. J. Duncan, sub. W. F. Brinson, sub. J. D. Hendrickson, sub. J. H. Chambliss, sub. W. H. Crawford, sub. C. J. Oxley, sub. T. T. Booth, sub. P. R. White, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub.
Nov. 4.—T. S. Armstrong, sub. C. A. Martin, sub. Jno. H. McLean, sub. C. R. Gray, sub. W. J. Bludworth, sub. W. W. Horner, matter will have attention. J. G. Putman, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. 2 cards. G. W. White, sub. R. S. Helzer, sub. J. P. Patterson, sub. E. L. Spurlock, sub. Geo. W. Kincheoloe, sub. W. A. Stuckey, sub.
Nov. 5.—W. T. Ayers, sub. C. V. Oswald, sub. G. S. Hardy, sub. J. M. Adams, sub. M. I. Brown, sub. G. F. Winfield, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. J. J. Clark, sub. R. L. Ely, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. B. Davis, sub.
Nov. 6.—D. F. Pulley, change made. W. J. Holder, sub. J. F. Tyson, sub. A. W. Holt, sub. T. W. Lovell, sub. R. L. Murray, matter has attention. R. E. J. Stutts, sub.
Nov. 7.—M. A. Turner, sub. M. H. Read, change made. M. C. Dickson, sub. R. P. Buck, sub. N. C. Little, sub. Jno. H. McLean, sub. W. L. Nelms, sub. W. O. Shugart, sub. J. C. Carter, sub.
Nov. 9.—T. S. Armstrong, sub. R. L. Ely, change made. Jerome Duncan, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub.
Nov. 10.—E. L. Shettles, sub. J. F. Archer, sub. Geo. H. Phair, sub.
Nov. 11.—B. C. Ansley, sub. R. C. Hicks, sub. E. R. Edwards, sub. D. J. Martin, change made.

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The Sunday-School Department

Fourth Quarter, Lesson 8, Nov. 22.

THE CURSE OF STRONG DRINK.

Prov. 20:1-23; 20:21, 29-35.

Golden Text: "Wine is mockery."—Prov. 20:21.

The International Evangel says:

The feature of the use of intoxicating drinks which this lesson and the Bible in general emphasizes is its extreme deceptiveness. It awakens hopes of great good, and instead works great evil. Its disappointments consist not simply in failure to give the things promised, but in giving exactly their opposites.

This it does, first of all, with respect to material wealth. A man under the influence of alcohol is always sanguine about his financial condition and prospects. He fancies himself rich even when his pockets are empty. Or if not, he has no doubt fortune will soon smile upon him. The drunkard has little sense of the value of money. He spends his money lavishly, and is the easy prey of thieves. I knew an intoxicated man who stood on the street corner and threw dollar after dollar of silver coins into the public square until he had emptied his pockets of all he possessed. Some two years before that, on account of his drinking habit, he had lost a position as a civil engineer that paid a salary of \$5000. A drunkard is almost invariably a spend-thrift. If he comes by inheritance into a fortune, or if he takes to drinking after he has himself made a fortune, his wealth rapidly wastes away. A drunkard will not practice economy, for economizing is self-denial, and the very essence of inebriety is self-indulgence. Drinking not only creates an insatiable appetite for drink, but it awakens all the lower passions and appetites which also clamor for indulgence. There is perpetual demand for artificial excitements. The enjoyments of a healthy mind are utterly inadequate to the drunkard. Gambling in its various forms serves as a mental intoxicant; licentiousness follows naturally with drunkenness; and every amusement and diversion that will serve as excitements to the lagging mind are eagerly sought. The end is not only moral ruin, but poverty as well. Then, too, intoxication gives the promise of happiness, but breaks that promise in unutterable woe. Men begin the use of strong drink with the idea that it will heighten their pleasure. And so it often does for a time. It gives a zest and heartiness to the social gathering, a sparkle to the wit, a brightness to the eye, a ring to the laughter. For a time it dispels sadness, restores hope from despondency, revives strength out of weakness, and gives confidence instead of fear. But the delusion is brief. The drunkard sinks down from the social circle of refinement to the company of brawlers and brutes; his own and that of his associates become the laughter of fools; the brightness of the eye changes into the heaviness of the basest passions; wit becomes rithality and obscenity, and conviviality becomes mockery. I know of nothing in literature that so fearfully portrays the decline of a life from the ecstasies of sensuality to unspeakable wretchedness and death as Tennyson's "The Vision of Sin." The discussion of that poem, under the direction of a competent teacher, with a class of intelligent young men, might be one of the best expositions of this lesson.

In every way strong drink deludes and betrays. Under its friendly smile lurk the curse and the venom of malice. It promises the freezing man warmth and life, only to deliver him more certainly to icy death; while to him who toils in midsummer heat it promises strength and endurance, only to expose him more dangerously to the deadly rays of the sun. It is a hard and relentless bargainer. For a little passing pleasure it exacts many years; it may be an eternity, of misery; for a brief season of fancied liberty it reduces both soul and body to permanent slavery; for every peal of laughter which it excites it extorts a thousand groans; for the temporary stimulus to the mental faculties, it imposes stupor and dimness of mental vision; for a little exhilaration and hopefulness it plunges the soul in a measureless gloom and despair. It is a pitiless master. Coming at first as a smiling and flattering servant, it ends by becoming a cruel and remorseless master. The more helpless its victims the more tyrannical its rule over them. It laughs at every appeal for mercy, and only tightens the cords and applies the lash at every attempt to escape. There is no poverty, however, abject for which it has any pity, no wounds for which it has any comfort, no sorrow for which it has any consolation.

Men who think of life in terms of stock-raising are working hard to turn this world into a barn-yard.

METHODIST BENEVOLENT AND FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION.

This association was organized August 27, 1903, in the preacher's room in the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee. A large number of representative men, clerical and lay, from various sections of the Church, were included among the incorporators. All of them are Methodists of recognized ability, and prudent business men intent on adopting a plan of practical utility for the purpose of affording the ministry in particular and lay members who desire it a safe, practical, and economical method of real fraternal benevolence.

Very much study, extensive research and care have been given to the subject for several months. All available sources and agencies have been utilized to originate and develop the plan as adopted, which constitutes the best features of a number of similar and successful associations. It makes a specialty of the needs of the itinerant Methodist preacher. It gives a combination benefit consisting of a certificate payable at death to the family of the deceased, a total disability or sickness or accident benefit payable before the age of seventy, and an annuity benefit to be paid during the remainder of life beginning with the seventieth birthday. This, we deem, is an ideal arrangement for traveling preachers. These benefits are also offered to first-class and choice risk lay members of the Church. With the ministry in particular the great question is how and where to obtain protection of this kind with safe rates, not too low so as to require being raised in old age, and not too high for them to secure protection or continue it through life.

The plan has provided a special class for the ministry, to which none other can be admitted. It is the simplest conceivable and most equitable method by which to unite the various Conference Brotherhoods or Aid Associations into one universal and all-embracing Southern Methodist Preachers' Brotherhood Association. There is also provided a class for the wives and widows of preachers with the same obligations and benefits, more or less, as that for the ministers' class. And an honorary class to which the benevolent minded, great-souled, and warm-hearted philanthropists may be admitted for the good they may do; as it affords an opportunity for the most systematic, practical, and effective Christian charity.

The general purpose and aim of the Association is more practical benevolence and a broader and more complete brotherhood in our Church.

By reference to the plan, which anyone may have by addressing the Secretary, you will find the needs and benefits generally explained from a sacred or secular standpoint. The conception of the plan and of the management is certainly unique and carefully arranged, and promises vast possibilities for good to its members. The management is guaranteed to be strictly economical, and at the same time efficient. Too much could not be said as to the liability and capability of

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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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Notes From the Field.

Mount Pleasant.

F. A. Downs, Nov. 5: Bro. Abe Mulkey will begin a ten days' meeting here the 13th inst. Our conditions are peculiar. Our need is great. Will every one who reads this remember us at the throne of grace, that power from God may come down upon us for the revival of his Church and the salvation of men, Brethren, forget us not.

Crowell.

J. T. Bloodworth, Oct. 3: We have just closed a good meeting in Crowell Church. We have had that prince of preachers with us, Rev. W. M. Leatherwood, whose preaching will not soon be forgotten by us. He is a Christian gentleman of the highest order. He is a profound thinker and an eloquent preacher. No congregation can sit unblest under his ministry. The revival did not reach beyond the Church, like we wanted, but Crowell Church will be stronger through all the future because of his coming. If you want ten days of the best preaching write him at Ft. Worth, Texas.

Evergreen.

W. P. Davis: Our fourth Quarterly Conference convened Saturday, October 31. The Church was well represented. All looked pleasant and a hearty good feeling prevailed. Bro. Edwards' salary was paid, although one Church was in the rear. One of the stewards from that Church stated that Evergreen would pay up before Bro. Edwards starts to conference. Our preacher did not know it, but his salary was going to be paid. You Churches who won't pay your preacher, shame on you. Why don't you wake up! You Church member, if you can't pay ask God to help you to cause men of money to do their duty, but do your duty first. Sister S. B. Murrell, of Levita, has just about completed her subscription list, so as to present Bro. Edwards a conference suit. We all love Bro. S. W. Turner. His sermon on Sunday was certainly a treat. Come back to us, Bro. Turner.

San Antonio.

J. W. Moore, Nov. 2: Yesterday was a red letter day in the history of Travis Park Methodist Church. It was our rally day. We began at 9:30 with the exercises of the infant class and closed at night with a great praise service. We have been laboring for two months for an enrollment of one thousand in the various departments of our Sunday-school work. We gained this number with eight to spare. This has been accomplished in the face of a great street-car strike and the yellow fever. This includes all three departments of Sunday-school endeavor. There were present Sabbath morning five hundred and six at the rally services. We failed to get anything like a large turn out of the members of the baby roll and of the home department, owing to the prevailing unbusiness. We also observed old folks' day and had the Church beautifully decorated and the services were of an inspiring and helpful nature. Boll weevil, street-car strike, and yellow Jack may depress us, but it does not utterly cast us down. I want to express my admiration for San Antonio Methodism. John Paul Jones was called on to surrender when his vessel was in a sinking condition. He replied "that he had only begun to fight." The brethren only get warmed up when it looks like a hopeless case. They will pay out in full. They are doing nobly. On the home-stretch they can outrun any team I ever saw.

Gibtown Mission.

J. B. Parr, Oct. 3: We are closing our fourth year on this mission. We have held five protracted meetings, had thirty-five conversions and a number of reclamations and the membership wonderfully revived, with fifty-two additions to the Church. The prayer-meetings have put on new life; the young men and ladies have organized additional prayer-meetings. We have organized one Junior League and a Home Missionary Society. The condition of the Church is better than it has ever been in this part. As result of the two past years' drought we have dismissed a large number by certificate since conference, so our net increase will be small. We are behind on conference collections, but will continue to press the claims to the end of the conference year. If our people would read our Church literature all the claims would be paid in full. I have faithfully tried to put the Advocate in every home, but "hard times" is an excuse we have failed to overcome, as the Church membership must be educated it will take time to accomplish it. We have not seen the rapid development we desired on this mission, but feel that we have done what we could, giving God all the glory for what has been accomplish-

ed, and now being the close of our four years' work in this field, we look back over the battlefield of severe contest where sleepless nights of heartaches, tears and prayers, with seasons full of glory inexpressible and all along there are banners of victory for the Lord streaming over the fields which were won by grace, through faith in Him that giveth us the victory, but the jewel of strength in Christ is worth tenfold that won it. We now invoke God's blessings of the weak efforts we leave behind us.

Reagan.

J. M. Neal, Nov. 6: Aided by the good mothers, young ladies and children, consecrated Christians, the citizenship of Reagan, some time back, made a grand stand for local option in this our Reagan community, losing the fight by one vote. Have of late, by the aid of the boll weevil and abstinence, closed the doors of the saloon in Reagan. Hence say the boll weevil does no good? "It is an evil wind that blows nobody good." While this pest has stripped our cotton fields of the fleecy staple, thus impoverishing many good people, yet it has been the means of driving from our midst one of the most deplorable pests that could possibly be panned off on a people; and methinks our people will be able to see the benefit of a town with no saloon, that at the next opportunity they will put their seal on the monster in a legal way, thus bring it from us altogether. Bro. Chambers, our pastor, is standing to his post, notwithstanding the fact the people will be unable to pay up in full, owing to the boll weevil calamity. Some of our members are now in the northern part of the State picking cotton, to get a sustenance for the coming year. When our crop is all in it will have been made and gathered at a great loss to the farmer. Our people are willing, but this will be one year, when they cannot do as they would wish.

Anderson.

W. W. Horner, Nov. 5: Our last Quarterly Conference for this year was held at this place October 31 and November 1 and was a pleasant and profitable occasion. Our beloved Bro. Hooper was present and preached three fine sermons which were highly appreciated by our people. His sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock was a bi-centenary sermon in which he showed that John Wesley was one of the greatest men that has ever lived since the apostolic age, and that Methodism was a providential movement beyond a doubt. The financial report was good, but we are still behind on pastor's salary and conference collections. I am glad to say, however, that all our missionary assessments have been paid in full, and we will pay out on the orphanage and claimant fund. There may be a shortage on some of the other collections, but we are doing all we can to collect all on every claim. We have three missionary societies in Anderson, the two women's societies and a juvenile society, and our little folks are clothing a little Mexican girl in the Laredo Seminary. We have some noble people on this work, some of them are the very salt of the earth, while we have a large number who are worldly-minded and many of this class have not contributed a cent on the conference collections. If we could only get this class of members to take the Advocate and read its stirring editorials and other strong articles, we think they would be more spiritual and would do more towards supporting the Church and its institutions. We are looking for a good time at Bryan at the great reunion.

Edom Circuit.

A. A. Kidd, Nov. 5: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is over. Bro. Smith, our presiding elder, was on hand and in his best mood. Despite the rain on Saturday we had a good session of conference. Only one Church was not represented. The stewards made a good report. All in all, no preacher has a better Board of Stewards than is on the Edom Circuit. Sunday-schools have increased in numbers and interest all the year. A more faithful set of local preachers we never saw. They are both competent and willing. Our Epworth League still moves on doing good work. Every enterprise of the Church has had attention and our people have responded without complaint to the demands of our Methodism. We have reported already nearly 200 accessions to our Church. Everything will be up in full at Bryan. In our fourth Quarterly Conference, when miscellaneous business was called for, the following resolutions were read and adopted by unanimous vote (men, women and children):

Whereas, our beloved presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Smith, has been with us four years, and under the law of our Methodism must leave us; and whereas, Bro. Smith has been faithful to every responsibility committed to

his office, looking earnestly and honestly into the interests of both preachers and people; and whereas, his presidency has given universal satisfaction during his term of four years on the Tyler District; and whereas, the entire Edom Circuit so much regrets to see his time expire when he must needs go; therefore, be it

Resolved (1), that we tender our thanks to Bro. Smith for his firmness of execution, his tenderness as overseer, his constancy in business, and his honesty of judgment and counsel. (2) That wherever his lot may be cast next year, our prayers and our sympathy and our pure confidence will go with him.

(3) That we heartily commend him to the confidence of the people whom he may be appointed to serve in any capacity whatever.

(4) That a copy of these resolutions shall be spread on the minutes of this Quarterly Conference to be entered upon the record book, and that a copy be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

Signed: A. A. Kidd, P. C.; J. M. Brewer, L. P.; J. H. Cole, Jr.; E. R. Downs, Z. H. Willis, V. L. Davidson, J. T. Brewer, W. L. Murphy, Stewards; W. L. Scirrat, A. S. Ellis; B. P. Sanders, Church Secretary; Joe P. Downs, President Epworth League; W. B. Pollard, Supt.

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ANNUAL MEETING W. H. M. SOCIETY NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of North Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, opened its seventeenth annual session in the Church of Sulphur Springs, Texas, at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1903, with eighty officers and delegates present. Seven of the ten presiding elders of the conference and a number of other brethren inspired us with their presence and helpful suggestions during the week. The evening of the 19th had been set apart for the welcome address and response, to be followed by the opening sermon. From the time we stepped from the train, we as delegates and visitors, had been made to feel the welcome of this hospitable little city. The smiling faces and cordial handshakes of the Reception Committee, headed by the genial pastor, Rev. J. R. Wages, and the open hearts and homes of those who were to entertain us, had prepared us, in a measure, for the royal welcome accorded us by Mrs. Harry Evans, of Sulphur Springs, in behalf of Sulphur Springs and Sulphur Springs Methodist. The response was made in a most happy and entertaining manner by Mrs. Fred Hayden, of Pilot Point. Bishop Howe was to have been with us, and of course we were disappointed when he failed to arrive, but we nevertheless enjoyed a feast of good things in the sermon preached by Rev. J. L. Pierce, of Wesley Church, Greenville. The President's address on the evening of our anniversary was replete with helpful suggestions. She gave a brief yet comprehensive view of the aims and purposes of the Home Mission Society, clearly setting forth the different phases of the work—connectional, parsonage, educational and city missions. The report of Mrs. F. P. Varley, Conference Treasurer, showed a gratifying increase in almost all lines of work. Mrs. L. P. Smith, Conference Secretary, prepared the reading of her annual report by a most interesting account of some of our new connectional work. The Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade was fully explained, as was also the relation we sustain to the Brevard school. The deaconess movement was presented in such a manner as to clear away any misapprehension which may have heretofore existed concerning it. The presence in our midst of Miss Davis, our own North Texas Conference deaconess, gave us a more abiding interest in this important movement in Southern Methodism. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, the conscientious, sweet-spirited superintendent of the A. B. C. Mission Home and Training School at Dallas, blessed us with her presence, and the claims of the institution were clearly set forth and liberally responded to. Miss Estelle Huskin, Dallas city missionary, in a vivid and touching manner brought us face to face with some of the problems confronting us in the congested districts of our cities, and with a pathos, peculiarly her own, won all hearts as she told of the Settlement work she is carrying on in the slums of Dallas. One of the most pleasing features of our sessions was the evening spent with Mrs. L. P. Smith, in viewing with the aid of her stereopticon pictures of the leaders of our Home Mission work, our schools in many lands and other connectional institutions. We were made to realize as never before the magnitude of the work in which we are engaged. Every year our borders are widening necessitating an increase in the number of workers and we believe that an interest being awakened in hearts that hitherto have been indifferent and that more and more the people are coming to acknowledge the large place which the women of the Church occupy in the evangelization of the world. The business sessions of our annual meeting were most harmonious. The half hour devotional service at the close of the morning session leading our minds and hearts from the routine of business to heavenly things and giving a tone of deep spirituality to all our deliberations. The reports of superintendents of departments showed an increased interest in all the work committed to them, while all the District Secretaries, save one, were present and gave encouraging reports of their work for the year. The delegates present seemed alive to the necessity of gaining all information possible to carry back with them to their auxiliaries, and paid close attention to the discussions of the different phases of the work.

Our meetings were largely attended by the citizens of Sulphur Springs and nothing was left undone by them which could in any way contribute to the success or pleasure of their guests. Especial mention should be made of the large choir which rendered such excellent service all through the sessions, as also of the courtesies of the city press and kindness of leading business men.

Dr. M. H. Neely, of Plano, preached our closing sermon on Friday night. With the Attestment for his subject, he preached with all the fire and eloquence so characteristic of this noble man of God. There could have been no more fitting close to this service than the administration of the Lord's Supper, and as we knelt at the table and partook of the bread and wine, we consecrated ourselves to Him who died that we might live. Terrell was chosen for the next place of meeting and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. L. H. Potts, Dallas; First Vice-President, Mrs. Ira O. Wyse, Greenville; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. W. Rose, Dallas; Third Vice-President, Mrs. G. F. Powell, Terrell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. P. C. Archer, Sherman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Dodd City; Treasurer, Mrs. F. P. Varley, Collinsville. MRS. P. C. ARCHER, Sec. Sec. (We have received two other communications regarding the recent annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference, but give preference at this time to the Recording Secretary of the Society, hoping, however, to give our readers at another time the benefit of the other two articles, which we are glad to have in hand for publication.—Ed. Woman's Dept.)

IMPORTANT.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Northwest Texas Conference. Under date of Nov. 4 Mrs. S. C. Trueheart writes us: "There are some things in our work which give serious concern, which the board talked over at yesterday's meeting. First of all, the condition of our treasury, which at this time needs \$7,000 to meet the October appropriations in Mexico, Cuba and Indian Mission. The Conference Treasurer should send in at

once all amounts in hand, that these stations need not suffer or be forced to borrow. When money is borrowed in the missions the rate of interest is very high, and we force them to borrow when we fail to send the appropriations on time. The money in the hands of the Conference Treasurers is not being interest. Why not send in all now, that the necessities of the foreign field be met without further delay? Are you willing for the Board to effect a loan? The interest here is less than that in the missions. Of course borrowing would be a new thing for us, as well as a dangerous thing, but the only thing left us to do, unless you instruct your Treasurers to forward such amounts as have accumulated since September. Our missionaries are doing fine work, and every station is promising, although hampered by delayed appropriations. Not half appropriated has been paid into the general treasury, and yet much more than half of this fiscal year has expired. Miss Holding, now with her school in a rented house in Saltillo, Mex., can soon return to Laredo, as yellow fever is abating. China and Korea, like our other fields, need laborers and funds to complete the various buildings begun. We are still without a medical missionary for our hospital in Sochoch, that Dr. Polk can have a rest. Let us ask of God to move upon the hearts of many to help in this time of need." May I ask the immediate help of our District Secretaries in this matter of necessity? Will you please write personally to each auxiliary in your district, asking that all moneys in dues and pledges on hand be sent at once to Mrs. C. Harper, Conference Treasurer, that she may remit at the earliest moment? Do not think that your few pennies will not make any difference; they do, and none so great as I fear that we too lightly esteem these necessities, but we must wake them personal and act accordingly. Our own personal finances occasion much concern—only a small part of our pledge is yet paid. May I remind the District Secretaries to give attention to the pledges for our scholarship in the Training School? (See page 17 of last annual report.) Neither the fund for printing the minutes nor conference contingent has been sufficient to meet the demands, and what of this lack? The time for the annual observance of the Week of Prayer, Nov. 23-27, approaches. We are zealous for these days of prayer and waiting on the Lord, and let none fail in this instance, remembering that Wednesday, Nov. 25, is set aside as a day of special prayer that the Lord will call many educated, consecrated young women to the foreign field, and that He will awaken the home Church, both men and women, to a deep sense of their personal responsibility for the salvation of the world, so that they will give their labors and money freely and cheerfully for the cause of foreign missions. With December 1 comes your quarterly reports. Make collections full and entire and report to your District Secretary on time. We expect now to hold an executive session during the meeting of the Annual Conference; be ready for any instructions and speedy action.

District Secretaries and auxiliaries will not neglect their subject matter for the Woman's Department of Texas Christian Advocate, in order and on time: Abilene District, November; Weatherford District, December; Dublin District, January; Waco District, February; Clarendon District, March; Vernon District, April; Fort Worth District, May. "Get ready for Corsicana, 1904."

Send the word along the line; no time for delay. Consecration and faithful service must be ours; only one quarter of the fiscal year remains in which to meet our obligations. I reserve some good names for the December report. You will not neglect the days of prayer for Conference Secretaries and their officers. Apply the words of Dean Farrar: "If God, for our good, see fit to deny us all else may He, as His best gift of all, grant us this—to be of some real, of some deep use to our fellowmen, before we go hence and are no more seen." Our Mrs. Bullock prolongs her visit and enjoys the much "seeing" and "hearing." We hope to hear something from her soon through the Woman's column.

MRS. W. F. BARNUM, Fort Worth, Texas. W. F. M. SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, DALLAS. An open meeting of the Reading Circle of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held recently in the auditorium of the Church, at which time an instructive and interesting program was given. At the close of the program light refreshments were served in the Sunday-school room and a social half hour was enjoyed. There were fifty invitations sent out to ladies of the Church who were not members of the Society, and a large number responded, and seven new names were added to the roll of membership.

TEXAS CONFERENCE W. F. M. S. Shearn Church, Tabernacle, McKee, Central Church, West End, Cedar, Lincoln, Dew, Stewart's Mill, Jewett, Oakwoods, Brenham, Chappell Hill, Cameron, Caldwell, Fulshear, Rockdale, Marshall, Longview, Henderson, Shelbyville, Crockett, Bryan, Huntsville, Anderson, Willis, Corrigan, Beaumont, Cartwright, Jasper, Livingston, Dallas and Tyler adult auxiliaries, and West End, McKee, Calvert, Dew, Marlin, Chappell Hill, Rockdale, Longview, Marshall, Henderson, Shelbyville, Trinity, Lovelady, Anderson, Conroe, Bryan and Livingston juveniles, and Marshall and Navasota young people. These are the auxiliaries that sent in their reports for the quarter ending Sept. 1, 1903. Is yours named? If not, I wonder why? Suppose you inquire into it.

Moneys paid by these auxiliaries for the quarter: Dues, \$125.05; conference fund, \$28.52; pledge, \$73.35, and for minutes, \$17.55. This shows that the auxiliaries that reported back \$73.25 of paying dues in full for the quarter. Are your dues paid up to date? Ask your Treasurer, did you pay your 25 cents conference fund the first or second quarter? Somebody hasn't. More than \$200 of the \$1000 pledge is still unprovided for. Ask your President if your auxiliary has pledged itself any amount this time.

The reason for all this lack of reporting, lack of payment of dues, lack of payment of conference fund, is lack of attendance on the regular monthly business meetings. Did the summer get so hot you could not give one hour a month to this work especially commanded by Christ? The weather is cooler now, and I am sure we will do better—surely we will when we know this truth that in June the full appropriations were sent to China, Korea and Brazil, but only one-half were sent to Mexico and Cuba. We must not let these women in the foreign fields doing our work for us have to wait, needing their salaries.

Do all you can to help increase the

October collections, that soon all will be well. With God's help and some self-denial, we can meet our obligation. One thing that causes us to rejoice this quarter is our new missionary candidate, Miss Mattie Ivey, of Calvert, has this quarter offered herself for the foreign work, and is now in the Scarritt Bible and Training School preparing herself for the work. At the November meeting (the last for the third quarter) ask your Corresponding Secretary to make out her report while here, and read it to you, that you may know how your auxiliary is prospering. MRS. C. A. HOOPER, Cor. Sec.

(We regret that the foregoing article was thus delayed in publication on account of having been forwarded to the address of the editor of this department in her absence instead of being sent direct to the office of the Advocate. We publish it now, however, hoping it may yet be in time to effect some good. The editor of this department is now at home, and asks that all articles be sent to her address, as given in head of this column.—Ed. Woman's Dept.)

MARRIAGES.

King-Diffey—At the First M. E. Church, South in Beaumont, Texas, Nov. 5, 1903, Mr. Tom C. King and Miss Mattie Diffey, Rev. V. Goodrich officiating. Vandigriff-Ross—At Ely, Texas, Nov. 9, 1903, Mr. D. J. Vandigriff and Miss Mattie Ross, Rev. W. B. Bayless officiating. McAfee-Garrett—At the home of the bride, near Deport, Texas, Nov. 3, 1903, Mr. B. M. McAfee and Miss Lillian Garrett, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating. Jernigan-McDowell—At the home of Mr. McDowell, at Democrat, Texas, Nov. 4, 1903, Mr. J. G. Jernigan, of Brownwood, Texas, and Miss Emma McDowell, of Democrat, Texas, Rev. R. N. Shelton officiating. Kammann-Gayoso—At the residence of Rev. W. F. Clark, Dallas, Texas, Oct. 11, 1903, Mr. Fred D. Kammann and Miss Arroya Gayoso, Rev. W. F. Clark officiating.

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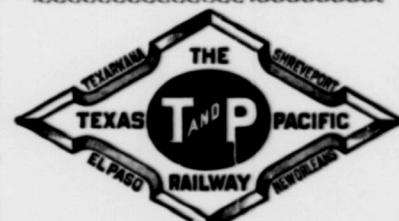
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MINUTES.

Of the Forty-Fifth Session of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Austin, Texas, Beginning Nov. 4, 1903, Ending Nov. 8, 1903; Bishop W. W. Duncan, President; Sterling Fisher, Secretary; Postoffice of Secretary, San Marcos.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Marcus Williamson, recommended by the San Marcos District Conference; Elliott Pitts Ledbetter, recommended by the Beville District Conference; Marshall P. Morton, recommended by the Llano District Conference; August S. Swanson, recommended by the San Antonio District Conference.

2. Who remain on trial? Wm. R. Nelson, Jas. Walker Black, Wallace M. Crutchfield, Robert Paine, Rex B. Wilkes, August Y. Old, Orceneth F. Hatfield.

3. Who are discontinued? Marvin P. Booth, at his own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Chas. M. Rabe, Hal A. Burns.

5. Who are readmitted? Wm. H. Waages, an elder.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? J. T. Farris, from Texas Conference; A. V. Harbin, an elder, from the Pacific Conference; W. B. Moon, an elder, from Indian Mission Conference; W. T. Burke, an elder, from the New Mexico Conference; V. V. Keithly, an elder, from Tennessee Conference; G. W. Blanton, an elder, from the Tennessee Conference; R. A. Roland, an elder, from Los Angeles Conference; Geo. M. Hall, an elder, from the North Alabama Conference; V. V. Boon, an elder, from Mississippi Conference; J. O. Lawrence, an elder, from Alabama Conference; S. H. Werlein, from Northwest Texas Conference.

7. Who are the deacons of one year? James A. Pledger, Wallace A. Dunn, Reuben S. Pierce, Mason K. Fred, E. Thurston Campbell.

8. What traveling preachers are elect-

ed deacons? Charles M. Rabe, Hal A. Burns.

9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Chas. M. Rabe, Hal A. Burns.

10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Marshall P. Morton, recommended by the Llano District Conference; Albert M. Miller, recommended by the San Antonio District Conference; Edgar E. Thompson, recommended by the Georgetown District Conference.

11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Marshall P. Morton, Albert M. Miller, Edgar E. Thompson.

12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? None.

14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

16. Who are located this year? None.

17. Who are supernumerary? None.

18. Who are superannuated? J. S. Gillett, Wm. Monk, H. G. Horton, J. F. Denton, N. W. Keith, R. M. Leaton, S. G. Shaw, W. O. Shugart, H. T. Hill, W. H. Killough, A. G. Nolen, J. A. Wright, J. M. Shuford, E. B. Galloway, J. T. Gillett, W. J. Joyce.

19. What preachers have died during the past year? None.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters passed, except B. C. Roach, who has surrendered his credentials and withdrawn from the Church.

21-24. (See statistical table, printed elsewhere in this issue.)

25. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Cuero.

26. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

San Marcos Station—New Harris. Staples Circuit—V. G. Thomas. Seguin and Mill Creek—T. F. Sessions. Luling Circuit—J. D. Worrell. Gonzales Station—Thomas Gregory. Lockhart Station—A. W. Wilson. Tilton Circuit—To be supplied. Kyle Station—S. B. Beall. Pleasant Grove Circuit—J. J. Shaw. Buda Circuit—J. W. Long. Dripping Springs Circuit—Rex B. Wilkes. Belmont Circuit—A. Y. Old. Waelder and Thompsonville—J. C. Russell.

President of Coronel Institute—Sterling Fisher; Professor, Wm. Crutchfield; E. T. Campbell, student Southwestern University.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

W. J. Johnson, P. E.

San Antonio, Travis Park—Jas. W. Moore. West End—J. M. Alexander. Prospect Hill—B. Harris. Sherman St.—J. O. Lawrence. South Heights and South Flores—To be supplied. Laredo Station—F. H. C. Elliott. Carrizo Springs and Batesville—J. D. Dorsey. Bexar Circuit—J. A. Smith, supply. Pearsall Station—J. J. Franks. Cotulla and Millett Circuit—J. L. Kennedy. Uvalde Station—R. A. Rowland. Eagle Pass Station—Geo. M. Hall. Moore Circuit—Supplied by T. G. Woolls.

Hondo and Devine—H. B. Henry. Utopia Circuit—V. V. Boone. Del Rio Station—E. E. Swanson. Student to S. W. University—A. S. Swanson. President of San Antonio Female College—J. E. Harrison.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

E. S. Smith, P. E.

Austin, Tenth Street—S. H. Werlein. Hotchkiss Memorial—D. K. Porter. First Street—C. H. Booth. South Austin—A. V. Harbin. Walnut Circuit—J. W. Harmon. Bastrop Station—C. M. Thompson. Webberville Circuit—To be supplied by J. E. Osborne. West Point Circuit—E. A. Potts. McDade Circuit—H. A. Burns. McAdams Station—Chas. M. Rabe. Manor Station—T. B. Graves. Egin Station—L. C. Matthis. Weimar Circuit—W. C. Bracewell. Eagle Lake Circuit—Jas. A. King. Manchaca Circuit—J. J. Callaway. Smithville Station—E. G. Hocutt. Columbus Station—W. D. Wendell. Cedar Creek Circuit—To be supplied.

BEEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. Webb, P. E.

Beeville Station—J. T. H. Miller. Goliad Circuit—B. H. Passmore. Corpus Christi Station—C. S. Mills. Corpus Christi Mission—L. M. Neal. Pleasanton Circuit—M. K. Fred. Alice Circuit—C. W. Perkins. Oakville Circuit—W. R. Keathley. Floresville Station—J. K. Waller. Matthis Circuit—E. P. Ledbetter. Laveria Circuit—R. S. Pierce. Sutherland Springs Circuit—To be supplied. Stockdale Circuit—C. Williamson. Belclair Mission—To be supplied. Rockport and Aransas Pass—W. A. Dunn. Kennedy Circuit—J. E. Buck.

CUERO DISTRICT.

J. C. Wilson, P. E.

Cuero Station—L. B. Ellis. Victoria Station—A. L. Scarborough. Edna Station—C. F. Annis. Shiner Mission—F. L. McGehee. Hallettsville Circuit—G. W. Blanton. Leesville Circuit—I. B. Gordon. Nursery Circuit—R. S. Collier. Port Lavaca Mission—Marcus Williamson. Clear Creek Circuit—To be supplied. Yoakum Station—R. B. Buchanan. Rancho Circuit—F. S. Adair. Runge Circuit—I. T. Morris. Platonia Station—A. B. Davidson. El Campo Circuit—O. F. Hatfield. Palacios Mission—Wm. H. Nelson.

LLANO DISTRICT.

W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Llano Station—W. A. Govett. San Saba Station—M. A. Black. San Saba Mission—Supplied by D. D. Mullins. Kerrville Station—Jesse T. King. Center Point Station—F. A. White. Blanco Circuit—J. P. Garrett. Boerne Circuit—F. J. Perrin. Bandera and Medina—B. L. Glazier. Willow City Circuit—W. F. Gibbons. Cherokee Circuit—Jas. Walker Black. Johnson City Circuit—J. A. Pledger. Burnet and Marble Falls—Theophilus Lee. Rock Springs and Barksdale—M. P. Morrison. Liberty Hill Circuit—Z. V. Liles. Bertram Circuit—M. J. Allen. Sunny Lane Mission—To be supplied. Kingsland Mission—To be supplied.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

J. D. Scott, P. E.

San Angelo Station—Weems Wootton. Water Valley Circuit—C. W. Meyers. Sherwood Circuit—Robert Paine. Ozona Station—N. B. Thompson. Sonora Circuit—S. J. Drake. Sterling City Circuit—A. H. Bezzo. Paint Rock Circuit—M. T. Allen. Miles Circuit—W. H. Wages. Pontotoc Circuit—Supplied by J. N. Broyles. Brady Station—W. B. Moon. Brady Circuit—Supplied by J. T. Weems. Milburn Circuit—R. D. Moon. Junction City Circuit—D. C. Ross. Mason Circuit—T. Farris. Lampasas Station—W. T. Renfro. Goldthwaite Station—John M. Linn. Center City Circuit—W. T. Burke. Lometa Circuit—D. A. Gregg. Menardville Circuit—W. R. Campbell.

TRANSFERRED—To Texas Conference, W. D. Garkins, L. A. Humphries and C. H. Brooks; to New Mexico Conference, J. B. Davis; to Border Mexican Conference, J. A. Phillips; to Pacific Conference, R. E. Nunn; to Northwest Texas Conference, G. W. Harris; to Western North Carolina Conference, W. R. Evans; to Tennessee Conference, T. R. Clendennin; to North Texas Conference, A. T. Cunningham; to St. Louis Conference, W. D. Bradford.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

At the March meeting of Executive Committee, following applications to the General Board were approved: Goliad Ch., Beville Dist., for donation of \$500.00; San Angelo Ch., San Angelo Dist., for donation of \$1,000.00; San Angelo Ch., San Angelo Dist., for loan of \$2,500.00; Miles Ch., San Angelo Dist., donation \$140.00; First St. Ch., Austin, donation \$500.00; West End, San Antonio, donation \$1,000.00; El Campo Ch., Cuero Dist., donation \$150.00; Del Rio Ch., San Antonio Dist., donation \$1,000.00; Del Rio Ch., San Antonio Dist., loan \$1,000.00.

Total \$7,790.00. And at the same meeting approved following applications through W. H. M. Society to General Society: El Paso parsonage, for donation of \$200.00; El Paso parsonage, for loan of \$300.00; Goliad parsonage, for donation of \$300.00.

Total \$890.00. Received from all pastoral charges, current year, by districts: San Marcos Dist. \$352.00; San Antonio Dist. \$297.00; Cuero Dist. \$343.00; Beville Dist. \$288.00; San Angelo Dist. \$330.00; Llano Dist. \$343.00; Austin Dist. \$410.00.

Totals \$2,363.00. Remitted to General Board \$839.45. Retained by Conference Board \$839.45. Balance from last year \$9.05. Incidental expense \$2.50. Expense of March meeting \$2.10. Balance on hand \$18.55. Following donations made at present session of Conference: Valley Spgs., Llano Dist. \$125.00; Batesville, San Antonio Dist. \$100.00; Eldorado, San Angelo Dist. \$125.00; First St., Austin Dist. \$150.00; West End, San Antonio Dist. \$125.00; Fannin, Beville Dist. \$100.00; Louise, Cuero Dist. \$75.00; Altair, Austin Dist. \$50.00.

Total donated \$825.00. And approved following applications through W. H. M. Society to General Society: Kerrville parsonage, for donation of \$100.00; Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin, donation of \$500.00. General Board assessed Conference for ensuing year, \$2,363.00, and apportioned to districts as follows: San Marcos Dist. \$328.50; San Antonio Dist. \$375.00; Cuero Dist. \$321.80; Beville Dist. \$287.00; San Angelo Dist. \$352.50; Llano Dist. \$343.00; Austin Dist. \$381.50.

Total \$2,363.00. Applications to be in hands of Secretary ten days before meeting of Conference. THEOPHILUS LEE, President. H. G. HORTON, Secretary.

TO THE BISHOPS AND MEMBERS OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

In each of the thirty-five conferences of Southern Methodism there is a conference organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Since the organization of the work by the General Conference twenty-five years ago the receipts have been nearly \$1,000,000—gleanings of only too small a proportion of Southern Methodist women and children.

The Woman's Board now supports 63 missionaries, 160 native teachers and helpers, 105 Bible women, 32 day schools, 23 boarding schools, 6 kindergartens and 2 hospitals. Within West Texas Conference we now have 31 adult societies, 11 juveniles and 1 young people. Of this number 14 have recently been organized—7 by Miss Leonor Smith, our missionary to Brazil, at home for rest, who did such faithful and efficient service for our conference last July. The fate of the new organizations rest largely with the pastors of the coming conference year.

Of our 111 pastors, each of the 80 who go to charges where this work is not done should feel responsible for a new organization. So far as I know, wherever determined, persistent effort has been made personally since I have been Conference Corresponding Secretary, we have not failed to secure sufficient number of names for an organization. A presiding elder of long experience told me recently that he, with several other ministers, had together reviewed their respective fields of labor and were heartily agreed that in the Churches where women were organized for foreign mission work, both the spirituality and financial interests were decidedly improved. There is no condition when the Sunday-school should be dispensed with. The Epworth League is a needed factor wherever there is a Christian youth untrained for service. The more unfavorable the conditions of a Church the greater the need of a Home Mission Society. But what shall I say of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society? Is it to be regarded as the one error in the economy of the Church? If the work was instituted for,

or is adapted only to the especially favored Churches, it is an exception in Methodism. It is true, however, that while our pastors use all these other means of grace, so few find conditions as they think favorable for this one. The letters I receive read alike—as if penned by one man: "Conditions are not favorable—don't think practicable to try to organize now." Bishop, if there has been a mistake made in this matter; if women should not be engaged in this work, or if it is not in close enough touch with the other interests of the Church, the General Conference owes it to all parties concerned to rectify the mistake. But if it is as wise and as good a thing as other institutions, in some way impress these pastors with the fact—that it is of the Church, bone of her bone, flesh of her flesh, and that it is one of their many arduous pastoral duties to have the work done. Respectfully submitted.

MRS. SAM'L SPEARS, Conf. Cor. Sec. W. F. M. S. West, Texas.

A VIGOROUS PROTEST TO THE CONFERENCE.

The Woman's National Committee of Protest Against Massacres of Christians by Turkey appeals to you as a Christian leader and asks your assistance in arousing the American public to a sense of duty towards their fellow Christians now being slaughtered by the Turks in Macedonia.

Will you not aid in this work through your proper channels and do all that can be done to bring moral force to bear on the European powers to stop the awful massacres by Muslimmen?

Will you not set a Sunday in November when a special service can be held in the various Churches so that the mighty voices of Christian men and women of this great Republic can be heard across the sea? Would it be possible for you to name the third Sunday in November, and if you will kindly send me the call which you issued we will be pleased to have it given great publicity to aid this Christian work.

With great respect, the committee remains, yours sincerely, MRS. GEORGE BRANDT.

BISHOP W. W. DUNCAN IN GIDDINGS.

This noble servant of the Church reached Giddings October 28, en route to Grassyville, the seat of the German Mission Conference. They had a most delightful session, as peace and harmony prevailed and no wrangling was indulged. The Bishop declares that it is a privilege to preside over that conference, as none of the preachers had any special "requests" to make.

His presidency gave great satisfaction, and words of eulogy reached us as to his presidency, ever-ready wit, and great preaching ability. Monday evening at 7:20 o'clock the Bishop preached at the Methodist Church in Giddings, selecting as a text, "Fear not little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." The sermon was full of great truths, humor and brilliant epigrams. His characterization of the man who continually worries as to what he shall eat, drink or wear, and is never disturbed over his spiritual leanness, his many defeats in spiritual warfare, etc., was indeed true to life, and made many a "shoe pinch."

The Bishop is most companionable, easy to approach, and withal, a fine Christian gentleman in every particular.

We enjoyed his visit immensely, and our Church, as well as home-doors, stand wide open to this eminent "chief shepherd of the flock." H. B. SMITH.

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GRIFFIN.—John Wade Griffin, the infant son of J. W. and Mrs. M. T. Griffin, was born Feb. 27, 1903, and died June 14, 1903, being 3 months and 18 days old. Although little Wade's life was short, he had become the pride and joy of his home. He came into the world with a strong, healthy body and promised much to his devoted parents. But one short week of illness blasted all their bright hopes of his future and robbed them of his presence. What a monster death would seem to snatch from love's embrace our dearest idols had we not Christ to explain the mystery. Thank God for his Son Jesus! for the Christ, our bright and morning Star! As your bleeding hearts cry out, "He is gone!" remember, dear parents, that Christ has given us a divine and blessed interpretation of that word. The sting of death has been taken away—death is swallowed up in victory. "He is gone," you say; yes, but only on a journey to be with Jesus; not "gone" out of your possession, for he is still your babe; not gone out of existence, for he lives, and lives that larger and diviner life which is the heavenly. He is gone from you earthly home, but in that day when you come into your heavenly inheritance you will find little Wade there in that "Home, Sweet Home," which is eternal and shall never be broken up. "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee," May you, dear parents and little sister, realize the preciousness of this promise in this your hour of sadness. J. J. MORGAN, Pastor.

WHITES.—Mrs. Christina Whites died in Cameron, Texas, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Ruby, October, 1903. She was born in Newbury District, South Carolina, Feb. 15, 1829, being more than 83 years of age at the time of her death. In the winter of 1860 she removed from her home in South Carolina with her husband and children to Monroe County, Arkansas, where her companion and seven of her children preceded her to a brighter and better world. In 1883 she removed to Milam County, Texas, and placed her membership with Corinth Church in this county, where it remained until her death. Five of her children survive her—all of whom were among the youngest—and one sister in South Carolina. For the last few years of her life she made her home with her daughter in this city, who so patiently anticipated her every wish and want. Her pure, patient, Christian life was a living epistle of the truth of the religion which she professed. A few days before her death she sat in her chair feeling unusually well, with her grandchildren gathered around her, and sang with fervor, "How long, O Lord, have I on earth to stay?" She lived and died a devoted child of God. And may he in his tender mercy ever bless and keep those for whom she gave a lifetime of patient, watchful care. A FRIEND.

Cameron, Texas.

FISHER.—The subject of this obituary, Nancy Ann Fisher, was born in Ohio March 18, 1826, and died in Itasca, Texas, April 19, 1903. She was married to J. H. Fisher, and came to Texas in 1874. She was the mother of eight children, two of whom preceded her to the home above. She was converted in early life, and joined the Methodist Church, in which she delighted to worship and work. Her children are all religious, which gave her much pleasure in her last days. She was at her place in her Church, well and vigorous in soul and body four hours before the stroke came that ended her earthly career, living but three hours. She was ready. Mother Fisher had not lived in vain. She rests from her labors and her works do follow her. M. K. LITTLE.

JONES.—Little Eunice Jones was born Jan. 28, 1902, and died in Rusk Aug. 24, 1903. O how heart-rending to give her up; but so it must be to us all. But the grace of God is sufficient, and we know where to find little Eunice. Papa and mamma and little brothers miss her now, and she cannot come back to us, but we can all go to her. She sleeps in Jesus and awaits the coming of the dear ones left behind. May we all be consoled with the thought that the Judge of all the earth will do right. And Jesus took such up in his arms and blessed, and said, "Of such is the kingdom." Grandpa.

T. T. BOOTH.

BARKER.—One of the rarest spirits I have ever known went to the Father's house when Mrs. Lelia Love Barker departed this life on July 18, 1903. She was born May 4, 1881; the daughter of Mr. W. D. and Mrs. Ophelia Love; and was married by this writer in Uvalde, Texas, June 6, 1900, to Mr. W. J. Barker, of Carrizo Springs. Her death was sudden and unexpected. Seated in her chair—directing her household affairs—she was seized with sudden faintness, and in less than an hour her beautiful spirit had flown. Left to mourn are her husband and two little daughters, her own dear father and mother and three sisters. The shock of her going was softened for them by the positive certainty of her readiness to go. She was converted at the early age of 8 years, and joined the Methodist Church in Corsicana, Texas, during a meeting held by Rev. Abe Mulkey. From that day to the hour of her translation she was a humble and devoted servant of God. I never knew her to speak or do a hasty word or act. Her spirit was the spirit of the Master, and her life was poured out in unstinted measure upon the altar of service for God and humanity. Such devotion and loyalty as hers to the Church and its ministry I have rarely seen equaled, and never surpassed. Her Christian experience was as clear and as radiant as the sunrise, her daily walk an illustration of the power and beauty of the Spirit-filled life. But she is gone. Earth is made poorer by her going, and heaven the richer by her coming. We shall meet on the evergreen shore.

V. G. THOMAS.

SOUTER.—Bro. M. M. Souter, the subject of this sketch, was born in South Carolina July 29, 1825; moved to Brazoria, Texas, in 1846; from thence to Brenham, Texas, in 1855. He was married to Miss Mattie Pettey Nov. 26, 1857, and to them were born eleven children, four of whom survive him. He came to San Marcos, Texas, in April, 1875, where he resided until death, Sept. 23, 1903. Bro. Souter was converted in early life and lived a consistent Christian life. He was quiet and unobtrusive, but a very lovable character. In the last years of his life he was very feeble and almost deaf and was therefore deprived of the benefits of public worship. However he devoted much of his time to the reading of God's Word and meditating upon his promises. Full of days and rich in experience he went to sleep in Jesus to awake in the resurrection morn. He was a tender and affectionate husband and a kind and indulgent father. May the grace of God sustain the wife and children in their bereavement. NEW HARRIS.

San Marcos, Texas.

KNOWLES.—The subject of this sketch, M. H. Knowles, was born in White County, Tennessee, Feb. 24, 1832, and died near Kaufman, Kaufman County, Texas, Oct. 5, 1903. He came from Missouri to Texas in 1874, and settled in Kaufman County. He professed religion in young manhood and joined the M. E. Church, South, and was a loyal and consistent member till death. He died very suddenly with something like rheumatism of the heart. He was laughing and talking just a short while before he died. The summons came suddenly and unexpectedly, but he was ready. He needed no deathbed preparation; his life had been one of daily preparation. He was married three times. To these unions there were born fifteen children, of whom only seven remain to mourn their loss, the wives and other children having preceded him several years. In the death of Bro. Knowles the Church has sustained a great loss, the children a loving father, the preacher a true and tried friend and the country a good citizen. He is gone, but not forgotten. We expect to meet him again some sweet day. May the God of all grace bless the sorrowing children and bring them some day to the house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. P. G. HUFFMAN.

WRIGHT.—W. G. Wright was born in Kentucky Oct. 31, 1838; moved to Texas in his early life; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church and lived a sincere and devoted Christian until his death. Bro. Wright loved his Church, and was true to his pastor. His membership was at Church Hill. Bro. Wright joined the Confederate Army in the beginning of the war in Company I, Nineteenth Texas Infantry. No better soldier ever stepped to march music; in fact, it has been said in his day no braver man lived. With all of this Bro. Wright was a better Christian than soldier. Bro. Wright was not afraid to die. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife and daughter, with a multitude of friends. Bro. Wright passed to his reward July 18, 1903. Bro. Wright was a good husband, a kind father and a true Christian. The Church has lost a precious boon, the country a good citizen, heaven made richer. Weep not, dear ones, papa is waiting for you.

A. J. ANDERSON, Pastor.
Henderson, Texas.

PRICE.—Little Mima Annie, daughter of R. B. and Minerva Price, was born Dec. 21, 1895, and died Oct. 25, 1903, near South Bosque, Texas. She was taken with that dreaded disease, diphtheria, and only lived a few days. Her death has brought a deep sorrow to her loved ones, who are sorely bereaved in her death. Her sweet voice that sang so beautifully is now hushed in death, but some sweet day we may hear her sing with the heavenly choir and redeemed host around the throne in heaven. R. F. DUNN.

McADAMS.—Eddie McAdams, son of J. L. and M. E. McAdams, was born Sept. 27, 1891, and died Sept. 11, 1903. He professed religion at his home during our protracted meeting in the month of August, 1903. During his illness, which lasted some three or four days, he gave continued expressions of his trust in God and his future prospects beyond the grave. This little boy seems to have been the joy and life of the home; but now he is resting sweetly, quietly in the home above. May the grace of God sustain his loved ones whom he leaves behind to mourn their loss. A. P. LIPSCOMB, P. C.
Coryell City, Texas.

DENTON.—James Kurr Denton, infant son of R. H. and Phoebe C. Denton, was born Nov. 7, 1902, and died at the home of his parents near Tebo Oct. 21, 1903. Little Kurr was a model baby. When his mother carried him to Church he manifested such a quiet, even temper that he got the commendation of the preacher and the people. At home when his little sister, Ruth, would take from him his playthings, he would only smile, and turn himself to something else for amusement. He was not long on the earth, yet long enough to gain the affections of all who knew him. Let the sorrowing ones take comfort. Your precious babe is in heaven. R. B. YOUNG, P. C.
Merkel, Texas.

HOLLAND.—Little Winnie Lee Holland was born Oct. 7, 1902, and died Oct. 9, 1903. She suffered a good deal, but when well she was a splendid little babe. Her life was short, but long enough to twine itself about the heart-strings of her parents. Every possible attention was given her, but all to no avail. God took her to his own bosom. She was too pure and delicate for this world. She has gone to rest. We know where to find her. In the midst of our sorrow we should remember that the Master said, "Of such is the kingdom of God." May the grace of God bring the parents to meet her on a fairer shore. A. L. MOORE.

Temple, Texas.

GAMBREL.—Margaret Adelia, daughter of J. B. and G. A. Clark, was born Jan. 24, 1876, in Lawrence County, Tennessee. She came to Texas with her parents in 1888. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1899, at Auburn, Ellis County, Texas, under the ministry of Revs. Henderson and Tooley. She lived a most consistent Christian life. She was married to Sam Gambrel Jan. 24, 1894. She died in Lamar County, Texas, Sept. 8, 1903, where she and her husband had moved. Adelia was always an obedient child. She leaves one child (a girl) to mourn for her. Her husband, father, mother and seven sisters and one brother are still on this side to mourn their loss. But Delia is not dead, but only asleep in Jesus, and what a happy meeting it will be up yonder, where father, mother, brother and sister will meet in the portals of glory. HER MOTHER.

SHELDON.—Sister Clifford A. Sheldon was born at Columbia, Miss., Oct. 26, 1856; was happily married to Geo. N. Sheldon Oct. 27, 1887. From this union sprang one son, Roswell. She was converted to Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, in August, 1884, and died in a living faith in Paris, Texas, Sept. 6, 1903. When her former pastors read this they will know that another preachers' friend is gone to the better land. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Her preacher was always welcome in her home and at her board. She loved her Savior and her Church; was a consistent, light-shining Christian. She was devoted to her husband and son, in truth her friends generally. She is missed. God bless her loved ones of earth and reunite them again. P. A. EDWARDS.

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JOHNSON.—Bertram Lee, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, was born July 21, 1901 and died October 8, 1903. These dates span a very short period of time, a little over two years, but they are indelibly stamped upon the mind and heart of papa and mamma. Little Bertram was an invalid all his life. They so anxiously watched every movement, hoping that dear little Bertram might become strong and robust. Our kind Heavenly Father knows best, and he transplanted the little flower in his kingdom above. He knows no pain, no anguish, no sorrow in his heavenly home, and is waiting and watching for papa and mamma. May our blessed Savior comfort and console these grief-stricken parents.

HIS PASTOR.

WARD.—Mrs. Martha Ward, daughter of Rev. Pleasant Whitmer, went home to God Oct. 7, 1903. She was born February, 1830, and was born again January, 1867. Her fidelity to her Lord was unquestioned; her devotion to the Methodist Church was without alloy, and her life without a stain. She possessed a joyous, buoyant faith—a Christian experience that deepened with the passing years—a hope that was an anchor amid the storms. Sure and steadfast, she was a great, good woman. She gave two sons and two grandsons to be preachers of the gospel in the Church which she loved so well. She was indeed the pastor's friend. Her husband and four children had gone on before, and three are left to labor and to wait, following on. May they have grace to emulate her virtues, and all meet at last where there shall be no more partings.

HER PASTOR.

WINDHAM.—On October 13, 1903, after many days of suffering, little Diana Windham fell asleep. Of such a sweet and loving disposition, so bright and pretty, though her little life was short, she lived long enough to endure herself to all. She was a patient little sufferer in her last illness, scarcely murmuring at all, although her suffering must have been intense. She was very affectionate by nature, and even after she had become wasted and enfeebled by her long suffering, she sought to embrace her friends who came to her bedside. Little Diana was born June 15, 1890. She was the daughter of Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Addie Windham. Scarcely four months more than three years she lived to bless their home when God took her. May He who knoweth all things and doeth all things best, comfort the broken-hearted parents and brothers and sisters.

JNO. W. GOODWIN.

JORDAN.—Mrs. Ara A. Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kiddle, and the lamented wife of Dr. William Jordan, departed this life July 5, 1903, at the age of 22 years and 12 days. She was sick only a few days, during which time she suffered greatly, bearing her sufferings with more than ordinary Christian resignation. When told of the improbability of her recovery, she expressed herself as being perfectly willing to go, yet it is a reasonable supposition, that if it had been left to her choice, she would have preferred to live, inasmuch as she had a bright prospect of a happy life. She was converted in Haskell at the age of 15 years; ever afterward she lived a consistent Christian life—a life in all respects deserving of commendation. Of her it can be truly said, she lived well, therefore she died triumphantly. Assuredly the world, especially some individuals, has been made better because of her having lived in it. We trust that the bereaved may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that they may ultimately come to the haven of eternal rest through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J. E. BLAYLOCK.

BEVEL.—William Marvin Bevel, the only child of Rev. J. F. and Etta Bevel, was born August 25, 1898; baptized by the writer September 25, 1898, at their home in Camp County, Texas, and departed this life October 7, 1903, at their home near Pittsburg. Marvin was a good child, and was taught by his parents to love the Savior. He had been quite poorly for some time, but partially recovered, but was taken with congestion and died very suddenly, leaving us for the children's home in glory October 7. He was conscious of his approaching death, and called his parents to him just before he died, and kissed them good-bye, and his spirit took its flight to Him who saith, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." The writer preached his funeral sermon October 7, at 3 p. m., at Reeves Chapel Church, and laid his remains in the cemetery to await the resurrection morn. May the blessings of God rest on the grief-stricken parents and help them to submit to the will of God, who always does right and knows what is best for both parents and children.

S. H. JONES.

HORN.—Mrs. Sarah F. Horn (nee Brister) was born in Water Valley, Miss., August 21, 1825; was married to Ransom H. Horn August 1, 1844. She moved to Texas with her husband in 1846. Sometime after, she joined the M. E. Church, South, and remained a consistent member of the same until her death. She died September 28, 1903, after a very short illness. She leaves an aged husband and six children to mourn their loss. Sister Horn was a good woman and is no doubt in the glory world. The Church militant has lost, while the Church triumphant has gained. JNO. W. GOODWIN.

FANNIN.—Rufus Bryan Fannin was born May 27, 1871, and died October 3, 1903; joined the M. E. Church, South, in Terrell, in November, 1901. The events of note in his life are but few when viewed as past, but when those few events are strivings to find out and to know God, as did our brother, they contain volumes of love and devotion that eternity alone can reveal. He was one of those calm, quiet men who do their work and give God the glory. Prayer was to him a great means of strength, especially in his last sickness, and among the last words in departing was, "Sweet Jesus." Surely our people still die well.

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Bowie District—Fourth Round. Wichita Falls Nov 14, 15. Iowa Park Nov 15, 16. Gibtown, at Gibtown Nov 21, 22. F. O. Miller, P. E.
Terrell District—Fourth Round. Kemp, at Kemp Nov 14-15. Mabank, at Mabank Nov 15-16. J. M. Peterson, P. E.
Paris District—Fourth Round. Howland cir, at Atlas Nov 14, 15. Roxton sta Nov 15, 16. Chicota sta Nov 21, 22. E. H. Casey, P. E.
Dallas District—Fourth Round. Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth Nov 14, 15. Oak Cliff, 8 p. m. Nov 15, 16. Clark's Chapel, 11 a. m. Nov 22. Oak Lawn, 9 p. m. Nov 23. No pastor should fail to have full collections this year. I. W. Clark, P. E.
Greenville District—Fourth Round. Quinlan, at Quinlan Nov 14, 15. Wesley Nov 16. Kavanaugh Nov 18. Lone Oak, at Miller Grove Nov 21, 22. O. S. Thomas, P. E.
McKinney District—Fourth Round. Weston cir, Liberty Nov 14, 15. Copeville mis Nov 17. McKinney sta Nov 19. Farmersville sta Nov 20. Plano sta Nov 21, 22. F. A. Rosser, P. E.
Bonham District—Fourth Round. Trenton, at Orangeville Nov 14, 15. Ector, at Ector Nov 21, 22. S. Bonham, Bonham Nov 21, 22. We trust all claims will be met in full. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.
Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Mt. Vernon, at Pine Forest Nov 14, 15. Weaver Nov 15, 16. Sulphur Springs Nov 17. Cumby, at Oakland Nov 21, 22. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

- Marshall District—Fourth Round. Northside, at Northside Nov 12. Harrison, at Parsonage Nov 12. Coffeyville, at Coffeyville Nov 15, 16. Longview Nov 19. Beckville, at Beckville Nov 21, 22. Kilgore, at Belview Nov 25, 26. C. R. Lamar, P. E.
Tyler District—Fourth Round. White House, at White House Nov 14, 15. Transcend Nov 15, 16. New York Nov 21, 22. Big Sandy Nov 25, 26. Troup and Overton, at Troup Nov 28, 29. J. T. Smith, P. E.
Houston District—Fourth Round. Sandy Point, at Riceon Nov 14, 15. Alvin Nov 15, 16. Whiteoak Nov 18. McAshan and Brunner, at B. Nov 19. West End, Galveston Nov 21, 22. Central Church, Galveston Nov 22, 23. McKee Street Nov 24. Shearn Washington Street Nov 26. Tabernacle Nov 27. Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.
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Palestine District—Fourth Round. Brushy Creek cir, at Necenes Nov 14, 15. Alto cir, at Alto Nov 21, 22. Rusk sta Nov 25, 26. Jacksonville cir, at Earl Ch. Nov 27. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

- Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Dalby Spgs, at Godley's Prairie Nov 14, 15. Cason mis, at Cason Nov 19, 20. Daingerfield, at Daingerfield Nov 21, 22. Redwater mis, at Maud Nov 28, 29. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.
Huntsville District—Fourth Round. Montgomery, at Montgomery Nov 11. Dodge, at Dodge Nov 13. Huntsville Nov 15, 16. Willis and Conroe, at Conroe Nov 22, 23. Bryan Nov 27-29. Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

- Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Silsbee, at Silsbee Nov 14, 15. North End Nov 15, 16. China and Sour Lake, at S. L. Nov 18. Woodville Nov 21, 22. Wallisville Nov 24. Call Nov 28, 29. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

- Brenham District—Fourth Round. Giddings, at Giddings Nov 14, 15. Chappell Hill Nov 15, 16. Brenham, Tuesday, 7 p. m. Nov 17. Caldwell, Wednesday, 7 p. m. Nov 18. Cameron cir, Saturday, 11 a. m. Nov 21. Davilla Nov 22, 23. Cameron, Wednesday, 7 p. m. Nov 25. Milano, at Milano Nov 28, 29. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

- San Augustine District—Fourth Round. Timpon sta, Wed. Nov 11. Minden, at Minden, Fri. Nov 13. Clayton, at Clayton Nov 14, 15. Carthage sta Nov 15, 16. Hemphill, at H. H., Fri. Nov 20. Sexton, at Geneva Nov 21, 22. Appley mis Nov 23, 24. C. A. Tower, P. E.

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To those who furnished apartments three years ago, and all others who love and have an interest in our Orphans' Home, Waco: These apartments now have to be replenished at a cost of \$19 each. Send the money to Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Waco, Texas. He can make a better bargain by buying all at once. Winter is now on us. Please attend to this at once. ABE MULKEY.

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- Corsicana, R. E. Prince.
- Corsicana, Jas. Garrity.
- Seguin, C. C. Debrill.
- Whitewright, W. E. Wornack.
- Marshall, Dr. O. M. Hartsell.
- Bastrop, W. A. McCord.
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Resolutions.

Whereas, Rev. W. E. Caperton closes his quadrennium on the Weatherford Mission at the approaching Annual Conference, and under the law will have to pass to another field of labor, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the stewards of said mission take this method of expressing their high appreciation of his pure, unselfish, Christian life, of his diligent, faithful labors among us, and that we assure him of our abiding interest in and love for him wherever he may go.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) W. K. NEAL,
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T. C. HAMILTON,
T. P. NARRY,
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PERSONAL.

Rev. J. T. Howell, of Willard Circuit, Paestine District, has returned to his charge after an absence of three weeks at the bedside of his sick wife, who passed through a severe attack of pneumonia. Sister Howell is temporarily staying with her father, J. M. Merrell, nine miles north of this city. Bro. Howell expects to be before the North Texas Conference Committee this month for admission on trial. The North Texas is his home conference, he having been raised just north of Dallas.

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Hast sought for roses, but to clasp the thorn?
Art thou weighed down by toil and grief and care?
A burden nigh too sore for thee to bear?
Oh, hast thou tasted this world's pleasures fair,
And found the bitter where thou'st sought the sweet?
Hast sought the true, but found the false was there?
Hast climbed earth's rugged ways with bleeding feet?
Hast found the emptiness of all things here below,
And uttered thy sad plaint of unrestraining woe?
Oh, lift thine eyes to the bleak Judean hills,
Where One, foot-weary climbs those rugged steep;
His great heart moves with pity for our own human ills,
As o'er Jerusalem in deep distress he weeps,
All night upon the lonely mount he kneels in prayer;
Oh, child of earth! behold thy Burden-Bearer there!

Oh, see him prostrate lie in dark Gethsemane,
Mid silent shades of "dark-browed Olivet!"
While from his body in dire agony
Poured anguish-drops of cold and bloody sweat,
He lingered 'mid those shades in soulful prayer,
While the damp night-dews nestled in his hair.
Ah, see him meekly yield to traitor k'ass,
And then go forth like felon to his doom;
Scourged, mocked, forsaken; was ever grief like his?
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A PREACHER WANTED.

For a charge in Mangum District. A single man or man with small family preferred. Will pay salary of \$50 or \$60, possibly more. Send recommendation of your presiding elder if you apply. W. S. P. McCULLOUGH, P. E.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE-ATTENTION!

Due notice has been given in regard to entertaining wives and other guests. Home assignments have all been made and notice will be sent to all members of the conference on Nov. 16 as to the place of each one's entertainment. Please let no one bring children except those who have already made arrangements. The books are closed.

JOHN M. MOORE,
Chm. Entertainment Committee.

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, 24 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 MOOD,
Sec'y N. T. Conference.

The Committee and applicants for admission on trial in the North Texas Conference will please meet at First Church, Dallas, Texas, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 9 a. m. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, Chm.

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. 19. T. J. DUNCAN, Chm.

The Class of the First Year will meet in Room A of Sunday-school room, First Methodist Church, Dallas, Monday, Nov. 23, at 7 p. m. L. P. SMITH, Chm.

The Class of the Second Year, North Texas Conference, will meet in First Church, Dallas, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p. m. W. A. STUCKEY, Chm. McKinney, Texas.

The Class of the Third Year, North Texas Conference, will meet in Dallas, Tuesday morning, Nov. 24, at 9:30. Dr. Moore will assign a place. J. J. CLARK,
For Committee.

The Class of the Fourth Year, North Texas Conference, will meet Committee of Examination at First Church, Dallas, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2 p. m. I. T. STAFFORD, Chm.

Texas.

PREACHERS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Brethren, 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.

NOTICE, MEMBERS BOARD OF MISSIONS AND PASTORS, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Board of Missions of the Texas Conference will meet in Bryan, Tuesday evening, Dec. 1, at 7 o'clock. All pastors are urged to send their mission money to Bro. L. L. Jester at the very latest by Nov. 25, so that he may have full report for the Board at its meeting, Dec. 1. The Executive Committee have arranged for the missionary anniversary on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2. Thus it will be seen how necessary it is that the Treasurer has everything in hand by the time specified. J. T. SMITH, Pres.,
J. B. SEARS, Sec'y.

RAILROAD RATES.

By reason of the small number of round-trip tickets purchased to our last annual session at Crockett (the number being less than 100, the railroads traversing our territory do not feel that the attendance will justify convention rates, but have granted a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Selling dates, Nov. 23 and Dec. 1, with final return limit Dec. 3, 1903. I hope that those who expect to buy round-trip tickets will call on their local agents and see if they have received circular announcing rates, and if they have not received the circular, have them write their general passenger agent for the rate. JAS. W. DOWNS,
Secretary Texas Conference,
Pittsburg, Texas.

The Class of the Third Year of the Texas Conference will meet the Committee in Bryan, Texas, on Dec. 1, 1903, 9 a. m. at such place as may be provided by Committee of Arrangements. Those of the class who passed at the Institute at Georgetown in June last will not be examined. GUS GARRISON,
For Committee.

The Class for Admission on Trial in the Texas Conference will meet the Examining Committee at the Presbyterian Church in Bryan, Tuesday morning, Dec. 1, at 9 o'clock. Tardiness on the part of candidates can not be excused; we must begin our work at that hour to be ready when the conference opens. B. H. GREATHOUSE.

Llano District-First Round.

- Llano sta. 7 p. m. Nov 21
- Kerrville cir, at K. 7 p. m. Nov 23
- Centerville sta, 10 a. m. Nov 29
- Boerne cir, at Shavano, 7 a. m. Nov 30
- Banders cir, at Medina, 3 p. m. Dec 2
- Willow City, at Willow City, 3 p. m. Dec 3
- Blanco cir, at Blanco, 10 a. m. Dec 14
- Johnson City, at Rockvale, 10 a. m. Dec 15
- Liberty Hill, at L. H., 7 p. m. Dec 19
- Bertram, at Mt. Horch, 3 p. m. Dec 21
- Sunny Lane mis, at S. L., 3 p. m. Dec 22
- Burnet and Marble Falls, at B. 7 p. m. Dec 23

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- San Saba mis, at Wallace Creek 10 a. m. Dec 29
- San Saba sta, 7 p. m. Dec 29
- The District Stewards will please meet me at the district parsonage at 7 p. m. Nov. 25. W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

Cuero District-First Round.

- Platonia 4th Sun Nov
- Edna 5th Sun Nov
- Runge, at Runge 1st Sun Dec
- Hallettsville, at P. L. 2d Sun Dec
- Port Lavaca, at P. L. Wed, Dec 16
- Victoria 3d Sun Dec
- Nursery, at Nursery Tues, Dec 22
- Shiner, at Shiner 4th Sun Dec
- Youkum, at night 4th Sun Dec
- El Campo 1st Sun Jan
- Palacios, at Hawley, 11 a. m. Jan 5
- Rancho, at Rancho 2d Sun Jan
- Leesville, at Leesville 3d Sun Jan
- Clear Creek, at Clear Creek 4th Sun Jan
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- West Point cir, at West Point Dec 5, 6
 - LaGrange sta Dec 8, 9
 - Eagle Lake cir, at Eagle Lake Dec 12, 13
 - Columbus sta Dec 15, 16
 - Weimar cir, at Weimar Dec 19, 20
 - Cedar Creek cir, at Cedar Creek Jan 2, 3
 - Smithville sta Jan 5, 6
 - Bastrop sta Jan 9, 10
 - Elgin sta Jan 12-14
 - McDade cir, at McDade Jan 16, 17
 - Manor sta Jan 19, 20
 - Webbville cir, at Haynie's Ch. Jan 23, 24
 - Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin Jan 26, 27
 - Walnut cir, at Walnut Jan 29, 31
 - South Austin sta Feb 2, 3
 - Manchaca cir, at Manchaca Feb 6, 7
 - Tenth Street, Austin Feb 13, 14
 - First Street, Austin Feb 14, 15
- The district stewards' meeting will be held at Bastrop at 7:30 p. m. December 2. It is very important that every pastoral charge shall be represented. The following are the district stewards: Dr. J. K. Davidson, K. Brandon, J. J. Armstrong, W. H. Thomas, R. W. Hammett, A. P. Lowery, B. D. Organ, J. W. Price, A. H. Carter, D. B. Spiller, J. J. Parsley, J. T. McColl, W. B. Anthony, W. D. Miller, Jr., W. M. Dunson, J. P. Birch, A. C. Ellis and H. G. King. E. S. Smith, P. E.

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